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Introduction

The purpose of this packet is to offer further opportunity for neighborhoods to network and learn from one another. It is a summary identified by participating neighborhood leaders of key themes and priority issues of importance to their Neighborhood Associations and communities. It will be distributed to all attendees of the Neighborhood Association Summit, Coalition staff, City Commissioners, and the Mayor. It will also be sent to all neighborhood association chairs that were not represented at the summit. Some people may find it to be more information than needed, but many attendees voiced the interest in hearing what happened in the other workshops. For this reason, very little editing took place when the information was collated. The Table of Contents will act as a avenue to prioritize your interests.



Neighborhood Association Summit Schedule

Sat., Jan. 29th; 9 AM to 3:30 PM, Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol
City of Portland, Office of Neighborhood Involvement, 823-4519

- 9 - 9:30 AM Registration –coffee and bagels
- 9:30 - 9:45 AM Welcome – David Lane
- 9:45 - 10:30 AM Small Group Breakouts:
- Who you are, what neighborhood are you from?
 - What neighborhood association accomplishment are you most proud of in the past year?
 - What challenges are you facing in your N.A.?
- 10:30 AM Break
- 10:45 - 11:15 AM Guest Speaker, Commissioner Charlie Hales
- 11:15 - 12: 15 AM Session I :
- Let's talk: Newsletters, web, phonetrees, listserves
 - Making Room at the Table: Increasing participation & diversity
 - Tapping into community assets to strengthen N.A.s
- 12:15 - 1:15 PM Lunch Provided
Guest speaker, Commissioner Dan Saltzman
- 1:15 - 2:15 PM Session II : (topics and schedule may change)
- Happenings: Organizing great community events
 - Making sense: Open meeting rules and Robert's Rules
 - Our heroes: Great volunteers build great N.A.s
- 2:15 - 3:00 PM Small Group Breakouts:
- What do you see as the top project for your neighborhood association in the next year?
 - How can the Office of Neighborhood Involvement best help you meet your neighborhood association goals?
- 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Conclusion –David Lane
- 3:30 PM Adjourn

Accomplishments and Challenges Neighborhood Associations faced in past 1 to 2 years (from morning small group breakout)

Accomplishments and challenges are sorted by neighborhood without staff trying to differentiate between the two. Some comments may be in the wrong neighborhood, because of configuration of small groups.

Alameda

- Neighborhood Clean-up.
- Installing speed bumps.
- Need to broaden participation of neighbors.
- Tree planting projects.
- Downspout Disconnect program.

Arbor Lodge

- Affordable housing and community organizing with low/moderate income people.

Arlington Heights

- Tri-Met commuter access to Zoo parking lot.
- Holocaust Memorial siting - no consultation with neighborhood - Litigation begun.
- Siting new fire station in Sylvan neighborhood.
- Washington Park improvements - city got great neighborhood input.

Ashcreek

- Revitalizing SW Community Plan - working out where development can occur, given geographical features, subsurface, H2O issues, etc. Association did a great job.

Planning Commission was “obstacle”. We drew density vs. habitat map.

- Difficulties arising from street development and money from the city for projects.
- Saving green spaces.
- Barbur Blvd. Triangle - no parking to use public transit and congestion issues.
- Crime issues.

Beaumont-Wilshire

- Beaumont Middle School - planting, pruning, redesign of trees.
- North University Park – closing of a drug apartment/house.
- Knowing neighbors. Camaraderie is best outcome.
- Merlot porch had 12 arrests. Problems with individual.

Boise

- Good Neighborhood Agreement with Housing Our Families.
- Nonprofit accountability.
- Guiding development to avoid ghettoization.
- Opening of overpass.

Bridlemile-Robert Gray

- Play space for kids in Albert Kelly Park.

Buckman

- Find resources for challenging the residential facility siting.
- Involving more neighbors.
- Third year of challenging zoning expansion of residential facility, Out Front House.

Cathedral Park

- Maintaining an active board.
- Partnering with St. John Neighborhood Association and Boosters.
- Increase membership/involvement/effectiveness in govt. structure
- Improving how meetings are conducted.
- Synergy/coordinating with adjacent Neighborhood Associations.
- Sponsoring the cultural festival in Cathedral Park.

