

## ONI Director Community Survey July 2017

<b>Q11--What do you believe are the most important things ONI should be working on?</b>
Getting more people involved in their neighborhoods by promoting projects that get people to work together to improve their neighborhoods.
Gathering more representative feedback from the neighborhoods.
MAKING SURE ALL PORTLAND NEIGHBORHOODS ARE IMPORTANT TO THE RESIDENTS AND THE CITY ITSELF
Homeless street camping, diversity and youth in neighborhood associations, anti-displacement and neighborhood prosperity initiatives
You should be working less with Neighborhood Associations and groups like SEUL; and working more towards finding local opinions through statistically-valid polling mechanisms.  What a few people whine about and what most people think are often VERY different.  Then take some leadership for the direction of the neighborhoods. If you pursue the current model that ONI's been doing the whole thing will implode within time. Time to step it up and take it a different direction.
Working closely with the neighborhood associations that are actively working within the neighborhoods to improve livability
Citizen safety and emergency survival training.
Equality, equity, a livable community for every member, safety, and representation for every individual.
Some way to galvanize people to action, not just talk about things ad nauseam, make decisions and get things done.
Safe public spaces and streets and transit.
Continuing support for community partnerships with increasing focus on the disability community (the fastest growing minority group).
Retaining green spaces. Education regarding sharing the street with all forms of transportation, rules of the road. Promoting inclusivity.

Creating residential housing and drug treatment center at Wapato and a public works program to enable non addicted people a chance to earn money and get back on their feet.
Looking at structural barriers to achieving goals and fixing them. Staff management Vision
Getting individuals citizens involved so that they have a sense of power in what is happening in Portland.
Neighborhood traffic safety
Revitalizing Lombard street
Housing, crime, car traffic
Increasing diversity among the top ranking positions within the organization
Developing neighborhood identities and have individual buy-in
Stopping evil people from building ugly stuff in our neighborhoods.
Valuing the volunteers who are really doing the work in the community.  Listening to the citizens about what matters as far as parks, people, trails, crosswalks....  Old-school events like national night out.
Homelessness Street maintenance/safety Air Quality Provide tools for recruitment; associations need effective tools to engage neighbors in the process of recruiting volunteers
Engaging citizens and communities Empowering communities with resources and grants Capacity building for all communities
Strengthening Community organizations leadership and participation. Need to work on bridging communities together. Stop being paper pushing and start Being neighborhood building.
Inclusiveness, engagement, openness, forward-thinking ideas.
Keeping housing costs low and protecting our natural beauty from over-development.
Emergency preparedness

stronger neighborhood associations public involvement
Getting to yes on city infill policy and suppressing the dark voices of exclusionary neighborhoods like Multnomah, Westmoreland, and Laurelhurst.
Working to keep neighborhood identities. Working for the majority of homeowners in Portland rather than spending an inordinate time in helping a small minority of residents.
People and community
Getting neighborhoods to understand that we are facing an extremely serious problem with lack of housing, particularly in light of the estimated numbers of people moving into Portland in the near future. Many neighborhood associations are strongly resisting any proposal that would change "the way things are." There needs to be a strong educational campaign to get people to understand that NIMBY-ism is simply not going to work anymore.
Addressing our historical and ongoing racism, and ensuring the neighborhood retains the values on which it was founded.
Moving forward existing coalition and DCL priorities identified over past ten years in the BAC process
Helping all communities work together to teach the city leaders what the communities want.
Listening to the neighborhood not just the pba
Anything that facilitates neighbors getting to know each other.
Finding a relevant progressive agenda for the neighborhoods to engage in. Top issues: distributing affordable housing opportunities across the city; neighborhood-based climate action initiatives; facilitating transition to an alternative transportation future.
Letting the public know that the office exists and what it does. I never heard of ONI until today.
neighborhood involvement
Community resilience through professionally supported community engagement to create connection within communities so neighbors get to know each other and between communities and the larger entities that can support them.
Continue outreach, emergency preparedness, connecting with community centers for events; see mission statement and vision
Having a great team to support the goals visions in an objective manner

