

The Top 10 Resolutions from the 1993 ONA Neighborhood Congress.

#1. - Resolved: To mandate that the city make Public Safety the #1 priority by: A.) allow the Police Bureau to fill all vacant positions and, B.) maintain and seek to increase crime prevention specialist positions in all coalitions.

#2. - Resolved: To create a pro-active community policing program.

- 1.) Have every neighborhood & business association appoint a liaison to their precinct.
- 2.) Create a priority list of concerns in each of their neighborhoods.
- 3.) Provide stable funding and clear job delineation for crime prevention programs.
- 4.) Provide incentives to police officers to live within the city of Portland.
- 5.) Overall PIIAC
- 6.) Stabilize the liaison assignments.
- 7.) Involve participants in cooperative policing efforts (interagency) who will abide by the same.
- 8.) Focus on early intervention for children at risk.

#3. - received 139 votes.

Resolved: The City of Portland shall create a process that requires neighborhoods to create their own viable and enforceable neighborhood plans in partnership with the community. These plans shall incorporate land use, transportation, ecosystems, and historical preservation that meet intergovernmental requirements.

#4. - received 134 votes.

Resolved: That neighborhood associations shall be formally involved in all aspects of capital improvements, current and long range planning. Specifically that:

- A. Any regulation or regulatory review process shall include early and continuing opportunity for significant neighborhood participation.
- B. The neighborhood and community planning process be retained and fully endorsed as vehicles for planning and city involvement.
- C. We advocate increase communication between citizens, local, and state governments and developers.

#5. - received 125 votes.

Resolved: To make a commitment to increase social and cultural diversity within neighborhood associations by extending outreach to our schools, businesses, churches, and other community stakeholders by:

- 1.) Training to be offered in the areas of diversity and interpersonal skills;

- 2.) ONA & coalitions provide technical support to improve organizational development and goal identification;
- 3.) Identify and establish relationships and common goals with liaisons from targeted community groups, et al, to interact with neighborhood associations.
- 4.) Facilitate information sharing between neighborhood associations, community groups, et al.

#6. - received 105 votes.

Resolved: To develop and maintain a cross referenced multi-modal information system (e.g. clearinghouse) listing timely notices from all agencies / entities seeking citizen involvement from community groups. (Develop) two way communication so that neighborhoods can set or influence agency agendas and time lines; not merely respond.

#7. - received 94 votes.

Resolved: to increase the neighborhood associations' direct authority, control, and management of resources and create a broad based citizens board to govern ONA; including re-evaluation of the role and function of district coalitions.

#8. - received 86 votes.

Resolved: That an ordinance should be adopted as part of the "E" (environmental) zone streamlining the process that mandates sign off on all development applications in "E" zones by neighborhood associations and coalitions affected.

#9. - received 75 votes.

Resolved: To improve communication between citizens, crime coordinators and police by the following:

- A.) Create easier access to detectives, DA's and other bureau officials by decentralizing these agencies and physically moving them out to the neighborhoods.
- B.) A general order should be issued to mandate that district officers brief each other orally on what is happening in their district and provide smooth transition of officers assigned to the neighborhoods.
- C.) That crime prevention specialists have their own identity separate from ONA. They should be educated and trained by CPAO, PPB, & BPST that include job description and guidelines. These CPS should be made accountable to the citizens and police and a citizen advisory council with powers of termination.

#10. - received 70 votes.

Resolved: Increase the level of city financial support for neighborhood associations communication to citizens.

#11. - received 68 votes.

Resolved: To form an ONA advisory board (1 member from each district to link N. A.s and ONA. Intent: other people than current coalition board members.

#12. - received 67 votes.

Resolved: That the role of ONA shall be redefined with flexibility between neighborhood associations and the city to reflect a flow of power from the neighborhood associations by offering more support, better information, less regulation, and less control.

#13. - received 67 votes.

Resolved: That a workable and simplified substitute for Robert's Rules of Order be developed for use by neighborhood associations and other citizens groups.

#14. - received 63 votes.

Resolved: 1.) For ONA promote citywide communication both within and among neighborhood organizations. E.g.; citywide newsletter, cable access, training sessions, resource library, e-mail, I & R.

- 2.) to find solutions to overcome limitations / problems with print media. That is – affordability, distribution, one way flow, labor intensive.
- 3.) Find ways to promote and foster partnerships with schools, business, and community organizations.
- 4.) Assess and identify current communication channels. That is newsletters, cable, and bulletin boards.
- 5.) Support (seriously) a pilot project in computer, cable, fax, and other electronic communication for citizen involvement.

#15. - received 41 votes.

Resolved: That the neighborhood associations and district coalitions must recognize they are a reflection of their community – they are not the community itself. They can do any or all of the following:

- 1.) Proving they have contacted all segments of the community
- 2.) Go to the places where people congregate – develop personal relationships / trust.
- 3.) Honor diverse styles of communication and use them to get in touch.
- 4.) Keep challenging and changing neighborhood associations to accommodate the needs / issues of the people you want to involve.
- 5.) Open up the “definition” of involvement (e.g., contribute talent, \$\$, ideas) how to work together – not just meetings; celebrate together, find small ways people can contribute.
- 6.) Recognize individual and family commitments so all feel valued (reward must be meaningful to the person).
- 7.) Use incentives (i.e., donated by businesses) to recruit citizens and business.
- 8.) Find out what’s important to various segments of the neighborhood so they will be willing to be involved over something they feel passionate about.
- 9.) Support the events and businesses of other cultures so over time they get to know you and may become willing to support you activities.
- 10.) Link with other organizations to perform services (i.e., AARP, & district coalitions offer free tax preparation).