Centennial

- June '99 reopening of fire station that was closed May '98.
- How to manage density.

Central Northeast Neighbors Coalition

- Neighbors present a solid united front for issues.
- Celebrate cultural diversity.
- Airport noise and expansion.
- Density and in-fill housing.
- Funding.

Collins View

- Action Plan for development and implementation of the Southwest Community Plan. Temporarily stopped undesirable zoning.
- Piecemeal implementation of neighborhood plan.
- Lewis & Clark College - final city approval of plan addressing traffic & noise issues.
- Creek stewardship, water shed issues, working closely with Tryon Creek.
- Riverdale High School issues.

- Franciscan Renewal Center, worry about degrading neighborhood and zoning.

Concordia

- Private/Public Classes at Kennedy School.
- National Night Out at Alberta Park.
- Improved relationship with Concordia University.

Corbett-Terwilliger-Lair Hill

- Increasing awareness of neighborhood citizens about city government.
- Working toward implementing vision and fundraising development.
- Welcome film industry into neighborhood.
- Working with Tri-Met.
- French School Issues.

Crestwood

- Started SIEGE to Stop porn/red light district near schools and churches. Coming into abandoned buildings. Castle Superstore - 500 kids pass every day on way to school.
- Woods Park - turned into trails. Gates because kids going into during school.
- 3 acres for neighborhood parks.
- Newsletter.
- Great Town Hall - 600 people showed up.
- Police attend neighborhood meetings each month.
- HGR 52-option may zone federal guidelines-not within 500 feet of schools and churches. Get other neighborhoods involved with issue.
- Traffic on Barbur Blvd.
- Land use issues.

Cully

- Have had a Neighborhood Plan in place for 10 years.
- Joined Schools Uniting Neighborhood plan. Connections with Wrigley School.
- Clothing for needy families.
- Adult shared language exchange.
- Diversity of cultures, infrastructure, poverty and livability.
- Airport noise and pollution.
- Booze outlets and dancing.
- Difficulties and anger with in-fill process - new flag lots etc.

Downtown Community Association

- Not attached to a coalition. Inadequate funding for parking.
- Need crime prevention committee and Youth Task Force.
- Would like to have an office and coalition support.
- Revitalized group.
- Have started a land use group.
- Stopped parking garage, created new Park Block on SW Taylor!
- Forming Neighborhood Association.

East Columbia

- Newsletter started-3 issues out.
- First annual neighborhood clean-up.
- Forming city-wide forum to deal with airport issues.
- Increasing membership and participation.
- Airport noise, PDX Raceway and Meadows noise, traffic from Expo.

Eastmoreland

- Reed College parking.
- In-fill park design.

Elliot

- NE Broadway and NE Fremont areas are issues.
- Completed Superfund cleanup of Grant Warehouse on MLK Jr. Blvd. We arranged summit with City, Fed, DEQ, community. Led to task force to address problem.
- Lots of in-fill development. No matching height character.
- Concern more about design than increased density.
- Gentrification increasing, home prices and displacement.
- Light rail on Interstate Ave., Urban Renewal District.

Goose Hollow

- Impact Civic Stadium will have on neighborhood, parking, traffic.

Forest Park

- Spring Neighborhood Clean-up.

Foster-Powell

- Initiating social services siting.
- Budget \$50,000.00 for fence around cemetery.
- New traffic island at library-school.
- Neighborhood association building membership and implementing siting guidelines.
- Building identity; improvements on the boulevards.

Hayden Island

- Portland International Raceway – developing a defense.
- West End – Port of Portland development.
- Traffic, truck noise.

Hayhurst

- Encouraging participation in the face of city/bureau disregard.

Hillsdale

- Stop South Portland circulation project.
- Sidewalk improvements.
- Siting of Hillsdale light rail.
- SW Portland Trails Project.
- Fundraising.
- Neighborhood plan.
- Working with the city to site a library.

Hillside

- Acquisition, fix-up, utilization of new “Hillside Center,” part of the Parks Bureau.
- Problems with transportation access/traffic.
- Petty crime.
- Issue of whether the City is following its own administrative rules in building codes.