Traffic, race relations, environment.
Supporting neighborhoods in maintaining their unique qualities and providing for housing for all.
Increasing the housing availability and affordability through increased density while making the neighborhood associations partners instead of adversaries. Engaging residents who are not just white and rich to participate in neighborhood associations and projects.
ONI morale and setting a clear direction for the bureau.
The unequal distribution of public resources among different neighborhoods.
Including homeless people as equal neighbors to determine what's best for themselves. To support organizing for non- biased, non-militaristic policing.
Neighborhood watch, code enforcement, zoning, business encroachment into some neighborhoods, neighborhood traffic, developing neighborhood organizations where there are none.
Honestly isn't this just another make-work program to squander tax payer money? I am super sick and tired of all the BS positions dreamed up by over educated dolts.
Restructuring neighborhood associations to be more inclusive and welcoming.
shifting focus of neighborhood associations towards racial and social justice, making neighborhood associations more representative and inclusive of all communities as NA are mostly white-run and white attended
Equity in City governance. Creating avenues for community involvement that include people who haven't traditionally participated in neighborhood associations. Expanding the pathways for underrepresented groups to get into government and politics and community engagement.
See previous comment
the Councilperson must set at least five priorities and allow the position to propose at least five more after six months
Homelessness.
We need to change the zoning in neighborhoods, along the lines of the failed HB 2007. The best thing an ONI director could do would be to persuade the neighborhood associations of this, but I fear that would take a miracle. Next best would be to align other elements of the population and city government to re-define the role of neighborhood associations so they are not defending their own perceived interests against the interests of the city as a whole.

Focus on increasing capacity for community engagement and programs most core to that work. Advancing equity.
It seems only a small percentage of mostly white, mostly middle class and mostly home owners engage in neighborhood associations. Volunteers need the tools/resources/assistance to engage a more diverse community.
community involvement in the development that is happening in Portland.
A vision statement for each neighborhood. For example, in Gateway we have no vision. Central Gateway is South of Burnside, the current vision declares. No. Our heart is at beautiful offices and Gateway Park, at Gateway Transit Center.
Making the most of the opportunities that are here. For instance, East Portland is a vibrant and diverse community that is always overlooked by City Hall and the mainstream "Portlandia" culture. Yet we have affordable housing, businesses, schools, parks, mass transit - everything that a healthy city needs to have. Uplift the neighborhoods that already exist - ONI should help us achieve more - more funding, more equity, more representation (because we don't have any representation in City Council or elsewhere) and more chances to grow and develop. As Portland continues to grow in population, East Portland will change and we need to plan for that change and create the room for that growth. Don't overlook any resource. Wealthier neighborhoods are already more organized - they will fight to get what they want. Those of us living in poorer neighborhoods have a hard time organizing our neighbors- people are busy just trying to get by, people assume that the city doesn't care, that change is not possible. But I know that change is possible, and that it is already happening. ONI, please help us reach our full potential.
Community Engagement, Equity, and Community Organizing
Clarity of purpose, visible improvements to deliver core services, and improved communication.
neighborhood disaster preparedness
Improving Portland's Eastside
Get the neighborhoods to increase their numbers of NET volunteers...establish a culture of preparedness to survive and thrive after any disaster, large or small
Helping neighborhood associations be the best they can be.
Bringing different communities together, helping us to learn about each other
Neighborhood safety and promoting communication in the neighborhood

<p>Connectivity within and between neighborhood groups. I recently completed NET (and BEECN) training through PBEM and found it to be such an empowering, informative, and community-minded resource. I have already felt more engaged with my neighbors and neighborhood.</p>
<p>fighting white supremacist organizing in our region, housing, more funding for public education (public schools and head start for example)</p>
<p>parking problems within neighborhoods and neighborhood businesses, lack of affordable housing within neighborhoods (gentrification)</p>
<p>Parking and accessibility for those living in emerging and gentrified neighborhoods,</p>
<p>Land use: providing neighborhood input on projects BEFORE they are approved. Using the Neighborhood meeting process to gather input rather than simply deliver info on decisions already made.</p>
<p>Get out of the graffiti, commerce and land use oversight. Focus on neighborhood involvement, communication and clean up the NA. Learn to look at the city from the neighborhood point of view.</p>
<p>Figuring out neighborhood by neighborhood solutions to the homeless problem</p>
<p>The community is not as diverse because the voices of those ethnic community members are not shared. Would like ONI to help educate our ethnic community members speak up and get involved. ONI can share those view on the Latino PDX radio stations.</p>
<p>Strengthening neighborhood associations. It's so vital that building up ethical standards and diversity happen within neighborhood associations! When you give city money to other groups, they have no obligations for ethical standards, open meetings/records, democratic elections, etc as required for neighborhood associations. This will lead to graft.</p>
<p>Helping protect our parks, streets and businesses from the vagrancy problem. It always gets laid on the shoulders of the burdened, law abiding, tax paying middle class.</p>
<p>Creating/preserving spaces for underserved communities</p>
<p>Unimproved streets and homeless camps.</p>
<p>Our city is in crisis due to the homeless issue. I feel unsafe in my own neighborhood. Affordable housing for working people is becoming unattainable.</p>
<p>Dealing with current issues and not jumping on the long-term planning band wagon</p>
<p>Listen to and act on requests from those groups most impacted - in this case, communities of color and others currently and historically excluded</p>

