

**OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT
BAC/BUDGET WORK GROUP
November 20, 2008**

- Attendees** Christina Albo, Abdirahman Ali, Ann Balzell, Bill Barnos, Sokpak Bhell, Richard Bixby, Claudia Borvanova, Jan Campbell, Lee Po Cha, Hongsa Chanthavong, Marianne Colgrove, Ed Davidson, Sunshine Dixon, Anne Dufay, Amanda Fritz, Sadie Feible, Vicki Hersen, Cece Hughley Ali Ibrahim, Noel, Kayse Jama, Steve Kue, Sandra Lefrancois, Paul Leistner, Moshe Lenske, Sandra McDaniel, Rukia Mohamed, Shirley Nacoste, Linda Nettekoven, Iurii Pislari, Jerry Powell, Midge Purcell, Liz Rogers, Joesph Santos-Lyons, Tom Schaper, Doretta Schrock, Mark Sieber, Igor Sobolevskaya, Natalya Sobolevskaya, Stephanie Stephens, Alison Stoll, Lyubov Tsinovkina, King mang Zam.
- ONI Staff** Amalia Alarcon de Morris, Afifa Ahmed-Shafi, Amy Archer, Sanj Balajee, Kelly Ball, Michael Boyer, Celeste Carey, Brian Hoop, Dennis LoGiudice, Judith Mowry, Stephanie Reynolds, Jeri Williams.
- Facilitator** Joe Hertzberg.

Review of the BAC Process

Joe Hertzberg read through the Guidelines for a Good ONI Budget and What Will Make this a Successful Process.

Feedback from the November 10, 2008 meeting reflected:

- ◆ “That meeting was 85% good”
- ◆ “Back and forth discussion will occur as we go forward”
- ◆ “We are a diverse group and our tolerance for presentations, decisions, etc, will require respect for each other. Please speak up if you feel disrespected at any time in this process.”

Ethics for Public Bodies

Linly Rees presented *A Guide for Public Officials*. The document outlines limits placed upon public officials to prevent the use or attempt to use their official position or office to obtain personal financial gain. In particular, limits are also placed on the type and amount of gifts that can be given to a public official, a relative of the public official or a member of the public officials household.

The guide also provides what may be accepted by a public official.

Please direct your questions to: Amy.Archer@ci.portland.or.us or call 503-823-2294. Amy Archer will compile and distribute an FAQ document regarding the guidelines.

City of Portland Vision and Values

Portland 2030: A vision for the future is the culmination of visionPDX's two year project to gather information about a shared vision for our community for the next twenty years and beyond.

Stephanie Stephens presented the booklet and highlighted the top three values expressed by the public:

- ◆ Community Connectedness and Distinctiveness
- ◆ Equity and Accessibility
- ◆ Sustainability.

Other values identified include:

- ◆ Accountability and Leadership
- ◆ Inclusion and Diversity
- ◆ Innovation and Creativity
- ◆ Safety

ONI could utilize the values as a type of strategic compass, such as weighing community values when evaluating programs.

Diversity and Civic Leadership Programs

Presentations were given for the following programs:

Diversity and Civic Leadership Organizing Project: This is a capacity building program for underrepresented community-based organizations in order to increase constituent participation in the civic governance of Portland. This is a pilot project funded by City Council for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Diversity and Civic Leadership Academy: This is a training program for emerging leaders in communities of color, immigrant, and refugee communities to expand civic involvement in the City of Portland. The goal of the academy to so expand the range of community leaders of color who engage in the civic life of the City for the advancement of policies to achieve economic and social equity based on the wisdom, voice, and experience of their constituencies. This project was funded by City Council in fiscal year 2006-2007.

Portland Immigrant Leadership and Organizing Training (PILOT): The PILOT Program seeks to address the challenges faced by emerging immigrant and refugee leaders and groups through strategic support and skill building trainings. Participants convene quarterly for two and a half day weekend retreats, where they participate in workshops such as:

- ◆ Basics of City Government
- ◆ Introduction to Community organizing
- ◆ Cross-cultural Community Movement Building
- ◆ Conflict Resolution
- ◆ Community Based Leadership

Participants also meet every other month for a Saturday meeting. The trainers of these workshops come from local, regional and national institutions.