Homestead

- Parkway protection in Terwilliger corridor.
- Balancing neighborhood needs/plan with OHSU.
- OHSU/transportation mitigation process.
- Traffic- substandard roads with high volume, Hamilton St. intersection.
- Building the member base with phone tree, newsletter, fliers, and a dedicated core.
- Stormwater issues.
- Homestead master plan – mission statement. “Abundance of nature.”

Humbolt

- Transition to new leadership.
- Got web site.

- Did successful neighborhood clean up.
- Got target grant for Albina and Killingsworth neighborhood improvements.
- Interstate MAX line, urban renewal. How nearby density changes will affect us.

Irvington

- Rapid growth.
- Home tour fundraiser, for 18 years.

Kenton

- Forced MERC/EXPO to create city-wide Master Plan & enviro impact statement.

Kerns

- BHCD Target area grant and volunteers.
- Kerns Improvement Committee doing excellent work (1 staff, lots of volunteers).
- Great National Night Out Picnic.
- Getting more people involved.
- Revitalizing Neighborhood Association.
- Plaza in Kerns and community network in Kerns.

King

- Encouraging involvement.
- Affordable housing and quality housing.
- Decentralization.
- More communication.
- Fundraising.
- Neighborhood clean-up.
- Holes in project funding for Alberta Streetscape Project.

Laurelhurst

- Community-wide waste clean-up.

- Traffic Calming Process implemented.
- Very active board.
- Neighborhood-wide survey of needs.
- Maintain neighborhood integrity of residential homes composition.
- Traffic/density issues.
- Increasing neighborhood involvement.

Lents

- Strong outreach to the neighborhood.
- Active land-use committee.
- Momentum on Town Center development.
- Relocation of Little League.
- Piecemeal development.
- Positive work relationship between city/neighborhood/developers
- Public Involvement in education
- Participation in neighborhood

Madison South

- Spirit of Portland Award. Chosen neighborhood of the year.
- “Day in the Park” at Hancock Park and Rocky Butte Park big successes.
- Adopt a Cop program – have 8. Better linkages between police and community.
- Fantastic newsletter.
- Madison South Teacher of the Year Award.
- Funds for Plaques for Rocky Butte.
- Art contest for neighborhood school kids - winner is newsletter logo for one year.
- Created fun, positive events.

Maplewood

- Maintaining neighborhood character.
- Communication and involvement.
- Getting a secretary on board.

Mill Park

- Losing parkland to East Portland Community Center as part of a park trade.
- Challenges to Gateway 2000 – Mall 205 Project 20 year plan.
- Fast track planning programs not allowing neighborhood input. Need more notice.
- Discomfort with Southeast plan. Concerned with rewrite of zoning code.
- Want to broaden base.
- Educate ourselves about how overlaying city rules affect neighborhood.

Montavilla

- Regular meetings, newsletters, neighborhood clean-ups.

Mt. Scott-Arleta

- Harvest Carnival/Festival - had 5 organizations involved.
- Porn shops and row houses-don't get letters about land-use changes.
- Newsletter- have 5 people who work on it.

Mt. Tabor

- Newsletter – professional editor and designer. People buy adds.
- Mt. Tabor Park – lots of issues. Worked out a master plan.
- Traffic data mapped out for 5 years. Holding neighborhood workshops.
- Speed bumps – working on balance.

- Development – what goes in. Existing laws do not provide for needs.
- Policy development in city important.

Multnomah

- 400 people active in the neighborhood association.
- Fought city in positive way: Local Improvement District, SW Community Plan.
- Food Bank.
- Affordable housing-maintain existing stock.

Northwest Industrial Neighborhood Association

- Completion of Neighborhood Plan. Cost was underwritten by NW Businesses.
- Have neighborhood plan approved by City Council.
- Continue to be a good neighbor.

North Portland Neighborhood Services

- 1999 City employee of the year award.

NW District Association

- Policy plan approved for 10 year project.
- Livability, traffic, noise, litter, and zoning changes.
- Diversity.
- Wish to get policy plan adopted by city and funded.
- Long range plan for Civic Stadium.

Old Town/Chinatown

- Lots of new residents.
- Retaining historic/ethnic background.
- Working to prevent drugs, other crime.

- Looking for livability, healthier environment.
- Turning the negative perception of Old Town around.
- Neighborhood Plan.

