



# East Portland Action Plan

(EPAP)

Draft Meeting NOTES: **SEPTEMBER 26, 2012**

## MEETING ATTENDANCE:

<b>Roger Anthony</b> (ROSE CDC)	<b>Larry Kotan</b> (EPAP Grants Review Committee + Operations Committee)
<b>Linda Bauer</b> (Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Association, East Portland Land Use and Transportation Chair, EPAP Transportation Representative)	<b>Logan Lauvray</b> (Friends of Trees)
<b>Joseph Berezhinskiy</b> (Slavic Community Center)	<b>Matthew Koch</b>
<b>Claudia Carrillo</b> (Latino Learning Community – LLC, EPAP Civic Engagement)	<b>Katie Larsell</b> (NE Resident, EPAPbike + Technical Advisory Committee + EPAP Operations Committee + Representative City Budget Advisory)
<b>Linda Castillo</b> (Catholic Charities El Programa Hispano)	<b>Tom Lewis</b> (Centennial Community Association, EPAP Operations Committee + Economic Development Subcommittee + Representative to the Office of Neighborhood Involvement Budget Advisory Committee)
<b>Hongsa Chanthavong</b> (Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization – IRCO, EPAP Economic Development)	<b>Joyce Ley</b> (Wilkes Community Group)
<b>Jim Chasse</b> (EPAPbike)	<b>Eliza Lindsay</b> (East Portland Neighborhood Association)
<b>Frieda Christopher</b> (David Douglas School District + EPAP Housing Co-Chair + Civic Engagement + Gateway Education Center Rep.)	<b>Brian Lockwood</b> (Powellhurst-Gilbert + EPAPbike Chair)
<b>Cassie Cohen</b> (Groundwork Portland)	<b>Jackeline Luna</b> (Latina Network and EPAP Civic Engagement Subcommittee)
<b>Shirley Craddick</b> (Metro Councilor)	<b>Brenda McSweeney</b> (Glenfair Neighborhood Association Chair, EPN, EPN News)
<b>Molly Day</b> (Children's Institute)	<b>Joe McFerrin II</b> (Portland OTC)
<b>Jean DeMaster</b> (Human Solutions + EPAP Housing Co-Chair + Economic Development + EPAP Representative on Minority Housing + Multnomah County Consolidated Plan)	<b>Hai Ninh</b> ((APANO and Vietnamese Community of Oregon)

<b>Justin Douglas</b> (Portland Development Commission)	<b>Jeremy O'Leary</b> (CNRG PDX, EPAP Emergency Preparedness Representative)
<b>Jessica Dover</b> (Interpreter)	<b>Eric M. Peterson</b> (Charlie Hales for Mayor)
<b>Bob Earnest</b> (Gateway Urban Renewal Area Co-Chair and EPAP Representative)	<b>Linda Robinson</b> (EPAP Gateway Green + Parks Representative + City of Portland Parks Board)
<b>Mike Ewald</b> (David Douglas School District + EPAP Grants Review Committee)	<b>Shelli Romero</b> (Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) + City of Portland Parks Board + HomeForward Board)
<b>Sandy Flores</b> (Herman Hawkins - The Promise Ministries)	<b>Ameera Saahir</b> (Artist)
<b>Donita Fry</b> (NAYA and EPAP Civic Engagement)	<b>Victor Salinas</b> (Latino Network)
<b>Jerome Funchess</b> (Rosewood Initiative, EPAP Civic Engagement + Economic Development + Bike)	<b>Chris Scarzello</b> (Bureau of Planning and Sustainability + EPAP Economic Dev.+ Grants Review Committee)
<b>Colleen Gifford</b> (Gateway Eco District)	<b>Keith Scholz</b> (OPAL)
<b>Jenny Glass</b> (Rosewood Initiative and EPAP Economic Development)	<b>Jefferson Smith</b> (State Representative)
<b>Karen Gray</b> (Parkrose School District + City Planning & Sustainability Commission Rep. + EPAP Gateway Education Center Representative)	<b>Mike Vander Veen</b> (Parklane Church, Second Stories, Centennial Community Association, EPAP MAX <b>action</b> Chair + Housing + Structures)
<b>Laura Goodman</b> (Gateway Green + Wilkes Neighborhood)	<b>Helen Vank</b> (Metropolitan Family Services – Shaver SUN)
<b>David Hampsten</b> (Hazelwood Neighborhood Assoc.+ East Portland Land Use-Transportation+ EPAP Bike + Economic Development + Structures + Housing + City of Portland Transportation Budget Advisory Committee Rep)	<b>Sharon White</b> (City of Portland Bureau of Transportation)
<b>Herman Hawkins</b> (Pastor HH – The Promise Ministries)	<b>Iore wintergreen</b> (EPAP Advocate)
<b>Rosa Hernandez</b> (Latino Learning Community and EPAP Civic Engagement Subcommittee)	<b>Dolores Wood</b> (Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association + East Portland Parks Coalition)
<b>Arlene Kimura</b> (Hazelwood NA, EP Office Land Use-Transportation, EP Parks Coalition and EPAP Co-Chair, Structures, and Representative on Main Streets + Parks)	

## I. Welcome:

### A. Mike Vander Veen facilitated the meeting:

1. Recognition of Bob Earnest for picking-up the food
2. Recognition of tonight's Host Jerome Funchess
3. Next meeting will be on **October 24, 2012**
4. **Holidays:** We will meet on November 28<sup>th</sup>, but will **NOT** meet in December
5. Introductions

6. EPAP 'Structures' recruitment and document review:  
[2011.04.22 EPAP Group Structure.pdf](#)
7. Partnership and Affiliations Statements reminder
8. Recognition of Time Keeper Arlene Kimura
9. Recruitment and recognition of microphone runners Claudia Carrillo + Eliza Lindsay
10. Orientation for a ½ hour with David Hampsten right after this meeting – important for understanding and getting involved