IRCO Diversity and Civic Leadership Project 2007-2008 - Engage 08

Engage 08 was the centerpiece of IRCO's successful community development and civic leadership project focused on building capacity in the Asian/Pacific Islander, Slavic/Russian-Speaking, and African immigrant and refugee communities. Engage 08 brought together over 50 leaders for a 4-part series over four months.

IRCO's program included relationship building with the coalitions, organizational assessment, leadership skill building, and orientation to City of Portland civic leadership. A database was established to assist these coalitions in communication, recruitment and retention, and community building.

Urban League of Portland Diversity & Civic Leadership Organizing Project

The DCL Organizing Project is a capacity building project in the African American community, to maximize our community's power to impact city, county and state institutions and elected bodies. The focus of the program has been strengthening coalitions and partnerships among African Americans to increase community consensus and priorities, advocacy and civic engagement. Our strategy is community outreach, educations and skills training, including among those African Americans that have been displaced from traditional communities.

The focus of our engagement with the city of Portland is:

- ◆ Affordable housing and sustainable communities
- ◆ Increasing opportunities for homeownership and wealth creation
- ◆ Living wage employment opportunities
- ◆ Contracting and procurement practices which supports African American business entrepreneurship

The Portland Youth and Elders Council

The mission of The Portland Youth and Elders Council is: Strengthen the quality of life for the Portland American Indian and Alaskan Native community by encouraging local leadership community development, and the practice of culture, values and traditions. The purpose is Unity, Cross-generational conversation, Advocacy and Learning.

Priorities for the Council include: Housing, Employment, Community Development, Civic Engagement and a Community Center.

Major accomplishments during current budget cycle (ending June 2009) include: community meetings, working groups, phone calls, monthly mailings and weekly cross-generational lunches.

Latino Network

Our Leadership development, organizing and outreach efforts are shifting the culture of powerlessness among Latino who live in Cully, and gradually families are beginning to gain awareness of the inequities created by development efforts that do not include their voice or interest. The Proyecto Puentes/"Bridges" Organizing Project allowed us to prepare residents to claim an active role in the planning and implementation of future projects focused on improving our City's neighborhoods. It is our hope that these residents will influence a shift in other community members' ability to take advantage of economic opportunities that further sustainable development.

Public Involvement Standards Program

This program supports the Five Year Plan to Increase Community Involvement and ONI's Goals of:

- ◆ Increasing Community Impact on Public Decisions
- ◆ Increasing the Number and Diversity of People Involved in their Communities

The Public Involvement Advisory Council (PIAC) was established this year as a standing body accountable to City Council comprised of community members and City staff working collaboratively.

The Citywide Public Involvement Network has over 40 staff from 15 different bureaus regularly attending monthly networking sessions to increase use of best practices, coordination amongst bureaus and awareness of community needs.

Crime Prevention Program

The mission of the Crime Prevention Program is to: Organize and support community partnerships to prevent crime and the fear of crime.

Portland's crime prevention services are offered through the Office of Neighborhood Involvement and are designed to reduce crime, increase livability, and get neighbors involved in community policing efforts. These services are provided by Crime Prevention Program Coordinators who are assigned by geography throughout the city, and a Training and Events Supervisor who coordinates citywide training and events.

Crime Prevention offers problem-solving, community organizing, and education on issues of crime and public safety. They work closely with community members, public safety activists, police, neighborhood associations, city bureaus, businesses, state agencies, school districts, and local service providers.

Performance Measures

Sanj presented a draft of the Performance Measurement System for the Neighborhood Resource Center of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

Specific Features of the System include:

- ◆ Dashboard measures – six quantitative measures to be used as key indicators to quickly understand program efforts and report on progress.

- ◆ City Systems/Linkage
- ◆ Preamble to Guide Interpretation
- ◆ A Spirit of Co-Discovery
- ◆ Not every program needs to contribute to all measures
- ◆ Report out qualitative with quantitative of offer depth and real-life stories

Consensus Building

Joe reminded the group to contribute suggestions or tips for consensus building from any culture that will benefit the good of the whole.

Amalia would like to find creative ways to get everyone's voices heard and ways of participation so all are comfortable and honored for cultural style, i.e. caucus, small group, side conversations to regroup.

The goal is everyone is taken care of and we learn how to draw the best out of everyone.

**NEXT MEETINGS: MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 5:30-8:30
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2:00-5:00.**