Pearl

- Height, F.A.R., parking.
- Maintain board members, a diverse group of businesses, residents, and interests.
- Established a web site. People looking at it.
- Livability Committee.
- Want people who work in Pearl District to be involved. Need recruitment ideas.
- Traffic, graffiti, land use – lots of building. Area highly developed.
- Many times reactive rather than proactive due to time constraints.

Piedmont

- Rosemont property development for affordable housing.
- Interstate Light Rail. Urban Renewal District Plan.
- Increased dollars needed for neighborhood association outreach.

Richmond

- Control of where we live-promote/organize all residents to be involved.
- Participation depends on housing situation, less involvement in public housing.
- Aesthetics of common areas that promote involvement, i.e. bulletin boards.
- Consumerism vs. citizenship.

Sabin

- Business revitalization (15th and Fremont).
- Problem of gentrification.

- Organize neighborhood into clubs i.e. garden, benevolent, computer, etc.
- Retaining a library.
- Reuse of Tradewell property.
- Nature's NW/Fremont & 13th and 14th, traffic and deliveries.
- Transportation issues.
- Neighborhood School.

Sellwood/Moreland

- Dealing with the city.
- Getting new people involved.
- Communication.
- Developed revenue generator.
- Historical resources.

Southeast Uplift Program

- Internal Board/administration, neighborhood advocacy vs. city consulting.

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.

- SW Community Plan.
- SW News, great paper.

Sullivan's Gulch

- Broadway-Weidler Project (LID).
- Working with homeless populations to find solutions.
- Litter and graffiti removal (foot patrols).
- Community involvement – block party, tree planting.
- Fred Meyer – Good Neighbor Agreement.

Sumner

- Annual area clean-up.
- Traffic calming.
- Crime issues.
- Transitional neighborhood. Absentee owners of rentals.
- Increase membership. Hard to get renters involved. Long term residents active.

- 1993 – elementary school closed, now kids bused, took away sense of community.
- Annual Halloween party - used to be held by elementary school. Reinstated by us.
- Killingsworth Ave., North I-205, 82nd, Sandy Blvd. Issues.
- Greenspace area alongside I-205. Competing issues of Tri-Met parking, ODOT and high grass, parks acquisition.

Sylvan/Highlands

- Fire house location siting.
- Work with Oregon Dept. of Transportation.
- Zoo lights, good neighbor agreement, parking at zoo.

Woodlawn

- Drug free zone.
- February tree planting.
- Urban design study.
- Bringing retail back.
- Alberta Park.
- National Night Out @ Alberta Park.
- Created community garden.

Woodstock

- Safety improvements.
- Challenge to maintain village character small businesses on boulevard.
- Tree planting and maintenance.
- Neighborhood plan.
- Getting new people involved.

Other General Accomplishments

(We were unable to identify which specific neighborhood these topics came from.)

- Annual National Night Out.
- Commercial revitalization.

- Completed and updated Policy Plan.
- WHIM – alternative intermodal transportation options.
- Drug Free Zone.
- Finding ways besides meetings to draw people in.
- Foot patrols.
- Fremont Fest street fair.
- Have various partnerships to combat crime.
- High attendance at community meetings.
- Historic District creation.
- Housing forum in NE.
- Land acquisition for parks.
- Monthly newsletter, paid for by ads, delivered to everyone by hand.
- Prevented development of one of Portland’s famous viewpoints.
- Neighborhood Banners.
- Neighborhood clean-up and separate hazardous materials event.
- Neighborhood newsletters expanded and strong.
- Not getting burned out.
- Partnership with corporations.
- Positive new housing and commercial developments.
- Redeveloping community character.
- Still participating in Southwest Community Plan.
- Stopped a huge building in an inappropriate place.
- Surveys as a recruitment tool.
- Tree planting.
- Used to feel isolated. Beginning to feel more connected.
- Willamette watershed downspout disconnect program.
- Working with Tri-Met.
- Workshop for first time homeowners.
- Abandoned cars in area.
- Adult businesses.
- All volunteers, no paid staff.
- Alleviate displacement, more affordable housing for first time homeowners.
- Blending increasing density with livability.
- Breakdown in communication between city and neighborhoods.
- Car crime not reported by residents because police don’t do anything.
- Child care.
- City taking advantage of fragmented neighborhood positions. Lack of opportunity to determine city-wide neighborhood position on specific issues.
- City, county, and METRO communicating via neighborhood newsletters.
- Committee and Board development.
- Conflict between residents and a soup kitchen, Sunnyside neighborhood.
- Construction in all neighborhoods.
- Dealing with in-fill and density.
- Density/development and housing issues.
- Developing Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan.
- Developing relationships with city.
- Developing/Land Use Issues.
- Director - education and volunteer training.
- Dirt roads.
- Drug houses.
- Environmental constraints.
- Fair distribution of social service agencies.
- Fighting to have influence on “done deals.”
- Funding for neighborhood association.
- Funding to pay for presentations.

