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Great – Guidelines Review Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 10, 2004
8:30 AM to 10:00 AM, Lovejoy Room, Portland City Hall

MINUTES AND SUMMARY NOTES

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Jerry Powell	At-Large
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Section C: Responsibilities of Neighborhood Associations

- ❑ *Motion approved to drop C, 3: "Neighborhood Associations shall establish a grievance procedure." Acknowledge this is already covered by #1 which states associations shall abide by all requirements in the Standards.*

City Code 3.96.040: Functions of District Coalitions

Section F

- ❑ *Motion approved to Replace F: "Establish a grievance procedure" with "District Coalitions shall abide by the Standards established by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement." Reasoning is same as above motion. Also this would replicate Section C, 1: which says associations need to abide by the Standards.*
- ❑ *Discussion regarding if Coalitions are required to deal with grievances. Group agrees that their current language does require Coalitions to respond to grievances.*

City Code 3.96.050: Responsibilities of City Agencies

- ❑ *Motion approved to accept existing Code language in the Code regarding responsibilities of City agencies and not accept changes proposed by September 2003 ad-hoc meeting of City staff and GREAT. Patricia and Brian reported on the outcome of the August 3 ad-hoc meeting of city staff and GREAT committee members. They concluded that it was best to allow the Public Involvement Task Force to develop more comprehensive language.*

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Section A:

- ❑ *Discussion on how do we ensure ONI can notify interested persons of all city meetings, hearings, elections, etc. It is clear this is a broader City public involvement breakdown that is beyond ONI's ability to enforce.*
- ❑ *Motion approved to say: "Notify interested persons of meetings, hearings, elections and other public participation events of the ONI and neighborhood system."*

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- ❑ *Group discussion about how to phrase communication between City agencies and neighborhood system partners. Some want it to show a two-way dialogue. Others want it to focus on City responsibility to get appropriate info out to neighborhoods.*
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