## II. Committee Reports:

### A. Brownfields –

1. See notes on pages 10 - 12

### B. Civic Engagement – Donita Sue Fry

1. See English/Spanish notes on pages 13 - 35

### C. Economic Development – Jenny Glass + Colleen Gifford

1. See notes on pages 36 - 43

### D. EPAPbike – David Hampsten

1. See notes on pages 44 - 45
2. Announced new Co-Chairs Jim Chasse + Brian Lockwood.

### E. Housing – Jean DeMaster and Frieda Christopher

1. See notes on pages 46 - 56
2. See Inclusionary Zoning handout on pages 57 - 58
3. Dialogue took place and it was determined to discuss the tool of Inclusionary Zoning further before requesting EPAP to adopt supporting it for the City Legislative agenda.

### F. Operations – Report – Arlene Kimura

1. See 2012 – 13 Member Project Proposal Application and Criteria on pages 59 - 69
2. See EPAP 2012 – 2013 Priority Project Update on pages 70 - 77

### G. Technical Advisory Committee – Shelli Romero

1. See notes on pages 78 - 85

### H. Transit Riders – Subcommittee Notes

1. See notes on pages 86

### **III. I-205 Multi-Use Path and Friends of Trees Update – Shelli Romero + Logan Lauvray**

- A.** The 3-year Metro and Neighborhood grant funded a 3 – 1 match for green infrastructure/urban forest:
  - 1. 7 tree planting events;
  - 2. 1,1000 trees or shrubs planted;
  - 3. 560 volunteers;
  - 4. 7,000 hours;
  - 5. 29 temporary jobs for students at POIC and Verde staff
- B.** Mary Rose Navarro ([MaryRose.Navarro@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:MaryRose.Navarro@oregonmetro.gov)) with Metro 'Nature in the Neighborhood' has available grant funds and wants East Portland Projects: [www.oregonmetro.gov/capitalgrants](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/capitalgrants)

### **IV. Outer Powell Boulevard Safety Improvements Project – Shelli Romero**

- A.** See information at:  
<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/Pages/OuterPowellSafety.aspx>
- B.** Public Meeting on Wednesday, October 17 from 5pm to 7pm at Ron Russell Middle School Library, 3955 SE 112<sup>th</sup>.

### **V. Dinámica – lore wintergreen**

- A.** Hokey Pokey
- B.** Share success on projects reflecting anti-displacement
  - 1. Mobile Playground hiring
  - 2. Energy Assistance
  - 3. Raymond Park Kiosk with resource information in different languages
  - 4. Inclusionary Housing
  - 5. Gateway Education/Economic Development Center workforce element
  - 6. POIC alternative school just outside EP boundaries

### **VI. Activists Mobilizing for Power EPAP Attendee Reports – Jerome Funchess + Mike Vander Veen**

- A.** Mike attended the 2-day intensive on Dismantling Racism; the first such training he has attended

1. The first day they explored interpersonal experiences of racism and inclusive practices – decision making that is valid and valued
  2. The second day they focused on structures that reinforce racism and institutional racism
- B.** Jerome went to two workshops:
1. Creative Writing and Its Use in Advocacy – This afforded him an opportunity to meet with others doing community work and to explore the use of writing to bring marginalized people to the telling of their own story through rap and messaging the community's story. He dialogued with people from the Community Alliance for Tenants and people from the Sudanese, Hispanic/Latino, Bhutanese, Lao, and Burmese communities. Very powerful with far reaching ethnic connections.
  2. Social Media and Its Use in Community Organizing – they explored twitter, internet outreach as mechanisms to raise awareness and interaction. They heard success stories.

**VII: Latino Network Grant Report – Jackline Luna Acosta + Victor Salinas**

- A.** The Latino Network held two summer seminars: July and August 2-day trainings. Popular Education interactive workshops were held in Spanish. Resources, capacity for community organizing, advocacy, leadership, and government structures were discussed
- B.** The July session began with a movie on Social Justice and Class Partners. They learned that in 1955, the US Congress did not include rights for Hispanic peoples and the strategies used to change the system.
- C.** The second day had guest speakers addressing how to mobilize grassroots community organizing and the tools used. As a group they addressed how to strategically work with various municipal governments. Also addressed was immigration rights and education.
- D.** 22 people attended the July seminar.
- E.** The August session began with a movie called 'Viva La Causa'...farm workers in California and how they organized themselves for change.
- F.** In August they addressed methods used to promote social justice and applied this to different communities, including the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer and Questioning community rights issues. They watched and discussed a movie called 'Three Drops of Water' about the coming-out experience of Northwest children. There was active discussion about the rights

- of people verses agreement with their cause and how the different governmental agencies affect people's lives and rights.
- G.** They developed a priority list and did strong Dinamicas (e.g. Spider Web, where a ball of yarn was passed around the circle and in the end a spider web was developed that demonstrated that by coming together a ball can be held aloft in the middle of the circle).
  - H.** Jackeline mentioned that while they hold the adult workshops, the children receive leadership training instead of childcare. They learned about children's rights, the environment, school bullying, and other issues raised by the children. Lore will meet with her to discuss possibly hiring them to do this during the EPAP.
  - I.** Lore mentioned that Jackeline had received the Spirit of Portland Award last year for this work. Lore also mentioned that Arlene Kimura will be receiving a Spirit of Portland Award for partnership this year.