Other General Challenges

(We were unable to identify which neighborhood these topics came from.)

- Get city to agree to let residents draw own zoning maps.
- Getting city to listen and respond.
- Getting people to meetings when there isn't a crisis.
- High rent prices driving people out.
- How to be heard.
- How to get renters involved and rental property owners.
- Impact possible new high school in district poses.
- Improve infrastructure and transportation in SW.
- Insufficient information, notice on planning, rezoning.
- Lack of communication – having a newsletter and distribution.
- Land use issues, how to use existing notification techniques.
- Land use review process.
- Livability – gentrification and displacement, public safety.
- Low turnout at meetings. Same people coming to meetings.
- Mitigation of large projects.
- More direct contact by city staff with specific neighborhoods.
- More frequent clean-ups.
- More interaction between government bureaus and neighborhood organizations.
- More outreach and education.
- More parks, preservation of the environment.
- More power to neighborhood associations, less hoops.
- Need more police response.
- Neighborhood agreements for code violations, noise, litter, etc.
- No bus service/have to pay for shuttle.
- Park and Ride facilities and illegal parking.
- Promoting residents desires at city level.
- Rapid change, gentrification.
- Reconnecting with city.
- Recruit more volunteers.
- Selective use and enforcement of city codes and plans.
- Southwest Community Plan.
- Storm water drainage.
- Title 34 zoning issues.
- Traffic management planning, less hoops. Encourage more transportation alternatives.
- Traffic, noise and parking.
- Urban renewal plans.
- Use of Good Neighbor Agreements.
- Water and sewer rate increases are a major problem.

Summary of Workshop Sessions

Session One

Let's talk Newsletters, web pages, phone trees, list-serves

Presenters:

Sylvia Bogert	Executive Director Southwest Neighborhoods Inc.
Tom Badrick	President of Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
Jere Retzer	Crestwood Neighborhood Association

Sylvia led off with a summary of how SWNI creates and distributes their coalition-wide newsletter. Discussion focused on production techniques and funding mechanisms including using paid advertising to cover some expense. Tom described the Sunnyside Neighborhood Newsletter and what was involved in its production. Jere explained how to set up a list serve. Southwest has found it to be a very good tool for facilitating discussions



on a variety of topics. Other coalitions and city officials monitor the SW List. The group also discussed web pages and agreed there was a need for a citywide web page with neighborhood information. They also would like to see the ONI directory on the ONI web page. Tom also described how he set up the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association hotline and its function.

Making Room at the Table: Increasing Participation and Diversity

Presenters:

Michelle Neal	Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. Board member
Susan Hamilton	Madison South Neighborhood Association
Lisa Horn	Peninsula Community Development Corporation
Billy Taylor	Downtown Community Association
Frank Bird	Neighbors West/Northwest

Identifying strategies for involving and reaching out to new neighbors and under-represented constituencies was on the minds of many summit participants. Susan Hamilton spoke of building relationships with area schools to reach young adults and using art contests as an avenue to understand their connection to the neighborhood. Michelle spoke of the importance of developing strategic outreach plans, identifying who is part of the community, meeting with school, church and other community organizations. Other speakers shared their experiences in reaching out to renters, low-income residents, and young adults/college students.

