

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

January 23, 2017

In Attendance:

Commissioner Eudaly, Dave Austin (Commissioner Eudaly's Office), Commissioner Amanda Fritz, Roger Leachman (Goose Hollow), Alison Stoll (CNN), Yung Ouyang (City Budget Office), Sylvia Bogert (SWNI), Vanessa Dominguez (Momentum Alliance), Llondyn Elliot (Momentum Alliance), Karla Castaneda (Momentum Alliance), Octaviano Merecias (Latino Network), Adam Lyons (NECN), Jan Campbell (Portland Commission on Disability), Terry Dublinski-Milton (SEUL), Doretta Schrock (NPNS/NWNW), Katy Asher (SEUL), Tom Lewis (EPAP), Jill Erickson (Wilkes), Ahlam Osman (Multnomah Youth Commission), Fernanda Otero Gonzalez (Multnomah Youth Commission), Mark Sieber (NWNW), Cupid Alexander (Portland Housing Bureau), Mark Velky (Goose Hollow), Barbara Bernstein (Elders in Action), Joann Herrigel (Elders in Action), Kayse Jama (Unite Oregon), April Burris (Community Member), Debra Kolodny (Resolutions Northwest), Anne Dufay (SEUL), Richard Bixby (EPNO), Sophorn Cheang (IRCO), Judy Low (Lents), Donita Fry (NAYA), Natalya Sobolevskaya (Russian Speaking Network), Amira Streeter (Urban League), Lee Po Cha (IRCO), Robert Schultz (Lents), Tom Griffin-Valade (NPNS), Oscar Guerra-Vera (Unite Oregon), Mike Boyer (Clean & Safe)

ONI Staff:

Amalia Alarcon de Morris (Bureau Director), Amy Archer (Operations Manager), Mary Schneider (Executive Assistant), Brian Hoop (CNIC Manager), Stephanie Reynolds (Crime Prevention Manager), Michael Kersting (Financial Analyst), Joanne Johnson (Disability Program Coordinator), Juliette Muracchioli (Graffiti Abatement Program Coordinator), Michelle Rodriquez (Management Analyst), Andrea Marquez (Youth Development Program Coordinator), Theresa Marchetti (Livability Manager), Jeri Jimenez (DCL Program Coordinator), Ashley Horne (Public Involvement Best Practices Program Coordinator), Polo Catalani (New Portlanders Program Specialist), Linda Castillo (New Portlanders Program Specialist)

Welcome and Introductions

General introductions, welcome

Welcome from CNN Doug Fashing (CNN Board Chair) and a special welcome to Commissioner Fritz, Commissioner Eudaly, and Dave Austin. As well as a thank you to Alison and ONI staff for organizing the meeting.

Opening statement from Commissioner Eudaly. She is a fan of the neighborhood association/coalition system and civic engagement. She is excited to match names to faces and wants to hear from the people who are doing the work in our community.

Opening statement from Dave Austin. He has been a Portland resident for 31 years, and has worked 8 years at Multnomah County. He is now working for Commissioner Eudaly's, and is the

liaison for ONI. The challenge at hand is to figure out how to do more with less and he would like to establish connections with neighborhood associations/coalitions.

Gave Commissioner Eudaly and Dave Austin a brief summary on ONI's history and budget, stressing that we are here to build each other up, and often work to do more with what we have. It can be challenging when deciding on cuts but we always stand behind our decision, and each other, in the end.

Revisit Cut Package

Review proposed cuts

1% Cut \$84,407

4% Cut \$337,628

Total 5% Cut \$422,035

1% - Total 84,407

New Portlander convert to Overhead \$74,120

Graffiti Materials and Services \$10,287

4% - Total 337,628

Graffiti Program Elimination \$327,628

Special Projects/ONI General \$10,000

There are many fundamental issues within city government. We want to be able to engage people of color and show them how to get involved in decision making related to equity and inclusion. The process and practices should reflect the whole city because it is an open process, not one person's decision.