## **VIII. Representative Check-ins**

### **A. Planning & Sustainability Commission – Karen Fisher Gray**

1. Gateway Education/Economic Development Center – 'Gateway Transit Center Request For Interest' was released on September 11, 2012 with a do date of October 9, 2012. They received 4 submissions, all from not-for-profit affiliations. The Mayor has extended the response period for an additional 4-weeks (November 6, 2012), and will be doing personal outreach to private industry in the hopes of bringing for-profit responders to the table.
2. 122<sup>nd</sup> Rezoning Project – Karen spoke about the concern that the Powell Blvd and 122<sup>nd</sup> intersection infrastructure failings were influencing zoning choices. The Commission refused to support the Project proposal without an infrastructure resolution. Mark White testified and his impassioned testimony moved Commissioners. He suggested that the City put a fence around East Portland and throw crumbs in for the people living here. Karen had allies on the Commission and they required that changes be made.

### **B. Emergency Preparedness – Jeremy O'Leary**

1. See materials at [www.preporegon.org](http://www.preporegon.org).
2. Plan for pets.

3. Some people cannot afford 1 -2 nights of food. The following must be addressed simultaneously: food scarcity, earth quake danger, climate change, and quality of life. People really need resources beyond 72-hours.

**C. Gateway EcoDistrict + Future Game Training – Colleen Gifford**

1. Colleen said that the EcoDistrict will be going before City Council for official recognition.
2. EPAP arranged for Colleen to get ‘Future Game Training’. This is a mechanism to understand and explore the importance of good leadership and critical decision-making in considering unexpected ramifications of projects. Colleen will be holding a training on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Russellville Grange 353, 12105 N.E. Prescott St.

**D. Infrastructure Equity Policy Expert Group – Roger Anthony**

1. See August and September notes on pages 87 - 88
2. Roger spoke of seeking input on unintended consequences and benefits. He asked for input about such projects in East Portland. Bob Earnest said the MAX blue line. Jeremy O’Leary said the increase of density without infrastructure and services.

**E. Public Involvement Advisory Council (PIAC) – Mike Vander Veen**

1. The PIAC developed a codification for each City Bureau concerning involvement with Budget Advisory Committees. In the past this has been at the instruction of the Mayor.

**F. Transportation Budget Advisory Committee – David Hampsten**

1. The City of Portland ‘East Portland In Motion’ projects that have been build include: Bush + 103<sup>rd</sup> Greenway; 160<sup>th</sup> Burnside – Stark sidewalk infill; and 148<sup>th</sup> and 162<sup>nd</sup> sidewalk infill.
2. Federal \$ are being allocated through the State of Oregon for the 2015 – 16 year: Metropolitan Transportation Improvement and State Transportation Improvement – Enhancement and Fix-It. A group of EPAP transportation people met (Linda Bauer, David Hampsten, Jim Chasse, Katie Larsell, Jerome Funchess, and Tom Lewis) before this meeting. They consulted the EPAP 2012 – 13 Priority Projects list and have selected recommended projects to move forward. They seek EPAP support to move forward the projects, because the City staff will be meeting on October

2<sup>nd</sup> to develop a recommended list. They have identified funding of Powell Blvd. Conceptual Design improvements as the project for STIP Enhancement and Fix-It funding.

3. **ACTION:** It was unanimously approved to support the group to go forward with advocacy for the projects they recommend.
4. Shelli Romero commented that there is \$38,000,000 in roll-over funds from MTIP.

## **IX. City of Portland Comprehensive Plan + EPAP Advocacy Tool – Chris Scarzello**

- A. Chris was asked by the EPAP to develop a spreadsheet that reflects each Action item, where it is addressed in the Portland Plan and where it should be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan.
- B. She shared a rough example of the spreadsheet update that adds the status of the lead bureau's work on the action and a description, supporting documentation, and more information including whether the item is addressed in the Portland Plan or Comprehensive Plan.
- C. She cut her time short because David went longer than expected.
- D. EPAPers were excited about getting this advocacy resource.

## **X. Announcements/Information**

### **A. Sunday Parkways – Arlene Kimura**

Arlene asked people to sign-up for an EPAP tabling shift at East Portland Sunday Parkways on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of September. Shifts are for 2-hours between 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. She passed around a sign-in sheet.

### **B. Coal-Export Issues – Dolores Wood**

The moving of uncovered coal through East Portland exposes people to toxins via air, soil, and water. Toxins include arsenic and mercury. Dolores is organizing a rally against the coal trains at the Gateway Transit Center on October 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30 AM.

### **C. Orientation – David Hampsten**

3 people attended.

The next EPAP general meeting:

**Wednesday, October 24, 2012**

**6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**David Douglas School District Office,**

**1500 SE 130<sup>th</sup> Ave.,  
Portland, OR 97233**

(at SE Market between Division and Stark)

Dinner provided.

**Childcare and Spanish/English language interpretation provided.**

If you want more language interpretation or time on the agenda, please  
contact: [lore.wintergreen@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:lore.wintergreen@portlandoregon.gov) or 503.823.4035

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## **East Portland Action Plan - Brownfield Subcommittee Community Visioning Workshop / Subcommittee Meeting**

August 25, 2012, 12:00 – 3:00 pm

East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106<sup>th</sup> Ave

**Subcommittee Purpose:** *This subcommittee exists to help facilitate the development of vacant, underutilized and potentially contaminated brownfield sites in East Portland with a particular focus on youth engagement in the political process. The subcommittee is welcoming of all interested parties and East Portland community members, and looks to engage the community with the initiatives of Groundwork Portland, a nonprofit that focuses on brownfield remediation and environmental stewardship in underserved, low income communities and communities of color in the Portland area. Groundwork has been introduced to the East Portland community through students enrolled at David Douglas High School's SUN program, and hopes to further empower East Portlanders in improving their own neighborhood. If you are interested in joining the Brownfields Subcommittee, or you would like more information on the project, please contact Cassie Cohen at [cassie@groundworkportland.org](mailto:cassie@groundworkportland.org), or call [503 662 2590](tel:5036622590).*

### **EPAP Action Items Addressed by Brownfield Subcommittee:**

- P.2.1 Seek private funding partnerships for parks improvements, including foundation grants, donations, etc.
- P.4.1 Identify and fund a “community-built park” as per VisionPDX: pilot program in East Portland.
- NA.4.1 Increase active and passive recreation space on par with citywide recreation space and best practices standards
- CM.2.7 Develop public spaces and community uses in commercial areas.

