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

Tuesday, July 23, 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
David Lane	Office of Neighborhood Involvement
Stanley Lewis	Downtown Community Association
Michael O'Malley	Irvington Community Association
Mark Sieber	Neighbors West/Northwest

Absent

Brian Hoop	Office of Neighborhood Involvement
Jerry Powell	Goose Hollow Foothills League
Charles Shi	Communities Beyond Neighborhood Boundaries
Ruth Spetter	City Attorney's Office
William Warren	Central Northeast Neighbors

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

Approved Recommended Code or Standards Revisions

- None today. Today is focused on planning for standards discussion.

Summary Notes

Approval of Summary Notes

- Minutes were reviewed but since they were late will be approved at next meeting.

Process for reviewing the Standards

- Chairs summarized the process in the coming months. Begin Standards review then come back to the code revisions. The code has not been finalized; we've completed our first review of the code.
- The question was posed by chair about what process to use. It's a longer document than the code.

Suggestions:

- Look at sections of code revision that have changed versus those that have remained virtually the same. We could change only those that had changed.
- Possibilities of subcommittees were discussed.
- Should Standards be minimal or more specific? Sometimes less prescriptive guidelines make it more challenging for neighborhoods.
- Standards should be immune from political manipulation.
- ONI staff could review Standards and meeting summaries for places where GREAT deferred inclusion and information to the Standards.
- Effective vehicle for increasing diversity should be at the coalition level not the neighborhood level. Collectively, coalitions would be able to get better resources.
- Send out staff's analysis of Guidelines and what needs to be changed.
- Neighborhood system has a unique role and there is a need to work with communities of color and underrepresented communities to understand distinctions and opportunities to collaborate.
- Don't want to duplicate services with the County.
- Collaboration will increase partnerships and support for the neighborhood system.
- Having trouble getting volunteers in general sometimes.
- Public meetings law issues need to be resolved. Is this committee taking this on?
- GREAT should have other evening meetings--possibly quarterly.

Decisions

- ONI will take on the public meetings law discussion. Signing ballots for votes is one key issue. Complaints about ADA compliance and neighborhood association meetings and notification are other issue.
- GREAT voted to organize ad hoc committee to look at the public meetings law and possible revisions. Motioned and seconded. Ray Hites, Leonard Gard, and Moshe Lenske will participate. Joleen Jensen-Classen will lead the ad hoc committee for ONI.
- Organize a subcommittee to look at Standards and review and form the agenda for future meetings to guide the work of GREAT.
- ONI will work to get someone (possibly three) to attend GREAT with interest in Communities Beyond Boundaries.

- GREAT would like ONI to ask Cristina Germain to be part of the committee.