Finding Gems: Tapping into community assets to build Neighborhood Associations

Presenters:

Mary Jaron Kelley	Board of Portsmouth Vision 20/20 and Staff NPNS
Patricia Opdyke	Founder of Peninsula Farmer's Market
Kathy Brazell	Community Organizer Southeast Uplift

A new model of community development exists which encourages local activists toward tapping into to a community's internal resources and skills. This is a move away from the traditional approach of listing the needs of a community and looking to an outside agency to meet those needs. The three speakers in this workshop did an outstanding job of describing how projects in their communities either deliberately or intuitively used this new approach. One did something as simple as neighborhood association members listing other groups in which they are active, then creating a resource guide from that information. Others used elaborate canvassing techniques to inventory the skills and interests of neighbors in the community. The discussion that followed was very enthusiastic with ideas and questions. One participant summarized that this approach is useful because it builds ongoing relationships that can continue to problem-solve into the future.

Session Two

Making Sense: Open meeting law and running meetings

Presenter: Ruth Spetter, Assistant City Attorney

The session focused only on the Open meetings/Public records Law. Ruth outlined the basic parts of the law, how it has been interpreted, and how neighborhoods can best comply with the law. There were many questions and this session could have been longer. The evaluations indicated participants wanted more information specifically related to their needs as neighborhood leaders. The biggest concern was how to comply with the law when the timeline for a decision is short. The specific concern was how to respond to land use proposals and appeal decisions while keeping in compliance with the law.

Happenings: Organizing great community events

Presenters:

Mira Aimes	Kerns Neighborhood Association
Leo Morley	Mt. Scott-Arleta Neighborhood Association
Jean Estey Hoops	Friends of Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association
Kay Peffer	Irvington Community Association
Mary Jaron Kelley	North Portland Neighborhood Services
Frederick Hayes	Woodlawn Neighborhood Association

Fun community events are a great way to build energy in a group. And workshop participants were not bashful about sharing their success stories. Whether National Night Outs, tree plantings, clean-up projects, or social events speakers stressed success depended on an enthusiastic leader and project committees with clear lines of delegation

and lots of advanced planning. Developing written step-by-step outlines is a good way to pass onto future event organizers the “how to” knowledge to organize an event. A key to success for most was also developing working relationships with other organizations that could provide resources such as a place to hold the event, free publicity, materials for tree planting or clean-ups, etc. Using community assets, such as historic buildings for home tours, were also seen as fundraising opportunities.

Our Heroes: Great volunteers Build Great Neighborhood Associations

Presenters:

Patty Lee	Ash Creek Neighborhood
Susan Hamilton	Chair Madison South Neighborhood
John Fyre	Chair Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League

Summit attendees often repeated that the topic of increasing and retaining neighborhood involvement is a concern. Presenters shared some techniques that have helped them. Patty Lee discussed ways to make meetings interesting enough to encourage return visits. Susan Hamilton discussed ways to target specific groups to encourage their involvement. And John Fyre uses a technique where committees and projects always have a sign-up sheet at the meetings so people interested in a specific topic can be directed to the right organizer. The discussion was too short. It was clear that more can be done on this topic. One great suggestion that came out of the discussion was the idea that one person to be the volunteer coordinator for the neighborhood much like a land use chair.

Where Are We Going Next?

The list of accomplishments by neighborhoods is both impressive and inspiring. What is perhaps even more inspiring is the opportunity to see the neighborhood goals for the coming year posted around a room! There is great work to be done in the community and neighborhoods are clearly stepping up to the plate to make it a great year.

Below is a list of some of next year’s projects and goals identified by attendees of the summit. It is followed by an accumulative list of how groups felt ONI and the coalitions could best help meet these goals.



Alameda

- Outreach to diverse groups
- Include Renters

Ash Creek

- Survey of H₂O drainage problems

Brooklyn

- Milwaukie Action Plan
- Secure access to Springwater Corridor
- Increase participation

Buckman

- Residential facilities
- PCC
- Phi Beta Kappa

Centennial

- Increase participation
- Development issues
- Sewer service charge relief

Collins View

- Increasing involvement
- Resource Directory

Concordia

- Want a grocery store
- Continue work on Community Garden

Corbett/ Lair Hill

- Fundraising
- Increasing volunteers
- Traffic and development issues around the design process
- Title 34

Cully

- Continue outreach to ethnic minorities.