**Attendees:** Christine Charnesla, Craig Rogers, Jimmy Whipps, Gwen Plotts, Joyce Holmes, Feysal, Nicole Brown (Center for Intercultural Organizing), Cameron Whitten, Alicia Lopez, Nichole Martin, Cathy Geiger, Ryan Robinson (Jefferson Smith for Mayor), Dan Miller (National Park Service Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance), Ray McCoy, Tom Lewis (Centennial Community Association), Uma Abdullahi (Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Youth Planner), Olga Bocage (DDHS Groundwork Club/BPS Youth Planner), Melat Addisu (BPS Youth Planner), Ganga Bhattarai (BPS Youth Planner), Gloire Binja (BPS Youth Planner), Vadim Riskin (East European Coalition), Tanya Riskin, Musse Olol, Cassie Cohen (Groundwork

Portland), Aaron Brown (Groundwork Portland/National Park Service RTCA), Robert Rouse (Groundwork Portland), Commissioner-Elect Steve Novick , Abigail Cernak (City of Portland Brownfields Program), Jim Waddell, Ameera Saahir

## **Meeting Minutes:**

Groundwork Portland Program Director Cassie Cohen introduced Melat Addisu, Ganga Bhattarai, Gloire Binja and Olga Bocage, who worked as Youth Planners with the City of Portland this summer. The students spoke to the subcommittee and workshop attendees about their summer project to identify vacant lots in East Portland, and provided case studies about two specific vacant lots located on SE 127<sup>th</sup>/Division and SE 134<sup>th</sup>/Powell. Olga Bocage, who also worked with the David Douglas High School SUN Program Groundwork Club this past spring, presented a summary of the afterschool discussions about environmental justice as it relates to contaminants and poor underrepresented communities, the importance of youth engagement and participation in the political process, and the 16 lots found by the students this past May.

Following these two presentations, Jim Waddell began his “Multi-Vision Integration” workshop by discussing his definition of the word “vision,” and the ways in which this workshop would integrate all of the visions of all of the attendees of the event into one cohesive, coherent plan for East Portland. He noted that the best way to express these individual visions is to ask community members to create drawings with colored markers that demonstrate their ideas for their neighborhood. Attendees of the Community Visioning Workshop each drew pictures of what they’d like to see built or created in their neighborhood and then, upon completion, discussed with the rest of the attendees in the room why those chose particular elements of their drawings. Common themes in the roughly 40 drawings included community gardens, affordable homes and housing, civic spaces, locally-owned businesses, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreation opportunities for smaller children, and water amenities such as ponds and lakes.

After the group had each presented their visions, Mr. Waddell asked volunteers to help him scan each of the visions into a printer and made miniature, 2inch by 3inch versions of each vision, and asked each of the attendees to look at the miniature drawings and create a collage that demonstrated similar ideas for improving their neighborhood. These collages were then presented to the full group, allowing community members to see how their plans for community improvement are interrelated. After this event, these multi-vision collages will be sent to professional artists, who will

recreate these drawings and distribute them back to the community at the next Brownfield Subcommittee meeting.

Groundwork Portland Program Director Cassie Cohen thanked the attendees of the event and encouraged people to join the East Portland Action Plan's Brownfield Subcommittee, which meets monthly, although no date for a September meeting has been set.

The meeting concluded at 3:16pm.



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## Civic Engagement Subcommittee

August 21, 2012 6:30pm  
Community Policing Office

**Committee Purpose:** To organize multi-cultural/language specific Civic Engagement workshop curriculum and advocate for ongoing funding.

**Attendees:** Donita Frye, Arlene Kimura, Jerome Funchess, Frieda Christopher, Lore Wintergreen, Claudia Carrillo, Victor Salinas, Rosa Hernandez, Jessica Dover, interpreter, Aaron Brown, and Naomi Pierce (Skanner Foundation).

Jerome introduced himself as facilitator, thanked Frieda for taking notes, and Donita for picking up the food. He reviewed the purpose of the group and did an overview of the agenda. He had each person introduce themselves.

### Current Project Updates:

Claudia reported that the Latino Learning Community workshops went really well. They finished with the current grant and will start with the third grant in September with planning and will start the workshops in October or November.

Donita gave an update on NAYA's workshops. They had been asked by participants to reschedule the last 2 workshops until September and October. They were awarded a new grant and will focus the workshops on the homeless youth of their community. NAYA has begun the outreach process for the new workshops that will probably start in October.

Jerome asked that the dates be announced so that we might attend if a member wants to attend. He felt it could be a learning opportunity. He wanted to encourage all to participate in each others events. Claudia said Lore had attended some of Latino Learning Community workshops.

Naomi reported that The Skanner Foundation had an event; project Focus East at Midland Library on July 24<sup>th</sup>, to bring together African Americans in the community to focus on health care, business & economics and policing/safety. They had agencies and other organizations to provide information and speak to the

attendees. They video-graphed the business portion of the event. They want to identify African Americans who want to become engaged and be part of a forum to be involved.