Focus on work that most increases real engagement, with a focus on those groups - this includes work with city bureaus to conduct REAL community engagement processes Re-envision the neighborhood system to stop overinvesting in the most resourced and create clear expectations for any future neighborhood groups around equity
Community management of / response to homelessness, crime, and ongoing development
The new director should carefully review the audit to determine what areas need immediate attention in terms of budget. The new director should have an expert perform an analysis of the effectiveness of each program and use the results to create a work plan to address inefficient, redundant processes. Each manager should be given a performance review and any performance deficiencies should be addressed appropriately.
ensuring that all voices are heard, homelessness
Changes that affect the neighborhood, should inform and help the neighbors understand and have a say in those changes and not be bullied
Identifying and prioritizing neighborhood needs – i.e., public safety, access to public transportation, housing, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update ONI Standards</li> <li>- Make coalitions better support neighborhood associations</li> <li>- More oversight of neighborhood system by ONI staff</li> <li>- Make ONI Standards push for more inclusivity and less beholden to homeowners</li> <li>- Make all neighborhood associations update bylaws to 2015 guidance (most have not and most don't comply with ONI standards)</li> <li>- Revoke recognition of the worst NA's</li> <li>- Expand graffiti programs to poc small businesses</li> <li>- Eliminate businesses from neighborhood association they already have space under pdc and venture Portland</li> <li>- Increase neighborhood program staff by 1.0 fte</li> <li>- Grants to NA's for inclusive projects</li> <li>- Grants to NA's for translations and diversity outreach</li> </ul>
Getting a good support system for communities to help themselves.
Holding neighborhood associations accountable to educate, not advocate their personal agendas.
Building community and equality...
Not really sure where to start.

Empowering the Network Associations. There is some concern that without some policy teeth that no one is interested that they are mouthpieces for ONI.
Educating and empowering neighbors politically in the dangerous time of Trump and Climate change
To listen to the people in the neighborhoods, get a good understanding of the positive things happening there and the areas that need support and communicating well with the community and finding ways to get or keep the neighborhoods thriving.
Homelessness, roads and pot holes, non-emergency police response, identity and pride in the neighborhood, sidewalks, walkability.  Help us become 'communities" that define our attitude/style/values by art/store choice by what we display in our yards.
Engaging historically marginalized populations
The homeless! How is anyone supposed to sell his house with this going on?
Developing equity of communities, meaning people between SE 40th and I-205, south of Powell, are included in the distribution of infrastructure, city resources, and livability. Increasing the distribution of the homeless rather than concentrating them in one area and neglecting the impact on home-owner tax-paying citizens.
Problem solving livability issues related to crime & homelessness and over populating and concentrating social services and placement of persons needing social services in select areas that have not positively changed certain neighborhoods Provide better resources for neighborhoods to report and gain assistance from city and county to deal with livability issues
Dog owners should keep dogs leashed, or get fined.
Educating local citizens about how government works and empowering them to help share the burden in making decisions for the community.
I have already answered this.
Supporting the building of just, inclusive, economically diverse neighborhoods with affordable housing -- so finding creative solutions for displacement, unaffordable housing, and ways to build and affirm multiculturalism in Portland.
Listening to all people in the city, not the vocal social justice douchers
Combating increasing hate with love. De-militarization of our police. Empowerment of community based groups.

