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Community Involvement Committee (CIC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 6, 2018 | Time: 5pm-7pm

Location: 1900 SW 4th Ave Portland Or 97201 Suite 7100, conference room 7E

Attendees: Beth Rubin, Sandra Walden, Jai Singh, Christina Wienholz, Barry Manning, Isa Dean (remote), Philip Wahl (student), Cahnghee Han (student), Tony Garcia and Nikoyia Phillips

Absent: Alexandra Degher and Claire Carder

Agenda Items	Discussion	Actions
Call to Order	5:05pm	
Approval of Minutes	n/a	
Presentation	Tony Garcia, City Attorney's Office Garcia presented on the responsibilities of City of Portland appointed committee members	A scheduling mix-up caused a same-day change to the agenda. Garcia's presentation was added into the agenda from 5pm-5:45pm
Presentation	Barry Manning of BPS presented on the Rossi Farms Plan seeking feedback on the community engagement elements of the project	
Debrief and Discussion	CIC Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Work with the property owners to define a shared understanding of who "community" (neighbors, students, property owners/renters, etc) is.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a clear plan on how to better engage Latinx families and community members• Consider how removing an urban farm impacts healthy food accessibility and the possibility of preserving some land for community gardens• Acknowledge the acquisition of Native lands and ways to honor that history• Reach out to faith settings in the area• Understand what health disparities impact vulnerable communities near the project site• Consider ways to incorporate access to the river front into plans. (Bike/Walk path, bike corridor)• Ask local business owners provide paid time off for staff that live and work near the project site to provide project feedback• Build the infrastructure of the site to attract the type of businesses and services the community has prioritized• Consider incorporating space that is a combination of residential/retail or residential/art studio• Include the need to improve the access to public transit in the surrounding area to improve accessibility for public transit users, in project plans• Put more energy into involving communities of color and youth• This is a private project. This needs to be clear to community members that there is a bottom line that must be met in	
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	<p>addition to community benefit. This is important for community transparency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be clear with community members about the extent of their involvement and the scope of the project and their ability to steer the process• I like the idea of contacting churches that serve minority and immigrant communities. Churches may be more connected to these groups in ways that civic-based organizations are not. I think this was an observation at the last meeting.• I would love to see census data for the tracts closest to the project.• 25 ac is a large site that can accommodate multi-uses so engagement beyond the usual routine might be appropriate. Broad east-side outreach at the least that includes Action Plan participants needs to be included.• Start outreach and information sharing early-but also have clear explanations of what information/level of engagement must be included. Detailed notes of results of meetings and explanations of what is done with the info from engagement work needs to be maintained and shared with participants. However, explain clearly what can/will be done with the info provided by community groups.• Have you looked into reaching out to schools in the area? When the PSU students I was working with did a transportation study for Willamette Blvd, they got a lot of positive feedback from students and parents. They went to the schools as they were getting out and interviewed students and parents on what they would like to see. The students said it made it easy for them to provide input as they are usually unable to attend other events.	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Census info on how many minority, low income and youth are in the area. Then figure out how best to reach out to those folks as they likely won't attend events or respond to surveys.• Maybe a smaller but more targeted level of engagement - hold small meetings with groups that will be the most affected.• Have the community groups put together small focus groups to collect input.• What sources of data (community surveys, reports, testimonies, etc) can we look at to help define project areas of focus and learn about community needs and priorities? <p>CIC Member Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can this project area develop a list of displaced residents and create a “right to return” project similar to PROSPER’s N/NE initiative?• How much control does the city have in the results of the project when they do not own the land? Is it possible for the City of Portland to purchase the land?• How do we give citizens more control than developers in what is built in neighborhoods? <p>Other organizations to outreach to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IRCO• The Urban Farm Collective (non-profit)• Farmer’s Market Fund Portland• Parkrose Farmers Market	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHCC • Places of Faith • Libraries • OPAL • APANO • Youth Env Justice Alliance 	
Process Evaluation	<u>n/a</u>	Item added to the Sep 2018 agenda
Meeting Evaluation	<u>n/a</u>	
Close and Next Steps	Meeting adjourn 7:10pm Next Meeting: September 24, 2018 at BPS offices	Next Meeting will be held at: 1900 SW 4th Avenue, Portland, 7 th floor.

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