### **East Portland Art Planning:**

Jerome reported that about 2 months ago he started attending workshops with Tommie Anderson from the Mayor's office regarding the 'East Portland Art Planning Collective'. He said Bill Flood will be facilitating meetings for the committee. They have been holding the meetings at Mile Post 5 around 2 blocks north of Glisan on 82<sup>nd</sup> – next meeting Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm and he would like to see more diversity on the committee. He asked that members of the civic engagement committee attend or get word out to their community for those that might be interested in attending. The art planning project is being done on an accelerated process. They are trying to complete the planning prior to the Mayor leaving office. He wants something in place for the Regional Art Council (RACC) so art will be brought out to East Portland. It is important that we make the art in East Portland be representative of the people and the diversity of East Portland. Jerome asked if people have recommendations but don't have time for a planning meeting, to please turn in their recommendations to him. Jerome stated he felt we need to tie in what is planned with the EP Action Plan. Naomi asked what it was and Lore said it was an action plan for putting public art in East Portland. Jerome passed around a sign-up sheet for those interested.

It was announced that Rosewood finished their mural. Victor said that Latino Network has been funded by RACC has r to do a mural in East Portland and that they are interested in funding murals or art projects, especially those lead by people of color communities.

### **Mobile Parks Project:**

Rosa shared pictures from the mobile parks at Melrose. Claudia wanted to share some of their mistakes. For next year they will plan earlier from Dec-Feb and start promoting earlier to get the word out. We are going to pass flyers out in different places like schools, churches and stores. We were also missing signs at some of the locations. If we had done promotion ahead we could have put the information at more places. There were not too many children at Melrose because a lot of students were attending summer school. Rosa said they would like to change the scheduling a little bit but all the families in the area appreciated having something so close. Jerome said he does bike safety and bike rodeos and he would like to coordinate with the mobile parks to get the information on bike safety out to the families in the apartments. Claudia said there was a bike safety and rodeo at Shaver, but before school was out and they thought it would be better to do it in the summer. Lore mentioned that the school year bike safety is generally provided by

the City's Safe Routes to School program for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Jerome would like to reach the younger children. Claudia asked if we could get helmets at the bike safety. Jerome said we could work starting now so we could have the funding for helmets to get the helmets for free. Arlene said if we could get partial funding, the Trauma Nurses from Legacy Emanuel might contribute the other part.

Donita asked about Community Cycling Center and Lore said they had decided to focus only in North Portland. Victor said Pamela Weatherspoon at Legacy Emanuel and Randall Children Hospital is in charge of outreach. She might be a contact to help get the helmets. Frieda suggested that Adventist might be another option and Lore mentioned Kaiser also.

**Dinámica:** Each attendee shared their dream vacation.

### **Civic Engagement Grant Update:**

Lore said the EPAP was refunded for this year and the general committee approved the money for the advocate position and operating expenses. They committed \$50,000 for general grant programs (many of which have been civic engagement projects in the past); \$40,000 for civic engagement grants; and \$50,000 for funding special projects with municipal partners. Examples of previous projects have been: mobile parks and the East Portland Economic Development Assessment. Lore recommended that at the next meeting, we review the grant application and decide if we want to keep it the same or make changes. She will send our last application out a week before the meeting. She asked that we think about whether or not we want to consider doing a different type of grant to reach the communities in other ways. Jerome said he liked that one requirement is to do several events instead of one. Arlene expressed her appreciation for the work being done and said to remember it takes time to grow and build the community connection. Claudia said they had learned from the Russian Speaking Network (RSN) and how they are united and that the Latino Learning Community (LLC) has gotten RSN's advise on how they can do that with the LLC. Donita mentioned it was a pleasure becoming a part of the community and watching others on the same journey and how much they have grown and she has seen it with Claudia and Rosa.

Lore mentioned that one of the things we might want to do is share more and maybe every month each group does a workshop with this group to share information that demonstrates how the work they are doing is culturally specific, or we could set aside some of the monies for a combined grant that the members can use to provide a collaborative workshop for the community as a whole so they could share how their workshops work with each community. Claudia stated that all cultures have the same needs for learning. When she first started she thought it

was just the Latino community and discovered all the communities deal with the same issues and that we are all linked together and can help each other.

### **Parks Announcement:**

Arlene said the Portland Parks Foundation Board has asked that this group with her and Tom Barnes to present at their next meeting. Claudia and Rosa will be attending the meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am. They will discuss how important the mobile parks have been for East Portland. Aaron mentioned that his group is near the Parks Foundation and he said this information is really important to share with them.

### **Languages by School Data and School Health Clinic Brochure:**

Lore said she has followed up about the school-based health clinic brochure distribution through the schools and Multnomah County will do brochures in the top 7 languages: English, Spanish, Russian, Romanian, Vietnamese, simplified Chinese and Somali. They wanted to know how many copies of each, so she had gotten data on different languages spoken in each school. Multnomah County will get the brochures out. She shared what the different languages were by school district and some of the percentages. They are trying to get them sorted by language per school so they can send to the schools what they need. Jerome thanked Lore for the work. Aaron asked if those numbers represent the overall percentage of East Portland. Lore said she wasn't sure. She also mentioned that it might be the languages with smaller numbers that most need the information in their languages and that we could discuss this during the next meeting.

### **Announcement:**

Groundwork Portland works to clean up and rebuild the areas where there are brownfields and now we are focusing in East Portland. They have established an East Portland Action Plan Brownfields Subcommittee. They are holding a community Visioning Workshop on Sat, August 25 from 12-3 at East Portland Community Center. There will food, child care, and interpreters in Spanish, Russian and Somali.

Lore will add next month's assignments to the notes and send via email:

### **MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Month	Facilitator/Dinámica	Note Taker	Food
September 18	Donita Fry	Inger McDowell	Claudia Carrillo
October 16	Natalya Sobolevskaya	Jerome Funchess	Inger McDowell
November 20	Anna Volkova	Donita Fry	Natalya Sobolevskaya

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.



