

East Portland Neighborhood Office Advisory Committee
Friday, February 26, 2016, 9:05 am – 11:10 pm
East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th Ave

Attendance: Annette Stanhope, Arlene Kimura, Carrie Goble, Cristina Palacios, Emily Bertram, Galina Nekrasova, Jenny Glass, Jill Erickson, Joyce Ley, Lori Boisen, Mingus Mapps, Natalia Sanchez, Ron Glanville, Tom Badrick, Tom Lewis
Staff: David Ashton, Eliza Lindsay, Kari Koch, Richard Bixby
Facilitator: Theresa Logan

Advocacy Team recommendations

- In preparation for prioritizing projects for next one-two years, review current and ongoing activities:
 - Support for neighborhood associations, recycling/cleanup events, small grants program, newsletter, website, email list, social media for promoting local activities, projects like Mobile Playgrounds, East Portland Action Plan, East Portland Neighbors.
 - Community members are key to our program, you are also busy with many activities
 - Another important ongoing part of office support is outreach, making connections, planting seeds for future projects
- In the past year, the Advisory Committee has also recommended new activities which are being done
 - Community Activities Fund to support community projects and outreach for our office,
 - Expanding the Recycle/Cleanup program
 - Advocacy team and Advisory Committee
- Expected activities / changes in the next year
 - Changing our program takes time in itself
 - Two staff changes, EPNO Director & EPAP Contracts Advocate
 - East Portland Neighbors considering expanding to be more inclusive
 - With all the change, time to reexamine how this program works together with East Portland Action Plan
- Recommendations from Advocacy Team
 - Spend time advocating to City Council; emails, phone calls, forums, hearings
 - **Consensus on continuing to work on ONI budget advocacy and to participate in the advocacy**
 - information will be sent out about upcoming opportunities
 - contact the Mayor's/Budget office to advocate for a process that will allow our participation
 - Make a houselessness project a priority
 - Continue infrastructure development, planting seeds, partnerships, multiple funding sources
 - Keep the program flexible and responsive, to take advantage of opportunities

Small Group priorities

- Group 1 (Business & Economic Development)
 - Priorities need to be concrete and well-defined
 - Find ways to bring in business, services and jobs
 - How to include businesses in work of EPNO, they are essential
 - Priorities
 - 1. Houselessness
 - 2. Funding support (small grants)
 - 3. Networking and outreach
- Group 2 (Multi-lingual/cultural)
 - Priorities – no order
 - Infrastructure; Continue to plant seeds for future collaborations, especially additional funding opportunities. In times of transition, it is especially important to invest in program infrastructure planning.
 - Housing issues; not just the houseless situation but also, affordable housing and policies that help prevent people from becoming houseless
 - advocacy on rent assistance; unfair evictions; everyone having an affordable place to live
 - policy development be inclusive and accessible
 - Inclusivity; support a sense of community, communication and trust-building among different East Portland communities. Continue to work on increasing the inclusiveness of EPNO's programming, especially for those EPNO and the City have not served well
 - Support East Portland community events as a way to bring community together.
 - Create opportunities where people can learn from each other; not just socialize but also build trust
 - Support community driven advocacy to insure services are inclusive
- Group 3 (Parents & families)
 - Partner with school districts, SUN schools, and Diversity & Civic Leadership organizations
 - Have a youth focus, with youth performance and activities
 - Priorities
 - 1. Infrastructure development, planting seeds
 - 2. Houselessness
 - 3. Youth, schools, SUN focus in both other priorities
- Group 4 (grass-roots groups)
 - Need off-budget fund for interpretation, translation, childcare, transportation and food
 - Priorities
 - 1. Houselessness project
 - 2. Infrastructure development
 - 3. Collaborative community/bureau project – a mind-set for working on projects in general

Consensus

- There was consensus that the EPNO program should remain flexible and responsive; to take advantage of opportunities
- Consensus on infrastructure development being a priority, get more funding
- Consensus on supporting a collaborative houselessness project, housing policy, prevention of homelessness
- Consensus on a principle of operating with collaboration, cross-communication, breaking down silos
- Consensus on looking for ways to build our program by supporting and including groups we haven't worked well with, for example, youth, business, and immigrant communities

Announcements

- Ron – East Portland Neighborhood Association News, Feb issue is available for distribution; Next issue will be mailed to all East Portland addresses, deadline is March 15 for articles and ads. Ron and Tom B. will write articles about the Advisory Committee
- David P. – Zenger Farms has managed the Lents Farmers' Market for the last few years; management is moving to Portland Farmers' Market. Zenger will still be involved in the Farmers' Market
- Eliza – Don't have enough funds to run a spring Community Activities Fund, the Review Team will meet to develop a proposal for what to do with the small amount of money available
- Kari – There will be a meeting in late March on the houselessness issue in East Portland
- David A. – There is still funding available for Recycle/Cleanup events. Open to creative ideas.
- Tom B. – EPNA Chairs Group April 6, 6 pm, will be an open social for all East Portland groups, there will be tables with information from Urban Forestry, Rovers, and others
- Jill – NAYA will be holding a housing forum tonight at 6:30 pm. Mayoral candidates will be present
- Mingus – Historic Parkrose and Mt Hood Community College is organizing a job fair, March 10
- Richard – Next meeting, scheduled for April 15, will have updates and talk about how the committee is working for everyone.