“Portland City government works best when community members and government work as partners”
Why we were created

- Frustration in the community due to a lack of consistency across City processes
- Lack of resources or guidelines for City staff
- Challenge of needing a versatile tool that works across bureaus. Not a cookie cutter model.
Past efforts

- Community Connect: Five Year Plan to Increase Community Involvement
- Bureau Innovation Project 9
- Public Involvement Task Force

All of these efforts recommended that an ongoing group be created to shepherd the implementation of public involvement guidelines in the City.
Our charge

We were created by City Council to:

• Create public involvement guidelines
• Support the implementation of those guidelines
• Appointed members include representation from 14 bureaus & 18 community organizations
PIAC Members

- Southwest Neighborhoods Inc.
- Center for Diversity & Environment
- Native American Youth and Families
- Southeast Uplift
- The Urban League of Portland
- Cambodian Community of Oregon
- Vision Into Action
- Center for Intercultural Organizing
- Institute Disability & Development
- Portland State University
- Portland Community College
- EnviroIssues
- Groundwork Portland
- Port of Portland
- Breeze Block Gallery
- Elders in Action
- Water Bureau
- Office of Management & Finance
- Environmental Services
- Portland Dept of Transportation
- Portland Fire and Rescue
- Bureau of Development Services
- Office of Neighborhood Involvement
- Portland Development Commission
- Parks and Recreation
- Office of Human Relations
- Planning & Sustainability
- Portland Police Bureau
- Bureau of Technology Services
- Bureau of Housing
PIAC’s Guiding Principles

– Representation, Reducing Barriers to Involvement
– Effectiveness
– Consistency
– Partnership
– Implementation
Review of past recommendations
Working Groups

- Community Empowerment
- Policy
- Process
Public Involvement Principles

- Partnership
- Early Involvement
- Building Relationships and Community Capacity
- Inclusiveness and Equity
- Good Quality Process Design & Implementation
- Transparency
- Accountability
Budget Process

- Early Community Involvement and Consultation
- Notification and Outreach
- Level of Public Involvement in the Budget Process
- Community Representation
- Education and Level of Understanding
- Transparency and Accessibility
- Evaluating and Improving Budget Outreach
- Education and Input Strategies
Engagement of non-geographic communities

- Assist bureaus to build relationships with communities that often do not participate in the formal neighborhood system, such as communities of color, immigrants and refugees, low income communities, etc.
Our process

Collaborate with City Council as we move forward on our next steps to:

- Gather input from Bureau directors, City staff, Community groups & the public at-large
- Use input to finalize recommendations & seek adoption by City Council
- Support implementation in bureaus