

See inside for info on proposed changes to ONI Guidelines/Standards & City Code 3.96



Final draft developed by a citizen review committee for proposed changes to roles, functions, responsibilities of Portland neighborhood system partners. Available for public review and comment through Friday, November 12, 2004.

Establishes local open meetings and public records procedures that meet key State statutes.

Clarifies conflict resolution and grievance procedures with comprehensive step by step procedures and timelines.

Establishes role of ONI and District Coalitions to assist with outreach efforts to diverse constituencies.

Clarifies process for resolution of boundary disputes, establishment of coalitions and minimum size of Associations.



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Hearings: Thurs., October 28th, Mon., November 8th, & more. See inside.

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 Neighborhood Associations and acknowledged Business Associations as part of Portland's 30 years young neighborhood system.

A committee of neighborhood leaders – the Guidelines, Review, Empowerment, and Assessment Taskforce (GREAT) - have completed their review and proposed update of the Guidelines as required by City Code. The Taskforce is proposing to rename the document as “Standards” to reflect language in existing Code 3.96.030.

Task Force participants are charged with recommending to the Commissioner-in-charge and then the full Council suggested changes, revisions, additions, and/or deletions to the Guidelines.

In addition, the Task Force analyzed and updated 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” for the neighborhood system.



Neighborhood presentations

Invite us to your Neighborhood or Business Association meeting for discussion, Q & A.

To schedule a presentation:

Contact - Brian Hoop
503-823-3075 or bhoop@ci.portland.or.us

Public Hearings

Formal public hearings for comment

Thursday, October 28

7 PM - 8:30 PM
Central NE Neighbors, Community Room
4415 NE 87th Ave. at Sandy Blvd., Bus: #12

Monday, November 8

7 PM - 8:30 PM
City Hall, Lovejoy Room,
1221 SW 4th Ave., On downtown bus mall

Other opportunities for comment

Monday, October 4

7 PM
SE Uplift, as part of board meeting
3534 SE Main, Fireside Room. Bus #14

Monday, October 4

6 PM - 7 PM
North Portland Neighborhood Services,
before chairs advisory meeting. Buses #4, #6
Kenton Firehouse, 1st Floor, 2209 N. Schofield

Wednesday, October 27

6:30 PM - 7 PM
SW Neighborhoods, Inc., before board mtg.
Multnomah Arts Center, Room 34
7688 SW Capitol Hwy., Buses #44, #45, #64

Wednesday, November 3

6 PM - 7 PM
East Portland Neighborhood Office,
before chairs advisory meeting, Bus #15, #20
East Precinct, Community Rm. 735 SE 106th Ave.

If you need special assistance:

If language interpretation is required please notify us two days in advance. We will make every attempt to accommodate your request. Call 503-823-3075. Locations are wheelchair accessible.

City Code 3.96: Key changes

- More clearly delineates functions, responsibilities between Code and Standards.
- Changes open meetings and public records mandates from conforming with State statutes to those established in ONI Standards.

Functions of Neighborhood Associations:

- State role of Associations to create Coalitions.

Responsibilities of Neighborhood Assocs:

- Clarifies Associations shall abide by Standards.

Functions of District Coalitions:

- Adds role of promoting diverse participation.

Responsibilities of City Agencies

- Maintain existing language for now. Public Involvement Task Force will continue dialogue on this issue and develop comprehensive proposal.

Responsibilities of ONI:

- Adds role of promoting diverse participation.
- Clarifies contractual relationship with Coalitions.

Guidelines/Standards: Key changes

- Reorganizes categories and numbering to improve legibility.

Neighborhood Associations:

- Establishes minimum quorums for meetings.
- Minimum size of future Associations would be 100 acres and 200 households.
- Clarifies role of ONI in resolving conflicts only when Associations and Coalitions are unable to.
- Clarifies that licensed businesses can be members of Associations too.
- Adds gender identity non-discrimination.
- Encourages Associations to embrace outreach to diverse constituencies.
- Clarifies positions can't be taken on candidates or printed in newsletters funded by City. However, positions could be taken on initiatives.

District Coalitions:

- Establishes that mailing lists of District Coalitions are not subject to public records requests.
- Establishes duties for promoting inclusion; leadership development, diverse participation and engaging with Business Associations.
- Clarifies goals, functions, and responsibilities to be established in contracts between ONI and non-profit District Coalitions.
- Clarifies relationship and operating procedures between city-staffed Coalitions and ONI.
- Sets process for creating new Coalitions, how Associations affiliate with Coalitions.

Office of Neighborhood Involvement:

- Clarifies role in coordinating neighborhood s system including organizing neighborhood summits, leadership training support, and promotion of diverse participation.

Business District Associations:

- Eliminates requirement that dues be on a voluntary basis only.
- Establishes minimum size of 75 businesses.
- Eliminates requirement to have grievance procedure and follow open meetings rules.
- Eliminates mandate for services from ONI that were never implemented.

Communities Beyond Neighborhood Boundaries:

- Eliminates this designation that was never implemented. Expands expectations for ONI and Coalitions to expand diversity efforts.

Grievance and Appeal Procedures

- Clarifies grievance process with more comprehensive step by step procedures and timelines for Associations, Coalitions and ONI.

Open Meetings and Public Records:

- Establish local open meetings and public records rules that closely mirror most critical components of State statute.
- New procedures better suited to small volunteer based organizations.

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