East Portland livability (walkability, safety, etc.); homeless camps (poorer neighborhoods see the biggest problems; displacement b/c of rent prices.
Community welfare and interagency networking.
Reducing neighborhood crime, including illegal squatting
Getting all residents to benefit. Small businesses are important but not more important.
I have no information.
action & evaluation
Low income housing education for low income families and how to use the system finding what's out there for them
Focus, strategic thinking, open government to underserved populations
neighborhood resilience. The questions to address are: How can we make neighborhoods as healthy and live able as possible, even with challenges such as fast growth, earthquakes, water stresses, floods, climate change and extreme heat, loss of social safety nets, income gaps, unaffordable housing and homelessness, pollution, traffic and road concerns, school issues, hunger and threats from violence? To address this, we need to bring folks working in all these fields together to help map out how to move forward. Too often, these concerns are addressed piecemeal, to bad effect.
working to clean up neighborhoods by engaging everyone to work together to help one another with yard cleanup & homeless messes
Lack of response by city when a citizen communicates on any issue.
Leadership training, community cohesiveness building, making community input to City government meaningful and valuable
Balancing neighborhood resources and involvement across the city (bring up low performing neighborhoods to match high performing), hold neighborhood meetings, visit public schools, involve non-profits, private businesses, citizens, and public organizations on strategic work groups to problem solve together.
Dis establishment and defunding of ONI.
this is an ideal time to revisit the mission of the ONI and use the mission as a guide to the future. Perhaps it's a perfect time to rebrand the name itself - does "ONI" reflect the mission of the future or is it more reflective of the past? Is this really an advocacy group for the wide variety of communities we have in Portland? How can it work in common across bureaus and

with the business communities? ONI should play a major role in Portland's livability going forward.
Stop crime and make neighborhood safe. Stop all tent camping.
I defer to the many communities in Portland on this one. Hire the right ONI Director and that person will find out!
Building bridges between different communities. Making the community a healthy place to live: be aware of air pollution and similar issues and work with activists and government to find a resolution in favor of Public Health and Well-being.
Livability, protection of neighborhood identity, real care for the homeless.
Outreach for greater citizen involvement. Innovative ways to achieve this. Helping individual associations partner with each other on broad topics such as emergency preparedness.
Helping neighborhoods maintain "personalities" and not be cheap carbon copies of SE Hawthorne, SE Division, etc.
equity / social justice
work with PBOT more, would really love to see a Sunday Parkways style ride in every neighborhood. And similar.
Keeping Portland "livable" (which means more than bike-friendly). It should've bike-friendly and walkable, but it should also be drivable/parkable, and able to provide housing for middle-class families. This town will lose its identity as soon as it surrenders its blue-collar roots and begins unabashedly catering to upper middle-class single people.
Safety and livability issues causing extreme frustration for residents. We need to feel safe and have a sense of community, not succumb to divisive racist & classist inflammatory language. Return to a culture of respect at all levels.
Citizen engagement.
Letting the neighborhoods develop their priorities, identifying leaders and getting the neighborhoods to "fly in the same direction" (or as close as possible).
Cutting down on low level crime like car theft, home break ins, visible drug use. Keep our kids safe. Keep our homes safe. Celebrate our neighborhoods.
I leave that up to Chloe.

Balancing the needs and the wishes of the citizens who basically who work hard and make the right choices and to keep their views in focus when focusing on groups that are clamoring for more social 'needs' etc. It seems that w/ the homeless campers, the city is forgetting that they are a blight to established neighborhoods and make ones fearful to go to parks, etc ...As in any group, there are good and bad ..but we tend to lump them all in as good ...and a good percentage of homeless campers are bad ..... and do not care about how it looks. Homeless should be required to keep their areas clean etc if they wish to stay in the spot. Also all should be i.d w/ fingerprint checks.

Solutions that individual neighborhoods can work on themselves, ones that are tailored to them specifically. Examples: disaster prep, neighborhood watch groups business/resident interfaces, etc.

Developing engagement and helpful policies targeted at East Portland issues: homelessness, increasing crime and drug use.

Working with our racially/economically disadvantaged communities in Portland.

Safety, the perception by increasing numbers of citizens that their city has become/is becoming a dangerous place for them and their kids.  
Housing/Homelessness: Getting people off the streets, BEFORE they successfully navigate the gamut of requirements/programs, etc., to receive housing.  
East County: Too great a percentage of our population lives in East County for the city leaders to have allowed that area's failures in traffic control, public safety, lack of access to good, quality food stores within a reasonable distance to home, and the perception that public funds are more often spent on projects in the city core areas, such as parks, bike-paths, etc.

inclusive community building with city bureaus and citizens

Looking at the effectiveness of the entire ONI program in this digital age!

Finding areas for housing in Portland without destroying existing neighborhoods.

balanced awareness of neighborhood issues

making city government more responsive to the needs of the neighborhoods.

Protect our neighborhoods and urban canopy.

community policing in a way that lessens shootings, especially of young black men

Rebuild the voice of neighborhoods vis a vis planning and traffic related decisions, 20 year plans. I experienced a city of Portland government that involved and listened to neighborhood organizations thru planning for Westside MAX. But that has changed to the detriment of Portland. I've lived here since 1969. Don't feel represented or listened to for past 10 years.