Downtown

- Partner with PSU

- Work toward coalition

Hosford-Abernathy

- Work w/surrounding neighborhoods for setting Fred Meyer's HQ
- Design traffic mgmt for Ross Is Bridge upgrade
- Increase involvement
- Remake of viaduct
- Good neighbor agreement w/ beverage vendors

Kerns

- Increase involvement

Madison South

- Upgrade, clean and green 82nd Ave.
- Another safety fair
- Neighborhood cleanup
- Outreach to Spanish and Asian communities

Montavilla

- Banners
- Billboards
- Welcome wagon
- Historic Society

Mt. Scott

- Music in the park
- Halloween
- Octoberfest
- Increase communication

Northwest Heights

- Increase involvement and awareness of NA
- City Council adopt a Neighborhood Plan

Old Town/Chinatown

- Neighborhood plan
- Banners
- Increase Board
- Focus on business liquor licenses
- Address Civic Stadium impact

Pearl District

- Traffic calming

Richmond

- Increase volunteers
- Fundraising for park project
- Implement Neighborhood Plan

Sabin

- Retain involvement
- Outreach
- Nature's impact
- School interaction
- Organize around clubs

Sullivan's Gulch

- Broadway/Weidler II
- Take park back
- Update LR Plan
- Improve communications
- Neighborhood signage
- Traffic Calming
- Finish SW Community Plan

Sumner

- Neighborhood Greenspace
- Halloween party

Sunnyside

- Farmer's Market

Woodstock

- Gateway sign & banners
- Obo Adi Concert
- Increase involvement
- Increase school involvement
- Website, newsletter and infrastructure

How ONI and the Coalitions Could Best Help Neighborhoods Meet Goals

- More funding for communications
- Grant writing assistance
- Act as a strong liaison between neighborhoods, City bureaus, and Council
- Training for better communication
- Support and provide information, analysis and implications on Title 33 & 34
- Technical assistance in land use, communications, grant writing and neighborhood plans
- Provide leadership in land use, proactively monitoring planning changes and letting Neighborhood Associations know what is being said.
- Land use reviews on the internet
- Format information resources succinctly
- More large events like the summit
- Make Oregon open meeting law book free to Neighborhood Associations through coalitions
- Utilize and fund Neighborhood Association members' expertise in the way that bureaus use coalitions.
- Advocate with associations on traffic issues.
- Resolve administration problems
- Monies for cleanup days
- List services provided by ONI and coalitions
- Support coalition budget to council
- Mailing list updates to neighborhoods
- GIS mapping support for neighborhood outreach
- Don't be another City Bureau
- Improve website to truly make it accessible to Neighborhood Associations
- Land use "cliff notes"
- More coordination with other organizations
- Get neighborhood chairs together quarterly for coalition meeting

Evaluation summary

1. Everyone who submitted a written evaluation agreed that the summit was a great event and they want to see it happen on an annual basis. Many people also requested that ONI organize training sessions/workshops on specific topics that would take place throughout the year.
2. People valued the opportunity to meet other neighborhood activists and exchange information. They were gratified to learn that they share common problems and successes. They like the opportunity to collaborate with each other. Many requested that the ONI make the registration list available to participants and requested that ONI create a citywide neighborhood association e-mail listing.
3. People requested additional opportunities to:
 - a. learn more about Open meetings/Public records law
 - b. learn how to better use parliamentary procedures
 - c. discuss how to solve traffic problems
 - d. network on land use issues
 - e. improve their ability to facilitate diverse participation in their neighborhoods
 - f. better use technology to communicate, specifically web pages, and e-mail
 - g. improve their ability to work more effectively with city bureaus
 - h. learn how to manage conflict and work with difficult people.
4. People were unanimous in their request that small group discussions be held in separate rooms to control the noise level. People had trouble hearing the speakers and each other. They also requested we use a portable microphone system so everyone could hear the questions that were asked of the speakers.
5. Participants greatly enjoyed the opportunity to hear from Commissioners Saltzman and Hales and to ask questions. Many suggested that the commissioners be available for informal interactions.
6. Participants enjoyed the workshops, felt they learned from them, and wanted more opportunities for this type of education. Many commented that they liked the fact that the sessions were lead by their peers as it showed the strength and depth of the neighborhood system.
7. Some participants expressed interest in the creation of a neighborhood congress made up of neighborhood representatives to review and comment on citywide issues. One individual expressed interest in a discussion about ONI's vision for the future of neighborhood associations.
8. Many people requested that neighborhood representatives be involved in planning the next summit.