

ONI BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Summary Notes
February 12, 2007

Attendees: Amalia Alarcon, Katherine Anderson, Richard Bixby, Sylvia Bogert, Anne Dufay, John Dutt, Brian Hoop, Cece Hughley-Noel, Carol Justice, Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong, Judith Mowry, Stephanie Reynolds, Tom Schaper, Doretta Schrock, Mark Sieber, and Alison Stoll.

Action items & key decisions on packages submitted

Staff made a presentation about the submitted budget packages. Highlights and the subsequent discussion is outline below:

- Proposed budget packages were presented to the Mayor on January 29th representatives from the BAC helped to make the presentation.
- There were good questions and challenges from the Mayor and this resulted in an overall decrease in the request. Ultimately, the Mayor supported the majority of the suggestions and his reaction was positive.
 - The Mayor is asking everyone to evaluate outcomes and was particularly supportive of the idea of a contract to measure benchmarks for the ONI budget.
 - The Mayor asked for a breakdown of details about the budget, which resulted in the development of additional documents (see meeting handouts).
- There is more work ahead as we need to enter the process of reviews by other Commissioners during April.
- We reviewed some upcoming, important events (see handout “Important Dates for FY 2007-08 Budget Process”).
 - The 2-22-07 event will be the first city-wide budget forum where we will have a chance to talk with different bureaus about 5 key packages. Citizens are welcomed to attend this meeting.
 - Feb. 28 is a 45-minute presentation to Commissioners in which there is no citizen input (but supporters are encouraged to attend).
 - March 12 marks the start of the citywide initiatives and budget discussions.
 - March 16 marks the citywide initiatives recommendations meeting.
 - March 20-23 & 27, 29 are the scheduled times for budget team meetings with Commissioner teams to explain and advocate for BAC recommendations in detail.
- Specific changes to the packages were explained to the BAC. (see document entitled, “Summary of Recommendations – Noted Changes”)

- *Question:* Neighborhood coalition centralized to marketing budget as a whole? *Answer:* No.
- Example of a change: the marketing campaign combines the communication packages, some of which is absorbed in the base budget. The recommendation still includes a communication package, but it is not being presented as a stand-alone package.
- *Question:* about increasing costs of insurance coverage for Coalitions. *Answer:* There is an expectation that through Coalition general funds, there will be an ability to cover insurance.
- *Question:* about the reduced amount of funding for the cultural congress concept and resultant modifications to the proposal and if fewer groups would be supported now? *Answer:* It is an area that will require additional exploration - a return to the drawing board - so a sub-committee will be formed to make recommendations to the BAC.
- *Question:* Will there be room to cover general liability during events in public streets? *Answer:* We should strategize and talk about it.

ACTION ITEM: Brian will organize a meeting with someone from Risk Management to figure out the history of public streets liability costs. We might possibly include a Commissioner as well. Volunteers for this group are Mark, Sylvia, Alison and Brian. They will meet within 30 days.

Mayor Potter Appreciation

The group supported the leadership team's recommendation to acknowledge the unprecedented support from the Mayor by figuring out a means to say "Thank You." Letters from the community are encouraged and the BAC should thank him as well.

ACTION ITEMS: Ann volunteered to draft a letter to the Mayor on behalf of the BAC. She agreed to complete this and send a draft via e-mail for review within two days with final approval by Friday the 16th. BAC members are encouraged to publish the resulting letter in their respective newsletters.

There is also a need to develop a fact sheet that highlights the key points of how the funds will help the community and neighborhood coalitions. Amalia and Eric will complete this with Brian editing.

Choosing a Commissioner team

The leadership team shared that the Mayor had asked which of the Commissioner teams the BAC would like to present to – although the request was not a guarantee of granting that team. The BAC accepted the idea of requesting the Adams/Leonard team.

ACTION ITEMS: The BAC formed a sub-committee to strategize about how to approach the presentations to Commissioners. Members of this team are

Doretta, Sylvia, Cece, Judith, Amalia and Eric. Eric agreed to send an email to set up this first meeting.

It was also suggested that there be a representative from NE & E neighborhoods. Amalia will send out email request for N.E. and Richard will take care of East.

Substantive subcommittees

1. Cultural Organizing Project: Need to figure what will work with budget. Richard, Cece, Brian, Jeri, Amalia, Colin & Ann.
 2. Coalition staffing: To determine how this recommendation will play out and its impact on salaries and staffing. Cece, Anne, Katherine, Tom, Eric & Brian.
 3. Grants: What the impact of doubling the grant fund will mean and creating appropriate criteria. Sylvia, Alison, Mark, Brian & Loretta.
 4. Funding formula: Doretta, Richard, Mark, Alison & Judith.
- Eric needs a final list of who is interested in which of the above committees.
 - Ideally, the work of these subcommittees should be completed in the second week of March.
 - It was suggested that we figure out how to quantify the hours that have gone into the BAC work and all of its sub-committee efforts so that the Mayor knows this. Eric shared that he is counting the hours of each meeting. Someone suggested that we also add how much time individuals are spending in preparations for this project.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is on March 12 from 5:30-7:30.

In-Accord Inc will continue to serve as facilitator.

Agenda Items will include:

- Reports from substantive subcommittees.
- More planning for conversations with Commissioners
- (See above action items)