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## **Subcomité de Participación Cívica**

**El 21 de agosto del 2012, 6:30pm**

### **Oficina Policial Comunitaria**

**Propósito del comité:** Organizar un currículo de talleres de participación cívica multiculturales y/o en lenguas específicas y abogar por financiación continuada.

**Asistentes:** Donita Frye, Arlene Kimura, Jerome Funchess, Frieda Christopher, Lore Wintergreen, Claudia Carrillo, Victor Salinas, Rosa Hernandez, Jessica Dover, intérprete, Aaron Brown, and Naomi Pierce (Fundación Skanner).

Jerome se presentó como el facilitador, agradeció a Frieda por tomar apuntes y a Donita por recoger la comida. Repasó el propósito del grupo y dio la visión general de la agenda. Invitó a cada persona a presentarse.

### **Actualizaciones de proyectos en curso:**

Claudia informó que los talleres de la Comunidad latina de aprendizaje (LLC) salieron muy bien. Ellas ya terminaron con la subvención actual y se empezará tercera subvención en septiembre con la planificación de talleres. Las charlas comenzarán en octubre o noviembre.

Donita dio una actualización acerca de los talleres de NAYA. Los participantes habían pedido que la organización vuelva a programar los últimos dos talleres hasta los meses de septiembre y octubre. Se les otorgó una nueva subvención y aquellos talleres se centrarán en los jóvenes sin techo en su comunidad. NAYA ha empezado el proceso de alcance para los nuevos talleres, que probablemente comenzarán en octubre.

Jerome pidieron que se anuncien las fechas al grupo para que podamos asistir los talleres si queremos. Pensaba que esto podría presentar oportunidades de aprendizaje. Quería animar a todos a participar en los eventos de los otros. Claudia dijo que Lore había asistido algunos de los talleres de la LLC.

Naomi informó que la Fundación Skanner tuvo un evento, Proyecto Focus East en la biblioteca Midland, el 24 de julio para unir a los afroamericanos en la comunidad con el enfoque en el cuidado de salud, los negocios y la economía y en el orden público/la seguridad. Agencias y otras organizaciones presentaron

información y hablaron con los asistentes. Grabaron en video la sección acerca de los negocios durante el evento. Deseaban identificar a los afroamericanos interesados en involucrarse y en ser parte de un foro.

### **La planificación de arte en el este de Portland:**

Jerome informó que hace más o menos 2 meses empezó a asistir talleres con Tommie Anderson de la alcaldía sobre el "Colectivo de la planificación de arte." Dijo que Bill Flood va a facilitar las reuniones para el comité. Las reuniones se celebran en el hito de milla 5 alrededor de 2 cuadras al norte de Glisan con la 82nd. La próxima reunión será el jueves, el 23 de agosto a las 6:30pm y a Jerome le gustaría ver más diversidad en el comité. Pidió que asistieran los miembros del subcomité de participación cívica o que hicieran correr la voz en sus comunidades a los que tengan interés en asistir. El proyecto de planificación de arte va a un ritmo acelerado. Se quiere completar la planificación antes de que el alcalde salga de su puesto. Éste prefiere que algo sea establecido para el Consejo Regional de las Artes (RACC, por sus siglas en inglés) para poder llevar las artes al este de Portland. Es importante que hagamos que el arte en el este de Portland sea una representación del pueblo y de la diversidad de la región. Jerome dijo que si alguien tiene una recomendación pero carece de tiempo para asistir la reunión de planificación, que le deje la recomendación con él. Jerome declaró que es necesario que vinculemos este proyecto con lo planeado en EPAP. Naomi hizo preguntas acerca de eso y Lore le dijo que es un plan de acción para colocar el arte público en el este de Portland. Jerome repartió una hoja de inscripción para los que estaban interesados.

Se anunció que Rosewood terminó su mural. Victor dijo que la Red latina recibió financiación de parte del RACC para realizar un mural en el este de Portland y que su organización está interesada en financiar murales o proyectos de arte, especialmente con el liderazgo de las comunidades de personas de color.

### **Proyecto de los parques ambulantes**

Rosa compartió fotos sacadas durante los parques ambulantes en Melrose. Claudia quería compartir algunos de sus errores. Para el próximo año planearán más temprano, a partir de diciembre a febrero, y empezarán la promoción más temprano para hacer correr la voz. Vamos a repartir los volantes en lugares distintos tales como escuelas, iglesias y tiendas. También nos faltaban pancartas en algunos de los sitios. Asistieron pocos niños de Melrose porque muchos estudiantes tomaron cursos de verano. Rosa dijo que les gustaría cambiar el horario un poco, pero de todos modos les dio mucho gusto a la familias del área tener las actividades tan cerca. Jerome dijo que actualmente participa en la seguridad de bicicleta y rodeos de bicis y que le gustaría coordinar algo con los parques ambulantes para dar información acerca de seguridad de bicicleta a las familias en los departamentos. Claudia dijo que había un programa de seguridad de bicicleta y un rodeo de bicis en la escuela Shaver, pero los programas tienen lugar antes del final del año escolar y pensaban que sería mejor realizarlos durante el verano. Lore mencionó que el programa de la ciudad "Rutas seguras a la escuela" generalmente presenta los programas en las escuelas a los estudiantes en el 5o grado. A Jerome le gustaría alcanzar a los niños menores. Claudia preguntó si se podía conseguir cascos. Jerome dijo que podríamos empezar la labor de obtener la financiación ahora para poder recibir los cascos sin costo. Arlene dijo que si en el caso de que recibiéramos la financiación parcial, los enfermeros del departamento de Trauma del hospital Legacy Emanuel tal vez contribuirían la otra parte.

