

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

December 5, 2016

In Attendance:

Commissioner Amada Fritz, Allison Stoll (CNN), Sylvia Bogert (SWNI), Cupid Alexander (Portland Housing Bureau), Tom Lewis (EPAP), Eliza Lindsay (EPNO), Barbara Bernstein (Elders in Action), Debra Kolodny (Resolutions Northwest), Doretta Schrock (NPNS), Katy Asher (SEUL), Octaviano Mercial-Cuevas (Latino Network), JoAnn Herrigel (Elders in Action), Jan Campbell (Portland Commission on Disability), Mireaya Medina (SEUL), Claire Carder (DRAC), Emily Lai (Momentum Alliance), Amira Streeter (Urban League of Portland), Kayse Jama (Unite Oregon), Alan Hipolito (Verde), Judy Low (Lents NA)

ONI Staff:

Theresa Marchetti (Livability Manager), Stephanie Reynolds (Crime Prevention Manager), Nicholas Carroll (Noise Control Program), Teresa Solano (Information & Referral), Mary Schneider (Executive Assistant), Michelle Rodriguez (Management Analyst), Joanne Johnson (Disability Program Coordinator), Jeri Jimenez (DCL Program Coordinator), Brian Hoop (CNIC Manager), Michael Kersting (Financial Analyst)

Welcome and Introductions

General introductions, welcome

Program Overview Exercise

Each person paired off with someone who's program they're less familiar with and shared program or organizational overviews, typical activities and/or services, and successes this past year. Everyone reported back on partners with larger group.

Budget Updates

City income not keeping up with the pace of the City. Will be looking at equity issues to help us think broadly when advocating for our budget, in regards to budget cuts. Mayor Elect Wheeler would like to identify his budget priorities, advising us to look at 5% reduction of General Funds and a minimum 1% reduction of ongoing expenses.

FY 2017-18 Budget Guidance

Principles:

- Maintain and upgrade critical infrastructure
- Prepare for an economic slowdown

Priorities:

- Public safety
- Affordable housing
- Transportation infrastructure

Open and Accountable Elections proposal is going to Council.

Overview of budget materials provided, review all tabs including the binder. Please review included presentation. Next meeting Judith Mowry will go over the Budget Equity Assessment Tool.

Next meetings:

- Monday, December 12th, 5:30 PM, Portland Building Room C
- Tuesday, January 3rd, 5:30-8:30pm – Location TBD
- Monday, January 9th, 5:30-8:30pm – Location TBD
- Tuesday, January 17th, 5:30-8:30pm – Location TBD
- Monday, January 23rd, 5:30-8:30pm – Location TBD

Commissioner Fritz will not be at December 12th meeting but will be at each meeting in January.

Looking for other locations to host January meetings. Suggestions of hosting at IRCO or APANO. Will be sure look into accommodations and public transit when determining a location.

Other suggestions for follow up:

- Catholic Charities
- Ride Connection
- Kenton Fire House
- NAYA
- Unite Oregon

Community Input for Budget

We are looking for suggestions for improving community engagement in ONI's BAC process. Some people are unable to come to our meetings, but we would like to better engage the public. Review current list handed out, compiled by CNIC staff. DCL programs have a lot of new staff (directors and organizing staff) and have not been a part of the process yet. Steering Committee will help determine priorities.

Other suggestions:

- More language accessibility
- Spending more time on visioning and rethinking
- In depth BAC orientation for new members/staff
- Educating other elected officials
- Streamline the process for those of us that have done this year after year
- Find a way for people who cannot attend meetings to provide input
- Get people the information rather than waiting for them to come to us
- Be sure to follow up with group, including outcomes
- Provide history on ONI and BAC

ONI and Partner Organizations' Response to Recent Elections

We are a Sanctuary State, taking the step to become a Sanctuary City would be very meaningful but could impact the City budget overall. City employees are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients, would like to make sure that employees and other community members are safe from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). We should engage churches, synagogues, etc. when determining how to make Portland a Sanctuary City.

How do we support each other and coordinate response in response to possible hate crimes, immigrant/refugee community needs? There is the possibility of community requests for specific actions seeking ONI and/or City support. Need to be able to address growing vulnerabilities resulting from the election. ONI has participated in the past in addressing hate crimes.

- Data collection
- Hate crimes that are reported to programs/coalitions, filter into one system managed by ONI
- Listing of safe places in the City
- Create a sense of confidence, provide a safe space
- Project anti-hate language and policies
- Emergency management, provide a sense of urgency
- Connect with community members, draw everyone closer together
- Brainstorm visioning process
- Crime Prevention to participate, specifically related to fear of crime
- Uncertainty of where the hate is coming from next
- Safe houses, or symbol to recognize unification
- People, including children, living in fear – need to send out positive message of unity in Portland

Verde would like to begin working with ONI staff to collect a group to begin meeting to identify what can be done to identify and address these issues. An invite will be sent to those that attended the meeting tonight to gauge who would be interested.

Announcements

Spirit of Portland - Tuesday, December 13th, 6:00pm at Double Tree Hotel