<p>Keeping rampant development out. We are housing homeless, renting rooms and adu's taking care of extended family just fine without changing our zoning.</p>
<p>Soliciting feedback from each neighborhood about that neighborhood's most pressing issues, and facilitating the development and achievement of solutions whose efficacy is judged by the neighborhood.</p>
<p>Affordable housing Crime and safety Emergency preparedness</p>
<p>Ombudsman for neighborhoods. Representing neighborhoods aggressively in front of other bureaucracies</p>
<p>Livability and Safety Homelessness</p>
<p>Focusing on issues that have available resources. Helping to identify neighborhoods two or three most important issues and work on those until those are solved or other issues arise to the forefront. Getting new people involved in the neighborhood level</p>
<p>Helping preserve values that prompted people to select Portland as their home. Right now, real estate developers appear to be in charge in the name of providing "affordable housing."</p>
<p>Bringing the community together on issues that are important to all - clean water, food, housing, neighborhoods.</p>
<p>Blending the Neighborhood Association and DCL strengths, so neighborhood associations are representative and can collaborate across coalitions. May require change in structures, organization.</p>
<p>Empowering the community so ONI can help with the issues that we find important.</p>
<p>Facilitating community involvement. Fostering good relationships between people, social services and the politicians that represent them. Engaging and informing the community in public projects. Creating a more involved and informed citizenship within our community. Providing the tools and resources for neighborhood safety and emergency preparedness. Informing the public of community events and providing resources to facilitate those events.</p>
<p>Intercultural awareness listen to home owners</p>
<p>Know your city. Embrace it, don't try and make it emulate somewhere else. I don't care what you did elsewhere- this city is unique. Know it. That doesn't mean you just moved here from Idaho, or you lived your whole life in Medford. Be from here.</p>

Staffing the NE jail and actually using it to hold inmates.
Challenge: Neighborhood associations need to communicate with their own neighbors better, to ensure they more fully represent their neighborhood. This is a big problem. Electronic communication is not the answer. Old-fashioned door-to-door delivery or mail is best.
Make sure residential infill project and lack of parking doesn't destroy our neighborhoods
homeless issues
Making communication processes more efficient, sustainable. Community building and support for under-represented/discriminated against groups.
creating more ways that the community can impact our city, Ways to budget (ie participatory budgeting)
Slowing down development, listening to neighborhoods.
Prioritizing their work. Budget and work plan.
social justice, outreach to people who are NOT involved in neighborhood associations., fixing the corruption in neighborhood associations.
Getting info and to everyone and helping them engage productively
Identifying ways for neighborhoods to recognize safety issues related to homelessness and/or how to help. New techniques for foot patrols to address those issues.
Potholes?
Neighborly relations within and between the residents of Portland's neighborhoods. Livability through neighborhood pride in caring for people!
The neighborhoods are getting torn apart by developers. We need to enable accessory dwelling units and more density without the exclusion being practiced in Eastmoreland, more McMansions and destruction of trees, or fraying of neighborhood fabric. If people have a place to live they can afford that's near friends family or work, a lot of things fall naturally into a good place.
Approaching problem solving neighborhood by neighborhood, be silo busters, and work towards system integration so the tree folks are joined by the building and transportation folks to provide solutions for (but one example) overheated neighborhoods where citizens need "shade" that may involve not only trees, but structures that provide shade and further greening of our infrastructure to include surface parking lots.

How drug addiction is causing a wave of crime and lawlessness in our neighborhoods and how addicts, homeless campers and RVs are ruining livability in the city. Something must be done or this will get worse and worse.
Housing, transportation.
I'm not familiar enough to say.
Changing mission of neighborhood associations- to be positive about the mission rather than sniping at homeowners with secretive "turn-ins"
Working to offset the negative impact of gentrification and focusing on the least served most underrepresented neighborhoods.
Community policing
Better outreach/communications around your terrific programs
I think ONI should be working closing itself as a bureau. Funds from ONI should be directed towards neighborhood coalitions so more money can be directed towards actual citizens and not just another cog in Portland's ineffective government.
Equitable access to services.
Well ... it's the office of neighborhood involvement, so I think ONI should be empowering people to build the kinds of neighborhoods and communities they want to build. As a volunteer for Vernon, it's hard to make time for everything and every time we get training and information from the regional offices (like NECN) it's like gold. I'd love to see an ONI that provides infrastructure, empowerment and a platform for all the people in my neighborhood to make themselves heard. We need things like safety plans, and to know how to intervene when we see crime and hate speech or worse, we need to know how we can have an impact on the way our neighborhood evolves and how we can encourage diversity. I think empowerment would be a great organizing principle for the ONI. How can you empower us to give more input, be more actively engaged in our city government and make our neighborhoods stronger communities.
Strengthening the ties between the DCL Partners and the geographic neighborhood system to make them work in concert. Enhancing the role of Neighborhoods in City discussions regarding land use and transportation needs.
Supporting neighborhood associations related to new and infill development the need for adequate off street parking with new multi-unit development and how that development fits in with the already built up urban environment, and all transportation issues - especially supporting drivers.