Donita preguntó por el Centro comunitario de ciclismo y Lore dijo que éste había decidido centrarse solamente en el norte de Portland. Victor dijo que Pamela Weatherspoon en el hospital Legacy Emanuel y el hospital infantil Randall está a cargo del alcance. Ella podría ser un punto de contacto para ayudar con los cascos. Frieda sugirió que el hospital Adventista podría ser una otra opción y Lore también mencionó el hospital Kaiser.

**Dinámica:** Cada participante compartió sus vacaciones de sueño.

### **Actualización de la subvención de Participación cívica:**

Lore dijo que EPAP volvió a recibir la financiación para este año y que el comité general aprobó el dinero para el puesto de defensor(a) y para los gastos de operaciones. Se comprometieron a dar \$50,000 a las subvenciones de programas generales (muchos de los cuales han sido proyectos de participación cívica en el pasado), \$40,000 a las subvenciones de participación cívica y \$50,000 para financiar proyectos especiales con socios municipales. Ejemplos de proyectos pasados son: los parques ambulantes y la Evaluación de desarrollo económico en el este de Portland. Lore recomendó que revisemos la solicitud de subvención durante la próxima reunión y que decidamos si queremos mantenerla igual o hacer cambios. Ella nos enviará la solicitud actual una semana antes de la reunión. Ella nos pidió que reflexionáramos sobre si queremos considerar ofrecer un tipo de subvención diferente para alcanzar a las comunidades en otras maneras. Jerome dijo que le gustaba el requisito de realizar varios eventos en lugar de solamente uno. Arlene expresó su agradecimiento por el trabajo que ya se hace y dijo que es necesario recordar que crecer y construir conexiones comunitarias toma tiempo. Claudia dijo que ellas habían aprendido de la Red de rusohablantes (RSN) y como ahora son unidas y que la Comunidad latina de aprendizaje (LLC) recibió consejos de parte de la RSN en cuanto a cómo se puede hacer eso con la LLC. Donita mencionó que era un placer hacerse parte de la comunidad y mirar a otros emprendiendo el mismo viaje. Comentó que han crecido mucho y que ha observado este crecimiento en Claudia y Rosa.

Lore mencionó que una de las cosas con podríamos considerar es compartir aun más. Tal vez cada grupo podría dar un taller cada mes para los participantes de la reunión para compartir información que demuestre cómo la labor que realizan es específica culturalmente, o bien podríamos guardar una parte de los fondos para usar en una subvención combinada que los miembros podrían utilizar para dar un taller de colaboración para la comunidad entera para demostrar a la comunidad cómo los talleres realmente funcionan. Claudia declaró que todas las culturas tienen la misma necesidad de aprender. Cuando ella empezaba, pensaba que eso se encontraba solamente en la comunidad latina, pero descubrió que todas las comunidades tratan con los mismos asuntos y que nosotros todos somos vinculados y que podemos ayudarnos todos.

### **Anuncio de los parques:**

Arlene dijo que la Junta de la Fundación de los parques de Portland ha pedido que este grupo esté presente con ella y Tom Barnes para hacer una presentación durante su próxima reunión. Claudia y Rosa asistirán la reunión el 19 de septiembre a las 7:30am. Discutirán la importancia que han tenido los parques ambulantes en el este de Portland. Aaron mencionó que su grupo está conectado con la Fundación de los parques y que es muy importante que se comparta esta información con ellos.

### **Datos de las lenguas en las escuelas y el folleto de los centros de salud escolares:**

Lore dijo que ha dado seguimiento a la distribución de los folletos de los centros de salud escolares en las escuelas y que el condado de Multnomah producirá folletos en los 7 idiomas principales: inglés, español, ruso, rumano, vietnamita, chino simplificado y somalí. Ellos querían saber cuántas copias de cada idioma se necesitaba, así que ella consiguió los datos acerca de las lenguas distintas que se hablan en cada escuela. El condado de Multnomah repartirá los folletos. Ella compartió cuáles son las lenguas diferentes por escuela así como algunos de los porcentajes. Se trata de poner los folletos en orden de lengua por escuela para que se pueda enviárselos según lo que necesitan. Jerome agradeció a Lore por su trabajo. Aaron preguntó si aquellos números representan el porcentaje general del este de Portland y Lore dijo que no estaba segura. Ella también mencionó que podrían ser idiomas con cantidades de hablantes más bajas pero que necesitan la información aun más. Dijo que podríamos hablar del asunto durante la próxima reunión.

### **Anuncio:**

Groundwork Portland labora para limpiar y reconstruir las áreas en las cuales se encuentran los terrenos baldíos y ahora está enfocado en el este de Portland. Han establecido y subcomité de Terrenos baldíos con el Plan de acción para el este de Portland. Van a celebrar un taller de desarrollo de visión comunitaria el sábado el 25 de agosto entre las 12:00 y las 3:00pm en el Centro comunitario del este de Portland. Habrá comida, cuidado de niños e intérpretes de español, ruso y somalí.

Lore agregará la tarea de cada persona para el próximo mes a los apuntes y se los enviará por correo electrónico:

### **Horario de las reuniones mensuales:**

Mes	Facilitador(a)/Dinámica	Tomar apuntes	Comida
18 de septiembre	Donita Fry	Inger McDowell	Claudia Carrillo
16 de octubre	Natalya Sobolevskaya	Jerome Funchess	Inger McDowell
20 de noviembre	Anna Volkova	Donita Fry	Natalya Sobolevskaya

**Se levantó la sesión a las 8:21pm.**

# **EPAP Civic Engagement Subcommittee**

**Meeting Notes: 9/18/2012**

**Committee Purpose:** To organize multi-cultural/language specific Civic Engagement workshop curriculum and advocate for ongoing funding.