The BAC is largely a volunteer group and it can be a challenge to get everyone together, but we are a committed group. We would like direction and to know if any significant changes need to be made. Commissioner Eudaly stated that she is here tonight to specifically listen to the BAC.

10 years ago, not everyone was represented, especially people of color. Therefore, DCL had been developed. The average Portlander does not know how to engage with the City Government. ONI represents engagement, including consulting other bureaus. We want to help those people who want to create change in their communities but don't know how.

The reasoning behind our cut recommendation is to propose to cut something that would hopefully be saved. We did exercise, as directed, with 1% being most likely, and readily doable without harming staff or programs. We have done exercises in the past of all the ONI programs, and what is core to mission, and the Graffiti Program has come in low.

The 1% cut package includes moving the New Portlanders Program to overhead funding since, multiple bureaus use their services. Graffiti has a large materials and services budget and with

the cut we may not be able to continue to provide free services to property owners for education. We would focus more on gaining more volunteers and enforcement.

The Graffiti Program is a complaint based system and some parts of town are more aware of our services than others. We do have data on where we are cleaning up and can create a map but the program goal is to reach as many communities as possible and give them access to our services. There has been a lack of reports since there has been less police enforcement and this has had a large impact. There has been a lot of support from BAs and NAs.

There has been rapid response to hate graffiti and people sense the climate and they want to do something about it. We have been encouraging people to report hate graffiti to the Graffiti Program so that people can be sent to clean it up as soon as possible.

There are not a lot of places to make cuts within a small bureau like ONI. Luckily our community is engaged with ONI's budget. We have to make difficult decisions and don't always like what we propose, but we have to put forward the best thing that we can. This group is very committed and many would like a chance to sit down with Commissioner and ask where support is wanted. Our partnership goes beyond turning in the budget request.

Review Add Packages

It is possible that the Mayor will not be entertaining many add packages, but we have done some brainstorming of a list of add packages and estimated funding.

- New Portlander Program Specialist, \$110,000
- Public Involvement Best Practices Program staff support, \$95,000
- Noise/Liquor OSSII, revenue 65,000
- Hate Graffiti Reporting and Education/Outreach Campaign
- Expand funding for community grants, \$250,000
- Funding to move CNIC towards equity, \$150,000-250,000
- Disability Leadership Academy, \$25,000
- Youth Development Program admin support, \$50,000
- ONI Accommodations Fund, \$100,000
- Facilitating for Equitable, Strategic, and Sustainable Success, \$150,000
- Strategic planning process to update 5-year plan to increase community involvement, \$150,000
- Hate crime response

When deciding on an add package to put forward we need to determine if it furthers our equity goals, follows the Mayor's priorities, and follows our audit recommendations.

More info on specific packages:

Expand funding for Community Grants (Neighborhood, DCL, Youth)

Community grants were started many years ago, and have often gone away and come back. The funding now is about \$106,000 and the demand is high, as is the cost of admin to manage the grants. Coalitions have worked hard to make connections and engage with others. Many grants are going to those with low income, disabilities, and people of color. This gives NAs and Coalitions a chance to work with communities that they don't normally work with.

Funding to move community neighborhood involvement center towards equity

This includes staffing needs for EPNO, and our Youth and Disability programs, as well as outreach.

Hate crime response

We all maintain collective values around inclusion and protecting our people. We need to look at what can we do to address the fact that hate crimes are skyrocketing. We would like to propose a model to offer grants to 6-8 organizations to respond to hate crimes. Examples include: a hotline, helping people to navigate through the criminal justice system, having restorative dialogues, providing a remedy and accountability, and education and transformation, including trainings.

Announcements

To contact ONI's liaison to Commissioner Eudaly, email Dave Austin at:

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Next BAC meeting

Monday February 13, 2017 at 5:30pm City Hall, Lovejoy Room