Community engagement. How do we get the majority to participate in community building including participation in ALL elections.
Making Portland's neighborhoods stronger, more resilient, more equitable.
Community livability via equity such as zoning, parks, transportation, fresh affordable food, safety (including from police violence), etc. Combat the destruction of Portland's poor and working class communities and culture. Engage with groups already working on diversity in civic leadership so you don't reinvent the wheel. Affordable housing. If we actually want density in Portland, then stop the building of lot-filling-single-family- mansions that take up all of the green space and do nothing to actually provide more affordable housing and transportation to more people within the city. Many folks think Portland is a lost cause at this point, change that!!!!
Promoting diverse and equitable neighborhoods.
Making certain neighborhoods are part of decision making.
Helping communities to work effectively within themselves.
Surveying the neighborhoods through their neighborhood associations and hearing what THEY want. Not Ms. Eudaly going to the neighborhood coalitions and telling them what she wants. Ms. Eudaly is lacking knowledge about neighborhoods and needs to seek elder counsel BEFORE any decisions are made that affect neighborhoods and their ability to make decisions for themselves.
Disconnecting from the Neighborhood Associations and connecting with community based organizations for and by people of color.
City housing planning Supporting neighborhood association partnering and communication Homelessness
GETTING THE DIVERSE GROUPS (NEIGHBORHOODS, ETHNIC, BUSINESS, ETC) TO WORK TOGETHER AND REDUCE DISSENSION GETTING MORE \$ AND USING IT APPROPRIATELY WORKING TO GET DECISIONS MADE IN THE COMMUNITY AND NOT AT CITY HALL(COUNCIL) OR BY OUTSIDE PRIVATE INTERESTS
Analyzing what has not worked and make changes that will benefit all people of Portland, and not just the majority
Visioning-direction/implementation of clear benchmarks, Identity, Vigorous program evaluation, Accountability, Training and Resource Development in community, Strong communications program, Cohesive planning and implementation

I don't know. Sounds like there are a lot of things to consider.
Addressing the lack of equity (racism) in Portland's Neighborhood Assoc system. Support for the arts as a way to bridge tensions and cultural differences. Supporting the development of strong POC organizations working toward social justice & eliminating institutional racism. .
Building relationships and coalitions with under engaged communities.
Saving the character of each neighborhood. Each neighborhood in Portland has a character that is being threatened by infill in the wrong places. Keep the infill in the neighborhood city centers to make them more of a destination.
Legislation that requires all city boards, committees and associations have diverse community representation. Second, the community is given clear and influential stake in city decisions around the budget, safety, and other issues. Third, ONI clearly defines its relationship and influence with the other bureaus. ONI should be a conduit for voicing community concerns to all levels of Government and getting effective collaborative responses for the community.
State violence - whether via the criminal justice system, food insecurity, or housing insecurity.
Helping to ensure Portland doesn't become an even more divided city by income, race, national origin, Helping to ensure Portlanders continue to have faith in government's ability to lift all boats, bring people together around shared values of inclusion and innovation.
Empowering leaders from marginalized communities with the tools to organize around their interests thereby building power to make the changes these communities want to see, as well as help the city government become more responsive the interests of all residents.
Social & economic equity
helping create a positive relationship between communities of color and the police department; engaging youth in communities and leadership, volunteerism
Empowering coalitions to build on their current work and identifying weaknesses and finding support for improving those weaknesses
Infrastructure Mainly getting responses to the condition of neighborhood streets, storm drainage and water quality in schools
Community Engagement Building bridges across public sectors

