

East Portland Neighborhood Office – Advisory Committee

Friday, August 21, 2015, 9 – 11 AM

East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th Avenue

Attendance: Arlene Kimura, Cristina Palacios, David Hampsten, Emily Bertram, Galina Nekrasova, Hongsa Chanthavong, Jenny Glass, Jeremy O’Leary, Joyce Ley, Lori Boisen, Mary Nelson, Natalia Sanchez, Polo Catalani, Rick Paul, Ron Glanville, Tom Badrick, Violet Pascoe.

Staff: Eliza Lindsay, Kari Koch, Richard Bixby

Facilitators: Theresa Logan, Keela Johnson

Co-created meeting community:

- Respect all opinions and speaking styles
- One person speaking at a time
- Stay on task
- Open space for all to speak
- Actively listen
- Challenge oppression – (Ouch/Oops)
- Have fun

Proposal for direct funding support of community activities

- **Report on Spring pilot of Community Activities Fund:** small amounts of money for community activities; funded 12 projects out of 20 requests; all funding spent; all requests were good activities; most projects also had other funding sources
- **Report on 6-23-2015 subcommittee meeting;** discussion about moving money to other activities; concern about neighborhood associations that are at the table; also have applied for additional funding from City Innovation Fund
- **New Budget and Report forms:** One page form for budget request; also additional template for budgeting and planning to help with association activities, optional; to help tell story about good things are being done.
 - Time frame for spending funding, now until June 15,
 - Budget can be modified if needed
 - Questions or comments on form should be sent to Kari
 - Forms will be reviewed at the EPNA Chairs meeting in September
- The proposal creates two funding streams, current groups and community activities fund
- Both funds need to be committed by February 1
- A late year funding cycle (Open Fund) will include any uncommitted funds from Current Groups, Community Activities Fund, and overall EPNO budget.
- Current groups will be funded at 75% of prior levels; \$5000 will be available for community activities fund
- Consensus on moving forward on the submitted proposal. Rick Paul voice a concern about separating funding and creating competition between neighborhood associations and other community groups
- Next Steps: Review forms at chairs committee; announcements to associations about the allotment; community activities fund announcement and process

Proposal for Advocacy

- City funding process: EPNO is underfunded compared with other neighborhood coalitions.
- Widely accepted formula would add \$173,000 to the EPNO budget
- City budget process – bureau developing budget to February; informal input to CC to May; formal budget hearings May & June
- ONI BAC is open committee, all that are interested can participate

- Other Community and Neighborhood Involvement Center includes other programs that are recognized as being underfunded compared to neighborhood coalitions, ONI BAC is looking at what an equity distribution would be
- Propose forming a sub-committee to work on development of strategy and implementing the advocacy strategy; entire AC would be kept in the loop
- Consider mid-year ask for increased funding – needs to be on subcommittee radar
- Concern: not enough thought about how to advocate; need know what we are going to ask for, how to respond to questions that are going to be asked
- Everyone needs to be involved for effectively advocacy – a subcommittee will end up with all responsibility for advocacy
- Need year-round advocacy, at every opportunity to tell a good story
- Need to all be committed to advocate when a strategy is developed
- We had no advocacy before, anything we do will be better
- No consensus on forming sub-committee, blocked by David Hampsten, entire committee needs to be involved in advocacy
- Consensus that entire advisory committee work together to form a strategy, however people are able
- Next steps: Advocacy meeting of committee announce focused on advocacy
- Request announcement of ONI BAC be sent out to AC

Announcements:

- Ron G; Deadline for October issue of East Portland Neighborhood Association News is September 1.
- Arlene: Concert at Ventura Park on Wednesday
- Arlene: Arts & culture event on Saturday
- Jeremy O; Teach classes on disaster preparedness and resiliency, would be willing to give presentation to your group.
- Laurie; Sunday September 20 will be Festival of Nations at the Division Center parking lot
- Tom B; There will be three cultural performances in Hazelwood Hydro-park in the next month as part of the formation of the Friends of the Hazelwood Hydropark. First one Thursday, August 27, 6:30 pm
- David – EPNAN does a once-a-year all-household mailing, for this year it will be April 18, 2016; March 21 deadline date
- Theresa L; Resolutions NW, does volunteer facilitation training as part of ONI contract. Welcome to apply

Submitted by Richard Bixby