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**To: Neighborhood Association presidents/chairs
Neighborhood Coalition staff
Media**
RE: Last three ONI Guidelines Review meeting minutes & next meeting agenda

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

8:30 AM to 10:00 AM, Lovejoy Room, City Hall

AGENDA:

8:30 -8:40 a.m. Introductions, Minutes Review, Agenda Review

8:40- 9:50 a.m. City Code, Chapter 3.96 Definitions

- Vote on: District Coalition Board/District Coalition and Alternative Service Delivery Structures
- Begin discussion on: Communities Beyond Neighborhood Boundaries and Minimum Standards of Neighborhood Associations

9:50-10:a.m. Public Comment and closing of meeting

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE:

The City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement 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 association system. A Taskforce of neighborhood leaders - the Guidelines, Review, Empowerment, and Assessment Taskforce (GREAT) - have begun a yearlong process of reviewing the Guidelines as required by City Code. 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.

The Guidelines apply to Neighborhood Associations, District Coalitions, Business District Associations, Communities Beyond Boundaries, Alternative Service Delivery Structures (i.e. the North and East Portland Neighborhood Offices) and the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. Taskforce participants are charged with recommending to the Commissioner-in-charge suggested changes, revisions, additions, and/or deletions to the Guidelines. Final recommendations for Guidelines changes are submitted to City Council for final approval.

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SUMMARY OF ISSUES TO DATE:

- Committee is first reviewing City Code, Chapter 3.96 Office of Neighborhood Associations, to bring it up to date with changes made in the Guidelines in past 15 years.
- Rewriting definitions since Code and Guidelines language did not match.
- Discussing relationship of Business Associations with neighborhood system. Business Associations initially acknowledged by City in the last decade.
- Discussing relationship of Communities Beyond Neighborhood Boundaries with neighborhood system. CBNB's acknowledged by City in mid-90's. Committee considering best approach for outreach and involvement of communities of color, renters, etc.

DECEMBER MEETINGS:

Tuesday, December 11

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM, City Hall, Lovejoy Room, 1221 SW 4th Avenue

Tuesday, December 18 DATE CHANGE - not meeting Dec. 25

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM, City Hall, Lovejoy Room, 1221 SW 4th Avenue

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