

Public Involvement Task Force Winter 2004 Report Workgroups

Section 2: Community

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Meeting Notes

- Group decides to add a category – Building Capacity in the Community:
 - Inclusiveness: Move Recommendations #71 and #65 here, merge.
 - #71: Better coordinate diverse stakeholder contacts and relation-building efforts with community organizations and media.
 - #65: Better coordinate diverse stakeholder contacts and relation-building efforts with community organizations.
 - Move “Childcare” section from Recommendation #39.
 - Diversity and Accessibility: Move Recommendation #39 to this section:
 - #39: Expand efforts to make all public involvement events accessible to people with disabilities, seniors, families with children and other constituent groups. And merge with recommendation #41: Require ADA accessibility for all City public involvement events.
 - Should include Recommendation #'s: #36, #38/#42, #41/#39, #44.
 - Building Capacity in the Community (NEW): Move Recommendations #40, #43, #35 to this section.
 - #40: Adequately fund and expand citizen education and training on City processes and advocacy skills. Merge with #43.
 - #43: Initiate popular education and training on how city processes work and advocacy skills for diverse constituencies.
 - #35: Engage youth in City civic activities through community-based service learning.
 - Neighborhood System

- Give a new title to Recommendation #38: Expand language translation and interpretation accessibility of city information. Change to: “Require bureaus to commit a specific percentage of bureau and project budgets for accommodating special needs requests for language interpretation and translation.”
- Merge recommendations #39 and #41:
 - #39: Expand efforts to make all public involvement events accessible to people with disabilities, seniors, families with children and other constituent groups. Separate out Childcare section and move to Inclusiveness section.
 - #41: Require ADA accessibility for all City public involvement events.
- Move Recommendation #37: Better utilize existing community resources for project outreach, to Transparency section.
- Merge Recommendations #40 and #43:
 - #40: Adequately fund and expand citizen education and training on City processes and advocacy skills. Merge with #43.
 - #43: Initiate popular education and training on how city processes work and advocacy skills for diverse constituencies.
- Suggestion for Recommendation #43: Initiate popular education... There needs to be more dialogue in community about how this proposal would be implemented. How do we create a collaboration with the neighborhood coalition system.
- Move recommendation #45: Coordinate efforts to diversity public involvement efforts with Office of Affirmative Action’s Citywide Diversity Development Coordinating Committee, to COORDINATION section of report.

Top priorities:

- #1 priority is for adequate funding. Without that it will be difficult to implement most of the recommendations in this section. Primarily to fund recommendations #40 and #43. Merge Recommendations #40 and #43 and move to new section – “Building Capacity”:
 - #40: Adequately fund and expand citizen education and training on City processes and advocacy skills.
 - #43: Initiate popular education and training on how city processes work and advocacy skills for diverse constituencies.
- #2 priority is for youth engagement. Recommendation #35: Engage youth in City civic activities through community-based service learning.
- #3 priority is to adequately fund language translation and interpretation efforts. Merge Recommendations #38 and #42.
 - #38: (New Title) Require bureaus to commit a specific percentage of bureau and project budgets for accommodating special needs requests for language interpretation and translation, and
 - #42, Expand language translation and interpretation accessibility of City information. One is from Diversity workgroup and one is from Communication group.

- #4 priority is for public involvement events to be accessible. Merge Recommendations #39 and #41.
 - #39: Expand efforts to make all public involvement events accessible to people with disabilities, seniors, families with children and other constituent groups.
 - #41: Require ADA accessibility for all City public involvement events.

Medium priorities and Easy implementation recommendations:

- #37: Better utilize existing community resources for project outreach. Move to TRANSPARENCY section.
- Merge Recommendations #65 and #71:
 - #65: Better coordinate diverse stakeholder contacts and relation-building efforts with community organizations.
 - #71: Better coordinate diverse stakeholder contacts and relation-building efforts with community organizations and the media.
- #36: Develop policy to accommodate digital divide. Not everyone has email.
- #44: Work with Purchasing Bureau and Risk Management to eliminate barriers for Minority, Women and Emerging Small Businesses to access Professional Technical and Expert contracts for public involvement and information services.

All recommendations in this section were discussed and categorized.