Since I am "up" on mainly the problems that affect my area and not those of other areas, I don't feel qualified to comment on this.
Empowering communities to engage in their own problem solving by providing tools with training on how to access services or engage leadership.
Communications and transparency
Equity, equality and social justice and making our communities safer for all who live in them.
Inclusiveness, equity and accessibility to all
Equity & equality in the communities.
The director should be most concerned with keeping public spaces clean and safe. The director should defend existing residence rights. The director should be concerned with air and water pollution.
Outreach, advocacy, and more equitable allocation of resources to East Portland (EPNO territory). Greater engagement with and accessibility for residents/community members with language and transportation barriers. Consideration for the schedules and limited resources of the average resident, who is generally not available for community meetings during regular business hours and may not have the capacity to seek out information about community developments on their own (as, for example, the affluent and those without families often do).
Safe routes to school, job/housing/transportation support (i.e. training, bikeshare) and affordable housing. Low-income residents, kids, and seniors need ways to get around safely without cars and need to feel safe and comfortable biking and walking in our neighborhoods. Everyone else needs to get out of their cars more and be part of the neighborhood instead of just driving through. We need police and/or neighbors to hold drivers accountable for dangerous and rude behavior with speeding, harassing cyclists, failure to stop at crosswalks, etc.
Changing from this wasteful, inequitable suburban pattern to an efficient urban model means asking some people not to drive 1/2mile to get coffee, or at least making them go the long way around instead of cutting-through narrow streets where kids are walking and biking. Some of this needs to be hands-on placemaking so neighbors can be a part of it and get more immediate results.
preservation of neighborhoods. city bank to fund housing new forms of transit-get away from fixed routes pay for work that enables people to live in Portland

Displacement
Helping neighborhoods identify and reach goals that reflect concerns and desires of all citizens as much as possible - real pragmatic stuff!
building on community strengths to encourage full participation in restoring safe, healthy communities
Displacement, houselessness
Getting communities involved in emergency preparedness. Strengthening location-based communities. Assisting refugees and immigrants to integrate into their neighborhoods and U.S. society.
Restoring effectiveness and building diversity in existing neighborhood system. Build more democracy back in the system.
Gentrification, price gouging and pricing out of neighborhoods, lifelong residents not being able to afford the city we grew up in
Collaborating with predominantly minority communities and working to address issues of inequity and injustice
Making this city open to anyone who chooses to live here.
equity in our neighborhoods & city
Housing
Low income housing and criminal justice reform.
Equity, safety
Rebuild trust that the city isn't run by special interest groups and decisions are transparent. Budget accountability
Equity Social justice.
Supporting the neighborhood associations who are working so hard to improve the quality of life for the residents of their neighborhoods.
Creating good relationships with neighborhoods Educating neighborhoods about city government Setting goals
Equity, affordable housing, livability including a livable wage.

Helping empower the neighborhood associations to become more diversified, engaging deeper into the community, and giving them the toolsets to deal with the ever changing Portland.
RIF
Making the geographical neighborhood system stronger and more inclusive
Community coalition building
1- getting useful, productive work done by the city 2- improving the system, not just changing it
Empowering people with information and skills rather than "doing for" them.
Active and engaged listening to the broader community.
Strengthening neighborhood coalitions so they have stable management and can more effectively engage and improve dysfunctional neighborhood organizations. Mediating rather than exacerbating conflicts within neighborhood coalitions.
Energizing our citizens to take responsibility for our communities
Engaging under-engaged residents - for example, most of our neighborhood associations are run by older homeowners (i.e., renters and young people are underrepresented). We've been trying in vain for many years, and we need ONI's help to figure out how to engage people who don't have the time and resources to engage, at least not with the processes the way they are now.
Making our City the best that it could be by engaging and empowering the community members and leaders in the process.
Equity!
Strengthening the role of the neighborhood associations in Portland government
Strengthening neighborhood associations, not diminishing them.
To force, if necessary, council members to meet personally and regularly with representatives from Portland's much celebrated but presently maligned Neighborhood Associations.
Portland successes are due in some degree to citizen involvement, presently it seems that City government is listening mostly to themselves and development interests, much to the detriment of this city. I have yet to have one person say to me that they like the pro-growth direction the City is on, and I have asked dozens, if not a hundred, from bums on the street to highly educated and successful people.

