



Bureau Advisory Committee Meeting

🏠 VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING:
📅 Tuesday, November 16th, 2020
🕒 5:30 – 7:00pm

2020-2021 Civic Life BAC Members:

ATTENDED:

Leina Gonzalez Baird, Katherine Couch, Daniel Franco-Nunez, Adam Lyons, Manijeh Mehrnoosh, Stan Penkin, Kimberléa Ruffu, Meron Semere, Christina Weinholz,

ABSENT: Jose Gomez (excused), Abdi Mohamed, Enrique Zegarra

NOTES:

City of Portland Budgeting Overview Angela Butel presentation (attached slides)

Review of Civic Life Budget over three years: Discussion of confusion about “one-time” funds, ie sometimes a one-time project will come through a program, but it does not increase the program (ie Census dollar going to CNIC) Question: Can we expand this to include more details? Sure

Summary and major issues:

Given Civic Engagement infrastructure, how do we ensure supporting existing and new organizations in our Civic Life ecosystem?

1. Community Safety:

- [Federal Reserve Chair Katherine Powell](#): “The pandemic has provided insight to policing, poverty, and racism around the globe. It also revealed the vulnerabilities that were already there.” Why? It is connected to police violence and poverty also impacts BIPOC folks disproportionately. These systems have eroded the safety nets: access to food, healthcare, safety.
- Crime Prevention, which had critiques of undue bias and othering, was transformed into Community Safety which is focused on intentional community, building partnerships, and broadening the scope of safety like preparedness, youth development and investment, promoting belonging--focusing on care based systems not fear-based.

2. Immigrant and Refugee Program

- New Portlanders Commission has played a role in the City’s COVID relief effort, getting plugged into economic relief groups, advising especially in emergency-service mode like



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- food security coordination and helped develop the June’s Council anti-hate presentation.
3. Disabilities and Mental Health Program
 - Part of the Adapt to Impact program, the disability program has been leading efforts for accessible communications coming from the City: Communication Access Real Time. Also coordinates the larger civic education, civic events, and grant opportunity for folks to engage in government.
 4. DCL (Diversity and Civic Leadership)
 - Aims to address barriers for civic engagement for BIPOC community members around culturally competent leadership development. Also part of the broader policy-change level, grants to comm-based orgs like: IRCO, Latino Network, NAYA, Unite Oregon, Urban League, Momentum Alliance. These organizations are very well connected and have strong relationships with community and are collaborating with ECC sharing language, advocacy for city/state/federal wide resources like the Oregon Workers Relief Fund, Oregon Cares Fund. Becomes Civic home for perspective communities, but the City doesn’t invest as much as we should. We need to broaden, expand it?
 5. Graffiti Program
 - Program is “one-stop shop” for graffiti related issues, responding to all reported, by email, phone and PDX Reporter. Provide free and reduced cost biz/nonprofit with 10 or fewer employees and any residential locations, with some exceptions. Coordinate many of volunteer coordination removal, community cleanup program and connecting property owners with Portland Street Art Alliance for murals. Volume of graffiti has increased this year, been ongoing strategy how to prioritize what?
 - City-wide multi bureau cleanup effort (especially after demonstrations). Track removal efforts, (ie Oregon History).
 - Developing plan for hiring women/minority owned for contracting.

QUESTIONS:

- Question about onboarding (re: equity lens, anti-racist core-values) for Neighborhood Associations?
 - City Funded programs—requests from community, offers of partnership, lots of discussions, but not a lot of accountability or change when it comes to resource allocation for this work.