

**ONI BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Summary Notes**  
**March 12, 2007**

**Attendees:** Amalia Alarcon, Liesl Wendt, Sylvia Bogert, Michael Kersting, Anne Dufay, John Dutt, Cece Hughley-Noel, Carol Justice, Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong, Stephanie Reynolds, Tom Schaper, Doretta Schrock, Mark Sieber, Alison Stoll, Eric King, and Chris Sheesley.

**Community Connect/ONI Budget Clarification**

Leisl made a presentation to update members about the status of the Community Connect project. She led participants through a 4-point question and answer sheet. (See "Community Connect and ONI's Budget Frequently Asked Questions – March 11, 2007 - Draft)

**Commissioner Debriefs & Council Presentation**

Amalia shared feedback regarding the preliminary, informal presentations to Commissioners.

**ACTION ITEM:** *March 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm in Council Chambers; Budget Team Meetings with the Adams/Leonard team. Please attend to demonstrate support for the packages.*

**Mayor's prioritization exercise**

The BAC developed a response to the 3-2-07 memo from the Mayor directing the BAC to develop specific recommendations on a 4 point scale. The BAC made the following decisions:

- Three items moved from on-going funding to one-time funding requests:
  1. Cultural Organizing Project
  2. Development of Performance Indicators
  3. Increase Neighborhood Grants Program
- One item was moved back to on-going funding
  1. Translation & Childcare Services

The strategy was to try to ensure funding in this cycle for initiatives that might benefit from gathering useful performance indicators to enhance the fundability of the initiatives in future budgets.

The BAC explored the best approach to ranking items in compliance with the Mayor's directives. The group decided to place the top two items (e.g. Crime Prevention & Additional Coalition Staffing Resources) as "high" priorities and to

place remaining items into the “medium” category. The group felt that they have already gone through extensive revisions and prioritization exercises and that the remaining proposals reflect actual priorities rather than a wish list.

***ACTION ITEMS:*** Cece will draft a letter advocating for the group’s effort to balance the right budget for ONI with the Mayor’s requested prioritization process.

### **Reports from Subcommittee Meetings**

(See following handouts: a) ONI Budget Advisory Committee: Neighborhoods Small Grants Program Subcommittee February 22, 2007, b) ONI Budget Advisory Committee: Coalition Staffing Subcommittee February 26, 2007, c) ONI Budget Advisory Committee: Cultural Organizing Project Subcommittee February 26, 2007.

Eric gave a review of the Funding Formula Subcommittee. This group decided to look at all funding mechanisms for the Coalitions to determine base funding (e.g. “What does it take to open the doors of a Coalition office?”). Their goal is to develop a justifiable, rational funding formula.

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting is on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30.

In-Accord Inc will continue to serve as facilitator.

Agenda Items will include:

- Reports from substantive subcommittees
- More strategic planning
- Review of above action items