I realize this may be a bit much for the director of ONI, but you asked.
Making city government more responsive to the community.
Reducing violence and increasing safety for all Portlanders; creating housing options for more than just the very richest and very poorest
Undoing gentrification
Citizens involvement with the City Government and sense of ownership, equity
building capacity in underserved neighborhoods, giving voice to east and north portland residents, addressing the housing crisis
affecting change to improve social/economic justice, alternative transportation infrastructure, and environmental sustainability in Portland by empowering neighborhood level autonomy towards a shared vision of a better city.
Addressing the audit issues, strengthening the work that keeps Portlanders safe and healthy- New Portlanders, Graffiti abatement, PUAH
Engagement of underserved neighborhoods
Build coalitions. Help existing Neighborhood Associations bring in those under-represented. Provide us the support and skills to do this an not just tell us we are not being inclusive. We are just volunteers and need support. We want our neighborhoods to be strong and represent our communities.
Building community equitably across the city.
Equity & Social Justice
Structure of the organization. Is it sustainable as currently organized?
teaching people the importance of engaging with Government.
I believe ONI should help a wide range of voices be heard by City Hall and emphasize to City officials/staff why those voices should be heard and considered.
more authentically engaging with culturally and economically diverse communities
Reaffirmation of the value of NAs in decision-making. Promoting policies and tools to make NA's more representative and accountable to the community.
Building Credibility that inspires Confidence in use of resources supporting inclusive programs emphasizing a greater commitment to equity and social justice issues.

community development skill building of residents participation voice.
Improving the image of neighborhood associations.
Making neighborhood associations more effective and limiting role of coalitions to administration only. More transparency in complaint process. Perhaps ONI has its hands in too many pies. Original purpose was Office of Neighborhood Associations(ONA).
Improvement in neighborhoods without commercial/retail development.
Whatever community members single out as important at the time- i don't think all The neighborhoods have the same issues so not everyone has the same needs
Organizational development and strategic plan, and figuring out how to de-center the "neighborhood"-centric systems.
Integration of Portland's roughly 100 mutual assistance associations (ethnic stream associations) with our roughly 100 neighborhood associations so that our publically supported neighborhood collation offices properly capacitate both mainstream and ethnic stream civic activists.
Engaging all neighborhoods and cultures.
Including and engaging east PDX in addressing changes and gentrification which impacts homeowners, renters, elders, immigrants, PWD, families, singles, cash poor etc.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Review the pilot DCL model and finding a way to extend access to it across all affinity groups in Portland. The current model is brewing increasing resentment among groups not included.</li> <li>2.) Update the ONI Standards and either include the DCL in them or create separate Standards for the DCL.</li> <li>3.) All aspects of resiliency in a city with significant threats.</li> <li>4.) Help improve communications between "the city" and "the people".</li> </ol>
Establishing Neighborhood Watch on every block, and budget for additional Crime Prevention Specialists. Did I fail to mention two cars on my block lost their tires? When replaced with new -- came back a second time to steal the replacements. One car was dropped -- had to be totaled. My neighbor's expensive dry wall cement bricks were also stolen. Commissioner Eudaly might suggest Mayor Wheeler put addition patrol cars on duty 10:00 p.m. to dawn. With Neighborhood Watch -- there would be more eyes (make that cell phone cameras) on the street. street.

Truly opening dialogue (listening sessions with all types of ways of getting feedback -not just showing up at a meeting and being verbal), Challenging itself -- why have many groups been ignored and not supported, Why are there the same people in the neighborhood associations, How harness the various talents of others, Getting funding to new groups who have not been recognized before, Leadership Training, Looking at how to bridge new and old Portland residents, Helping us to create a new vision(s) of Portland together, Answer email messages and phone messages (been waiting a new months still from responses from some ONI employees), Being examples of forgiving people

Increasing the voices of renters, people of color, and those of limited English proficiency, while diminishing the too-powerful voices of the current "neighborhood association system". Redrawing the neighborhood association boundaries, to reflect "affinity" communities where the first groups are not out-voted by the second. The current, consciously or unconsciously gerrymandered boundaries often include a large block of single-family zoning, with a narrow strip of apartment dwellers and renters along the edge. Perhaps renter's associations should be given an equal voice in ONI to the existing NAs.

work for the empowerment of community in the fringes (geographically, and ethnically)

Community engagement and safety. Let's give the office of crime prevention enough \$\$ and staff so they can support neighborhood issues, block by block and also with the business districts. I am a Sunnyside NET and while doing eprep outreach to HBBA and BABA in SE Portland, I can't them to focus on emergency preparedness because these business owners are focused on homelessness and crime prevention. That's all they seem to have time for.

Ending ONI's history as an exclusionary-zoning-enabling NIMBY organization. Balancing the voices that ONI and the NA system transmit to leadership.

Internal process structure to avoid further scrutiny or really good substantive programs.

Making neighborhood associations active, vital and self-sufficient.