

What are the ONI Code & Guidelines?

What is the GREAT committee?



As required by City code, the ONI Guidelines are being updated. They have a significant effect on neighborhood associations. (see inside). Ask questions. Give us your concerns.

Why do we have to follow state open meetings law? Isn't there a simpler set of rules to follow?



How come I'm being expected to notify neighbors about our meetings if we don't have any money for a newsletter?

What do we do if we want to change our boundaries or they conflict with other associations?



Shouldn't there be a clearer process for resolving grievances?

You are welcome to attend the regular meetings and give public comments.

**2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month
8:30 AM - 10 AM
City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave., Lovejoy Room
Bus: on Downtown bus mall**

Special Evening Meeting

Tues, Nov. 19

5:30 - 7:30 PM

1221 SW 4th Ave.

City Hall, Rose Room

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What are the ONI Guidelines & GREAT?

The ONI Guidelines, last adopted by City Council in January 1998, are to be reviewed and updated every four years. The Guidelines set forth the roles and responsibilities for recognized and acknowledged organizations in Portland's neighborhood system.

A Taskforce of neighborhood leaders in the Guidelines, Review, Empowerment, and Assessment Taskforce (GREAT) - have begun a two year process of reviewing the Guidelines as required by City Code. Taskforce participants are charged with recommending to the Commissioner-in-charge suggested changes, revisions, additions, and/or deletions to the Guidelines.

In addition, the Taskforce has chosen to analyze and update Chapter 3.96 of City Code that defines the functions of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. Chapter 3.96 has not been updated since 1987. It is this chapter of City Code that refers to the adoption of a set of "Guidelines" that provides more details than City Code. The committee has only recently completed a first draft of updated code language. They just began discussions about the Guidelines this fall.

Special Evening Meeting

What would you like the committee to consider?

Committee will conduct regular meeting and provide time for public comments.

**Tuesday,
November 19**

**5:30 - 7:30 PM
City Hall, Rose Room
1221 SW 4th Ave.**

**For info: Brian Hoop
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If translation is required at meeting please notify us five days in advance. We will make every attempt to accommodate your request.

Who is on GREAT?



GREAT - Guidelines Review, Empowerment and Assessment Team - members are from neighborhood and business associations, district coalitions, unaffiliated neighborhood associations, communities beyond neighborhood boundaries and the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. They will identify and discuss organizational policies that impact an individual's access to Portland's neighborhood system, the operation of the associations and coalitions, and their relationships with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. You are also welcome to attend meetings and make short comments during the public comment agenda time. Written comments are encouraged.

What are some of the issues to be discussed?

Here are examples of issues that relate to how neighborhood associations operate. The committee will be discussing the pros and cons of changes to the Guidelines and Codes that may have an impact on your neighborhood association.

- Requiring associations to follow State Open Meetings law: Is there an alternative?
- What process is used for resolving grievances? What are the roles of associations, coalition offices and ONI in resolving disputes?
- Responsibility to notify neighbors about meetings. But how is that done if associations are not being funded adequately to produce and distribute newsletters?
- How do we deal with defining boundaries of new associations and resolving disputes when boundaries of existing associations overlap?
- Future role of *Communities Beyond Neighborhood Boundaries*. This is a current policy that allows ethnic minority community organizations to be acknowledged by the City.
- And many more issues...

What topics are in the City Code?

Chapter 3.96 of City of Portland Code, *Office of Neighborhood Involvement*, addresses:

- Definitions of key components of the neighborhood association system.
- Basic functions, responsibilities of and benefits to Neighborhood Associations.
- Functions of Neighborhood Offices and Coalitions (*Also referred to as District Coalitions*).
- Responsibilities of City bureaus and offices to provide public involvement.
- Responsibilities of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

What topics are covered in the Guidelines?

The Guidelines go into detail about execution of the functions and responsibilities in City Code:

- Requirements for being *recognized* as a neighborhood association.
- What benefits neighborhood associations are entitled to from the City.
- Role and responsibility of Neighborhood Offices and District Coalitions.
- Role and responsibility of Neighborhood Office and Coalition staff.
- Role and responsibility of the City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement.
- Creating and resolving neighborhood association boundaries.
- Grievance procedures for neighborhood associations, coalitions, and ONI.
- Newsletter policies of neighborhood associations and coalitions.
- Requirements for being *acknowledged* as a Neighborhood Business Association.
- Requirements for being *acknowledged* as a Community Beyond Neighborhood Boundaries.
- Policy on *Alternative Service Delivery Structures* or City operated neighborhood offices.

**To view Code Chapter 3.96 and Guideline documents go to:
www.myportlandneighborhood.org/committees.html**

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How can I learn more?

Individuals may receive agendas and minutes by contacting Brian Hoop at 503-823-3075, or TTY 503-823-4519, bhoop@ci.portland.or.us. They may also be found on the ONI website at www.myportlandneighborhood.org/committees.html

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