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**City of Portland, Office of Neighborhood of Involvement
Great – Guidelines Review Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, August 13, 2002

8:30 AM to 10:00 AM, Lovejoy Room, Portland City Hall

MINUTES AND SUMMARY NOTES

Members Present:

Patricia Gardner, Co-Chair	Pearl District Neighborhood Association
Moshe Lenske, Co-Chair	Woodstock Neighborhood Association
Kathy Bambeck	Bridlemile Neighborhood Association
Nancy Chapin	Alliance of PDX Neighborhood Bus. Assocs.
Cathy Crawford	University Park Neighborhood Association
Leonard Gard	Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.
Raymond Hites	Lents Neighborhood Association
Brian Hoop	Office of Neighborhood Involvement
David Lane	Office of Neighborhood Involvement
Stanley Lewis	Downtown Community Association
Jerry Powell	Goose Hollow Foothills League
Mark Sieber	Neighbors West/Northwest
Charles Shi	Communities Beyond Neighborhood Boundaries
Ruth Spetter	City Attorney's Office
William Warren	Central Northeast Neighbors

Absent

Michael O'Malley Irvington Community Association

Visitors

Lee Perlman Media
Don Mac Gillvray Buckman Neighborhood Association

Decisions by this group are subject to change at future meetings.

Opportunities for public input are at the end of meeting and future workshops.

These minutes and summary notes have not been approved yet by the committee.

**Information & Referral
Center**
503-823-4000

**Crime Prevention
Center**
503-823-4519

**Neighborhood Mediation
Center**
503-823-3152

**Metropolitan Human
Rights Center**
503-823-5136

**Civic Involvement
Center**
503-823-4519

Approval of Summary Notes

- Motion to accept minutes for July 9th and July 23. Passed.

Approved Recommended Code or Standards Revisions

- No action taken on language at this meeting.

Summary Notes for Aug. 13

- Discussion on how to organize committee's workplan for next year and structure Standards working document.
- Discussion on ad-hoc committee to deal with public meetings law.
- Discussion on Communities Beyond Neighborhood Boundaries.

Organizing next few months

Issues:

- Report back from sub-committee that organized the agenda and structure of discussions for the next several months.
- See attached document, which provides a proposed numbering system and content.
- See attached proposed example of a reorganized Guidelines/Standards which reflects new numbering system. NO TEXT WAS CHANGED. Only addition is table of content and definitions added from rewritten code.
- Committee members want Christina Germain to come to these meetings.

Proposals:

- We need to send out an explanation explaining what has changed - title changed from Guidelines to Standards and the new numbering system.
- Discussion about how we can organize document for neighborhood leaders to understand how the old and new document compare.
- Find out if the City has a Codifier, which has an organized structure for amending documents. Brian called Auditor and found out there is no such staff person or manual the City has.
- Mark suggests using the above mentioned reorganized Standards/working draft as the document to work from.
- Suggestion made to invite City staff and business leaders to work sessions when we deal with the section on role of City bureaus. Suggestion made that City bureau staff need to be meeting more often with and working more closely with the neighborhood associations. There needs to be a quid-pro-quo relationship, a balance of power sharing/working relationships between neighborhood associations and bureaus.

Motions:

- No formal votes.

Public Meetings Law Ad-Hoc Committee

Issues:

- Discussion took place about where the Public Meetings Law section should go. For now it is an appendix but may be included into main text.
- David reviewed the role of the subcommittee that deals with public meetings law and organizing conversations. Joleen Jensen-Classen will lead this group.

Proposals:

- No suggestions.

Motions:

- No formal votes.

Communities Beyond Neighborhood Boundaries

Issues

- Discussion about what are the perceptions of community organizations about this issue. Are they interested in a system of ethnic minority organizations recognized by the City parallel to the neighborhood association system and/or working with alongside with each other.
- Opinion raised that community leaders of color should attend these meetings and not have separate meetings. There is interest in getting new committee members to attend regular meetings.
- Question asked what do community leaders of color want? Do they want to work with the neighborhood system?
- Question asked what resources are other community groups already receiving from City bureaus?
- Question asked are we trying to address the needs of individuals or umbrella organizations?
- Opinion made the system is about offering individuals an opportunity to participate in civic dialogue with the City, not direct social services.
- Question asked how does Communities Beyond Neighborhood Boundaries differ from the non-discrimination clause that already exists? Why is there a need for a separate clause?
- Brian describes ideas for dialogue with community organizations of color and his view of why community organizations of color want access to City decision-makers and resources just like neighborhood associations do now. Groups such as Latino Network and APANO are already receiving Caring Community funding from the county and are meeting with City commissioners about the City's role to support outreach to communities of color. Their organizations' goals are no different from neighborhood associations, to build their base and power to have influence with City Hall.
- Opinion made that neighborhood associations can not be everything to everyone. It is an issue of choice and opportunity, that all people have a choice to decide to get involved or not.
- David reminds group ONI's goal on this issue is about having conversations with a broader base of people.

- Visitor raises concern about SEUL's Board motions on Communities Beyond Neigh Boundaries and whether it involved enough input from neighborhood leaders. See attached document.
- Opinion made that the original goal of CBNB was to promote increased individual participation in neighborhood associations and less concerned about creating a parallel structure of organizational involvement with City civic issues.
- Mark states he supports idea of a series of public workshop to have the broader conversations. We need to do a better job of having a conversation with community leaders about fears around issues of power and resources. Integration into neighborhood associations may be non-desirable/non-issue with community organizations of color.

Proposals:

- Does the committee need to add new members to represent different constituencies or rely on public hearings?.
- Suggestion made at some point the purpose and vision of ONI needs to be reviewed and consider whether the system is being spread too thin. We are creating too many expectations with diminishing resources.
- Suggestion made that SEUL's Diversity Committee should participate in an evening public workshop on this issue.
- Suggestion made the group needs to figure out how we deal with ONI's role of working with place-based organizations and how do we serve non-place-based community organizations of color.

Motions:

- No formal votes.

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The information contained in this document is preliminary and informal in nature and does not necessarily reflect the views or adopted policies of the City of Portland or the final outcomes of this project; the reader should exercise caution in its interpretation.

NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday, Sept. 10
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
City Hall, Lovejoy Room, 1221 SW 4th Avenue

Tuesday, Sept. 24
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
City Hall, Lovejoy Room, 1221 SW 4th Avenue

Tuesday, October 8
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
City Hall, Lovejoy Room, 1221 SW 4th Avenue

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