

ONI BUDGET WORKGROUP

Summary Notes

Dec. 17, 2007

5:30-8:00 PM

ATTENDEES

Workgroup: Ann Balzell (PCDAC), Richard Bixby (EPNO), Sylvia Bogert (SWNI), Glenn Bridger (Hillsdale NA/SWNI), (Kate Bucko (Native American Youth and Family Center), Betsy Coddington and Christina Albo (Resolutions NW), Anne Dufay co-chair (NWNW), Rey España (Native American Youth and Family Center), Cece Hughley-Noel (SEUL), Kayse Jama (Center for Intercultural Organizing), Ron Laster (Grant Park NA/NECN), Don MacGillivray (Buckman NA/League of Women Voters), Bonnie McKnight (Russell NA/EPNO), Linda Nettekoven (HAND/SEUL), Shirley Nacoste (Center NA and DCL), Linda Nguyen (IRCO), Pat Osborn and Debbie (League of Women Voters), Jerry Powell (NWNW), Dora Reyna (Latino Network and DCL Academy), Joseph Santos-Lyons (NECN), Doretta Schrock co-chair (Kenton NA/NPNS), Mary Ann Schwab (Sunnyside NA/CC), Mark Sieber (NWNW), Alison Stoll (CNN), Frank Walsh (Madison South/CNN).

ONI: Amalia Alarcón de Morris (Director), Amy Archer (Operations), John Dutt (Information & Referral), Michael Kersting (Finance), Stephanie Reynolds and Kelly Ball (Crime Prevention), Brian Hoop (Neighborhood Resource Center).

Guests:, Bob Tomlinson (OMF), Stephanie Stephens (visionPDX)

Facilitators: Joe Hertzberg & Carol Turner.

Interpreter: George Flores

Welcome

Carol reviewed the proposed outcomes for meeting:

Reach Agreement on Package

- Budget Priorities
- Non-Budget Priorities

Determine Advocacy Strategy

She spoke about the context of this unusual budget year, with the coming together of CC with ONI and compressed budget process for all in City because of some proposed computer changes.

The Work Group reviewed the criteria they had determined for a good ONI budget.

Carol summarized the process for consensus (green, yellow, red). If the group was not able to reach consensus on items, decisions would be based on the support of 75% or more of those in attendance.

Amalia indicated that all attending the meeting were welcome to participate in the decision-making process.

Determine Budget and Non-Budget Priorities

Doretta invited Coalition Chairs and Directors to speak about their regular meeting that had occurred the previous week.

Mark stated that Amalia and Cece had spoken very movingly about the need to think differently about how to approach outreach. If a stable funding base is to be built, it is important to share the requests over the years. He shared that they had decided to support the budget proposal of DCLOP and DCL funding becoming permanent, and not request this year to have Coalition funding permanent.

Alison spoke about ONI work being about people and that with permanent funding going first on DCL and DCLOP that they will looking at making the Coalition funding permanent in the next year.

Joseph indicated that they had worked to find common ground.

Sylvia shared her hope that these funds will be part of a bridge to bring new faces to the table and to work in new partnerships- working together, not in a parallel structure.

Cece appreciated the cohort's support and understanding. It was important to think creatively in leveraging scarce resources.

Bonnie expressed her support for this approach.

Amalia gave an update about the budget, saying that the allocation for permanent funding kept decreasing, that all bureaus must compete for only about \$1.5 m. of ongoing funds not already dedicated to other projects.

Joseph asked about indicating placeholders for future budgets. Amalia responded that nothing keeps us from advocating for what we want in the future.

Discussion on Specific Budget Items:

G: DCLOP and DCL

Question on funding for G₂ includes \$268,000 for DCLOP and \$31,000 for DCL for a total of \$299,000. Sylvia said it was important to have a written breakdown

of the benefits of these programs. Amalia agreed about the importance of having compelling successes captured in writing.

I: Effective Engagement Solutions

This is the funding for the position held currently by Judith Mowry. Anne spoke about the efficiency of having central access to serve all. Amalia said that ONI is pursuing the possibility of having it funded mutually by City bureaus in the future, since the work assisted the City as a whole.

L: Accessibility Funds

This increases access to meetings.

Joseph spoke about the need for increased communication and training- that they should keep this on the radar screen for next budget sessions.

N. Schools as Centers of Community

Bonnie mentioned that it was important to list all the school districts in the City in the description of this item.

D. PortlandOnline Portal Expansion

There was extensive discussion on this item, with numerous questions about implications for the Coalitions and NA. Joe summarized that there did not appear to be support for it, but if wanted some could stay to discuss it at the end of the meeting in more detail.

A. Continue Coalition staff and expand Comm. Engagement

Rey asked about this item, and why the group was not recommending permanent funding for it. He shared the concern that the efforts might stop next year if the funding did not continue. Amalia, Sylvia, Doretta and Cece responded to explain how the group had decided to proceed, acknowledging the political realities of the limitations this year from the Mayor's Office and the intent to pursue permanent funding in the future.

Confirm Final Agreement on Package

The following list indicates the letters of those items, which the group determined to be in the Budget Package:

- A/K
- G
- H
- I
- J
- L
- M
- P

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S

The Work Group indicated its strong support by consensus for the package.

Dora expressed her thanks to the Work Group for being willing to support permanent funding for the DCLOP and DCL Academy.

Determine Advocacy Strategy

The group confirmed that it was willing to strongly advocate for this package with an emphasis that we are all in this together, and with this approach all will benefit.

Group members indicated which City Commissioner members they would be willing to meet with to advocate for the budget package. (See attached list.)

In addition to this direct advocacy, group members indicated they would seek support through:

Coalition meetings
Feb. City Council meeting on CC
Speaker bureau for other opportunities
Personal contact

Members did request having talking points for advocacy.

Debrief of Process

(with Mark sharing some of his baking- “to break bread together.”)

Requested comments about what worked, what should be improved:

- Is proud of the outcome, we're blessed
- Joe and Carol!
- Is there a way to give more people a clear understanding of this budget process? Visual, accessible, online, CATV
- Built on previous work, used values as underpinning
- Included new people, no one felt stupid
- Respected minority opinions, okay to disagree, lone voice was listened to
- More people stayed throughout process that in past years- tenacity
- Other bureaus would benefit from similar process

- Time frame was a problem- responsible for any problems we had
- Transparency- agendas were right out there
- Commending Amalia, Amy, Brian, ONI staff
- Commending Anne and Doretta as Co-Chairs
- Appreciated Dora's participation (and George)
- We lived out Portland's values

List of volunteers for budget presentations to Council offices

Mayor Potter	Anne Dufay Doretta Schrock Glenn Bridger Alison Stoll Linda Nettekoven Cece Hughley-Noel Kayse Jama Sylvia Bogert
Commissioner Sten	Cece Hughley-Noel Linda Nettekoven Alison Stoll Mary Ann Schwab Stephanie Reynolds
Commissioner Adams	Linda Nettekoven Anne Dufay Joseph Santos-Lyons Jerry Powell Alison Stoll Dora Reyna Mary Ann Schwab
Commissioner Leonard	Sylvia Bogert Joseph Santos-Lyons Jerry Powell Bonnie McKnight Linda Nettekoven Mary Ann Schwab
Commissioner Saltzman	Glenn Bridger Sylvia Bogert Cece Hughley-Noel Mark Sieber Alison Stoll Mary Ann Schwab Anne Dufay