

**City of Portland - Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI)  
Bureau/Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) Summary Notes**

**February 8, 2016**

**In Attendance:**

Katy Asher (SEUL), Sylvia Bogert (SWNI), Lori Boisen (Division Midway Alliance, EPN), Jan Campbell (Connecting Communities Coalition, former PCOD member), Sophorn Cheang (IRCO), Donita Fry (NAYA), Jeff Hilber (Concordia NA), Kayse Jama (CIO), Jen Kirk (NWNW), Moshe Lenseke (Woodstock NA), Tom Lewis (Centennial), LaShawn McCarthy (MYC), Lexi Moyer (MYC), Rick Paul (Pleasant Valley NA), Dennis Richmond (Graffiti Removal Portland), Carlos Windham (Resolutions NW), Joann, Young Sun, Karla Castonetta (Momentum Alliance), Emily Lai (Momentum Alliance), Joanne (EIA).

**ONI Staff:**

Amalia Alarcon de Morris (Director), Amy Archer (Livability/Operations), Michael Boyer (Livability), Celeste Carey (Crime Prevention), Kathy Couch (Livability), Michael Kersting (Admin), Paul Leistner (CNIC), Eliza Lindsay (EPNO), Theresa Marchetti (Livability), Andrea Marquez (CNIC-MYC), Arolia McSwain (CNIC/Graffiti), Juliette Muracchioli (Livability), Stephanie Reynolds (Crime Prevention), Yolanda Sanchez (Crime Prevention), Paul van Orden (Noise)

**Welcome and Introductions**

General introductions, welcome, packages  
Welcome Momentum Alliance, new DCL partners

**Announcements**

NPP position opening  
Nickole Cheron took a position through OEHR so will have that opening soon too.  
Budget update list – change grants to say restore not increase

**Budget Work Session**

- Community budget forums
- Prioritization, would like to have a discussion here about what our priorities are currently.
- Highlight that Administrative Assistant position is new
  - Bureau Director offices typically have an admin support person to do basic admin and also do scheduling and support for director and to operations (HR and finance administrative burden).
- Accessibility fund - resources to remove barriers and make meetings accessible

- Strategic budget planning - long range plan and funding to advance it with order that makes sense and balances with equity.
- Youth – had 10 grants to schools to do antiviolence work. Were doing summits for youth that drew several hundred youth but lost grant funding so identified a way to continue the work in a more efficient way. Small grants allow to draw many more youth.
- Neighborhood grants – started in 2008, to encourage partnerships to improve livability, increase civic engagement, and directly fund projects. Many involve neighborhood associations and many partnerships. Funding has fluctuated, most recently funded \$100,000 which is base minimum to sustain program and is offered as a cut this year but is a priority. Top priority asking not to be cut, and 2b increases it back to amount in 2009.
- DCL - continues its second year of pilot. There are still a lot of needs for some fully funded DCL partners, some groups not ready for larger amount or have project needs for funding. The idea of the pilot to see how it works and to determine if it should be a permanent component of this work.
- Pilot engagement around housing emergency - \$10m Housing allotted to tackle affordable housing crisis. There is a need to ensure proper public engagement in how the \$10m is spent.
- Grant coordination – CNIC 75% goes out the door, the more grants increase, the higher the burden on Brian and his staff and Amy/Ops – need somebody focused on admin paperwork to do grants.
- PIAC Assistant Program Specialist – building city capacity to engage with community, policy and practice to ensure that city is ready to meaningfully engage with community. Staff PIAC, technical assistance to bureaus. Effort to make more consistent how bureaus interact with the public. Also closely engaged on Equity efforts, inclusive and diverse public involvement is the cornerstone. Many more requests than one person can support.
- Youth Development Assistant Program Specialist – match the county’s commitment. Similarly, a one-person program, split between the higher level thinking and leadership development work as well as administrative. Position would pick up support for logistics.
- Crime Prevention – housed at 47<sup>th</sup> and E Burnside – in a facility that is locked, not always somebody available when come to the door. Admin duties, etc. are needed.
- Generally, ONI focuses on getting dollars out the door and when there are cuts, we look where we can take internally. It takes a toll and we are starting to feel the burden of managing the workload of getting those dollars out the door.

## Group report outs

- Grants – not a lot of money but has huge multiplier effect. Provides impetus to start programs that go on and have great impact on the community. Starts with one project and grows. Priorities expressed but need has gone unmet.
- Strategic budget – lay out over time how ONI moves towards strategic goals. Maintain priorities until they are fulfilled instead of rethinking every year. In depth investigation of real priorities rather than surface. Improves core capacity of bureau and partners. Foundation from which to ask for bigger dollars.
- Housing – effects everyone, urgent right now. Coordinate efforts among housing organizations, awareness of local services, and asset mapping. Engage people who are not engaged now. Tool to reach out to people not currently engaged.
- Accessibility fund – transportation, food and childcare. Have to be funded to get our community to participate. Our community is changing but leadership is not. To get people involved to be part of the conversations and some day be that leader. We have seen the impact of translation, seen at school with parents looking at the folders and understanding the information so they can engage. More opinions shared about everything. Translation should be a priority. Feel a part of it and welcome.
- Staff – move package as a whole, not broken down, but then apply the equity lens once there. Priority for single person programs. ONI is a bureau that is meant to support all those things we are talking about but would hate to see it collapse under the weight of all the work. Want City to adopt a broader definition of infrastructure, people capital of the city. One minor step forward in bureau in parity with rest of City.

## Votes

2a – Housing 14

2b – Grants 18

2c – Budget 4

2d – accessibility 17

2e – staffing 16

## Housing brainstorm

- Fund a group to do organizing across the groups working on houseless issues to have a more unified voice.
- Steering committee talked about it – partners (Coalition, DCL, Elders, RNW) and houseless groups. Partners would have different levels and roles. Don't want to divide evenly, want a plan for how to engage people and partners tapped for strengths and

funds would go out based on the plan and roles. Housing bureau would be one of the partners.

- Housing wants to meet to talk about where there are gaps. So many groups involved and would be great to have a way to coordinate that.
- .5 FTE to coordinate funds to those that are doing outreach and towards houseless groups too. Funds to partners to do some of this work without dropping other work we are doing.
- Don't have a collective storytelling mechanism.
- Stipend/accessibility to participate and tell their story

## Goals

- Clear communication with all of the partners that are or are not involved. Everyone is not at the table.
- To help involve community in expenditure of \$10M.
- Help build capacity in the community to respond to the influx of money and communicate how it would best work for us. Bridging so people can come in and help make the decisions.
- Expanding the number of people who are engaged in the issue. All represent different groups.
- RNW facilitate dialogues, CP re public safety, etc., get word out and empower people on how to be involved.
- Increase the impact of those involved. Engagement with strategic targeted aims.
- Want to facilitate community to be part of the solution to this problem. Current approach puts the community in opposition and this shifts that to be part of the solution.
- The issue is important and impacts everyone, not just current homeless. It dropped to 4 on the list, so what message does that send? But regardless of the position we put it on the list that it is Council's priority, so it may rise to the top.
- Candidates come out and say it's a priority but then once in office they forget those promises.

Home for Everyone Coordinating Board – (ask Mark who went) supported this concept.

Next meeting, we will begin to talk about strategy.