

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

April 11, 2016

In Attendance:

Katy Asher (SEUL), Barbara Bernstein (Elders in Action), Sylvia Bogert (SWNI), Lori Boisen (Division Midway Alliance, EPN), April Burris (Community member), Claire Carder (Maplewood NA), Karla Castaneda (Momentum Alliance), Kara Carmosino (APANO), Lew Church (PSU), Adriana Govea (EPAP), JoAnn Herrigel (Elders in Action), Debra Kolodny (Resolutions NW), Emily Larraga (EPAP), Tom Lewis (Centennial, EPAP member), Mary Loos (Downtown), Zack Mohamed (Unite Oregon – formerly CIO), Antonio Ramirez Subiria (Latino Network), Alison Stoll (CNN)

ONI Staff:

Amalia Alarcon de Morris (Director), Amy Archer (Livability/Operations), Richard Bixby (EPNO), Michael Boyer (Livability), Jacob Brostoff (Crime Prevention, AFSCME Local 189), Brian Hoop (CNIC), Theresa Marchetti (Livability), Victor Salinas (Livability), Doretta Schrock (NPNS), Teresa Solano (I&R)

Welcome and Introductions

General introductions, welcome, packages

- Zack introduced himself and announced that Center for Intercultural Organizing is now known as “Unite Oregon”.

Overview of Cut Worksheet

Initial questions

- Does the mayor see our requested, as well as City Budget Office recommendations?
- Is there a need for an overhead notes column?
- Regarding 5% cut versus City Budget Office recommendations, does that mean that 5% is not on the table?
- Will there be a cut from Crime Prevention?

Budget hearing

Everyone that signed up to testify was able to speak, about 40 people total. Things that were brought up were perennial issues, Buckman Pool, Sellwood Community Center, and preschool funding. New Portlander representatives were able to speak, and spoke to ONI’s budget. There will be another budget hearing tomorrow, on SE 130th and Foster.

Strategy – Talking Points

- Grants are doing great work, but we don't know the stories. Would love to collect the stories so that people can meet with Commissioners and hear specific stories. This would be very compelling and helpful.
- Numbers about leveraging of dollars from grants – way behind on getting spreadsheets from Coalitions. Aggregate of prior years would be helpful.
- Have Coalitions gotten people together from awardees and bring people to talk about their projects? Sylvia takes talking points and makes it brief, then sends out to all their prior recipients to get them to send in messages. Typically, 5-6 times the amount awarded.
- Helpful to have a report from the Commissioner to give input after the meeting. Commissioner wants the presentation and then she will give feedback on what was most helpful and what to highlight and tailor for Commissioners.
- Brian shared list of who is going to Commissioner Fritz
 - Zack, Jacob, Lexi Moyer, Shiva Baradwaj, MYC, Young Sun, Chai Cha, Paul Flint with CCC/Graffiti, Portland Policy Council, Momentum Alliance, Board Chair CNN Doug Fasching.
 - Barb and Joanne reached out to Fish office – May 17th. Fish will be at the EIA Gala. They will also call Saltzman.
- Brian sent out a sign up to get a list of people that may be interested in attending, he would like people to highlight a specific commissioner.
- Mark asked about small grants stories since NWNW hasn't had grants recently
 - Focus story on partnership and expanding capacity building of DCL and coalition, stories that counter his question at the work session.
- CP position that might be lost is the least senior people, which are Spanish speaking, also focus on non-traditional organizing particularly with communities of color.
- Accessibility fund is an important piece, advocacy for important needs for every bureau, not just ONI.

Housing package

People were under the impression there would be meetings with Housing. Some did meet with Housing and Home for Everyone. There was an agreement that they could do a better job and talked of potential of shifting some of the services they are doing at the County. They have a lot of people serving on advisory committees and there is a plan to map out committees, and who is on them, and give some advice. They looked forward to seeing a more detailed proposal.

- Would like that information to come back to the BAC so that if new opportunities are available that members could participate. However, there may not be spaces left.
- Overview of Housing package that provides more detail. Read the CBO review of the package and was concerned that their belief that having an advisory committee counts as broad plan for engagement.

Package and Proposal

Elders are a population particularly impacted by the housing crisis. We have been advocating a lot for a shared housing project. Would like to offer EIA services, because they have a lot to bring to the table and want to share their services. Did not call out as a funded partner but there is funding for events. Coalition Directors met with the Mayor's chief of staff to find out what was happening and felt that there were unsatisfactory answers. There is very little outreach and AHFE is being treated as the advisory committee, but are not given direct roles for what they are doing in the community. There is a vacuum in public information and public involvement. AHFE does not have the job of going out into the community to find out what all of our constituencies want and need. This would create a framework that does not exist.

Steering committee met and discussed. NWNW board chair, then Mark spoke with various partners and started to craft this summary. It is not complete but there is a framework. Mark distributed a flier regarding a forum next Wednesday. The Mayor's language would call it homelessness but they will be adopting the term houselessness, because they feel that is more appropriate. Even if we don't get the package, the concept is still out there that this is an important piece. If we got the funding, it would be a joint project between DCL and Coalitions.

Graffiti – would cut 1/3 services provided to the community. The program provides enforcement and a service. Priorities are hate graffiti and people that cannot afford removal. This would also hurt the capacity for volunteer building. They have already lost police resources, so stronger enforcement is a challenge. This would cut services to the most vulnerable populations.

Police shift isn't a cut, but staffing issues will redirect services. A point needs to be made that with Police refocused and our services being reduced, that it is cutting our programs doubly.

In regards to the housing proposal, ONI would like to provide support to staff and organizations, giving them the connections to do this work in support of the emerging effect. There is a need to identify a group of people to reach out and connect with Housing to advocate for this package.

- Volunteers
 - Lori suggested an advocate from Community of Parkrose
 - April, Richard, Mark, Barbara, Joanne, Antonio

Commissioner is distressed that there was not much of an ONI turnout. Sending letters is encouraged since this is the Mayor's final legacy year.