**Attendees:** Donita Frye, Jackeline Luna, Jerome Funchess, Lore Wintergreen, Rosa Hernandez, Jessica Dover (interpreter) Naomi Pierce, Claudia Carrillo, Luis Nava, Doriga Nava, Tonisha Tuler, and Inger McDowell.

## **Update on East Portland Arts and Culture Committee**

Jerome reported that the East Portland Art Committee (EPAC) next meeting is September 20, 6-8 P M, at East Portland Community Center 740 SE 106<sup>th</sup> Ave. They will be discussing the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of goals for EPAC and tactics as to how they will support and accomplish the goals they set. They want to talk about strategies and bigger picture to getting goals. Committee purpose is to identify ways to bring arts to East Portland and locating where 1) artists are in East Portland; 2) public art displays are located; and 3) places to display and show art. They are developing the criteria for an inventory.

They will have a booth at Sunday Parkways ([www.sundaayparkway.org](http://www.sundaayparkway.org)) at Ed Benedict Park on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 11-4 PM. At the booth, they will talk with community members about priorities in East Portland and ask for feedback.

Future Meetings: October 4 6-8PM 12350 SE Powell Human Solutions Office; October 18<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM 740 SE 106<sup>TH</sup> EPDX Community Center; November 8<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM 740 SE 106<sup>TH</sup> EPDX Community Center.

Check out eastportlandartscollective- Facebook

## **Review existing Civic Engagement Grant Application**

Donita asked group to review application for feedback and suggestions regarding changes. Lore explained how the funds can be used and explained the prior process --- what we did last time was advocate for cultural specific curriculum for under-served communities in East Portland for residents of East Portland. These funds are for a first step for people to get involved in their community. This positions people to take advantage of the DCL options for advanced leadership trainings. Lore asked is how we want to spend \$40k this year. Do we want to set aside funding to tell people about what our cultural difference are or do we want to apply to cultural specific grants?

Naomi expressed that we should consider that residential areas differ and how cultural specific-funding should be used by neighborhood. Lore explained that the neighborhood association grants funded neighborhood-specific work. Naomi suggested it might be a way to get other people involved in the cultures living in specific community to come together to work on a project.

Lore mentioned conversations with JoAnn Hardesty regarding her wanting to see more multicultural organizing, which can be funded with EPAP General Grants and Project funds. Unfortunately, multi-cultural organizing has not yet been successful here. Her understanding from this committee is that through community-specific organizing as a first step, communities develop strength through training and engagement with each other that develops comfort to work with other communities. Claudia said it's important to also look for meeting places to show up and say what we need to and can change. I think that it's about knocking on doors-some open-some close but you keep going. Si Se Puede!-people need to know they can create change.

Jackeline says that we want to create a consciousness that people can get involved in; people think that minorities shouldn't be involved, but we need to get involved and find peoples language barriers that make it difficult to be involved. What is our cultural reality in US? When people understand they can get involved-it's important we have cultural part to what we are doing here.

Donita -we (*Native American/Indian community*) have language barriers as well - acronyms used that we don't understand. We need to develop leadership capacity in our own community first, when we have that, then we can get out into the larger community.

Doriga - diverse backgrounds - we face challenges. People who are educated and who aren't also demonstrate different needs. We need to prepare communities better and step-up and react; interchange with different groups.

Luis - in order for us to get to workshops at the broader community level, we must start at our own community and build to the next level. Luis spoke about helping the City of Cornelius in City Council meetings that were Spanish-language specific. They had great results and will start doing this in Hillsboro and Beaverton (Mayor supportive). Through music and art we can engage people, plus future leadership will get together with Anglos and others to take to the next step.

Doriga - children loose who they are in the USA when they come from other countries. She spoke about a pot-luck with Latina women who gather and get to know each other; show people that the world of Latina culture is a good idea to promote.

Donita - as we are increasing our community member involvement through the trainings the county and regional cultural richness is expressed and this happens because of the EPAP Civic Engagement and DCL. The exchange is happening here; we are doing multicultural work here. How do we share what's happening and those meetings 'mainstream' world? How do we honor indigenous world view and teach mainstream organizing systems the need to accommodate to our way/world?

Jackeline - an example of this might be w/in PDX- Parks and Rec Department, who came to us (*Latino Network*) because they wanted to know the services we offer. Latino staffer met with us and developed the idea to get Nick Fish and Director of Parks involved - we did an event where they listened to what people needed: more offerings in Spanish and soccer. We did surveys and volunteers from Latino Network gave testimony.

Lore - people at EPAP Civic Engagement decide how to spend this money; you decide, EPAP respectfully decide that you know how to best spend the Civic Engagement \$\$\$ and how to strengthen our community. You have \$40,000, how will you direct those funds. Some people don't stay involved unless they are receiving funding. How is this group responsibly spending \$\$\$ to give people a voice and encouraging participation?

Jacqueline – Latino Network has had 2 years of engagement to get people involved; we formed a committee of leadership graduates who meet every month - the idea is to stay involved so they will lead; share what they have learned; keep continuity going; and keep people interested.

Luis- I am okay with what's in place-leave it in place.  
It was approved by consensus to keep the grant application the same, but to have it on future agendas to look at changes in the future.  
Donita - agrees!

### **EPAP Project Application**

EPAP application - separate application available for projects. This can address any of the 268 items in EPAP listed items. The EPAP Operations Committee, compromised of chairs from each sub-committee, proposed priorities that should be addressed by Metro, Multnomah County, and the City of Portland. They took these proposed priorities to the full general

EPAP and they were approved for 2012 -13. Operations Committee members (including your assigned member, Natalya) met with Commissioners and Counselors to advocate for these priorities. It was decided at the general EPAP that the same priorities would be given extra points for the EPAP Project Applications. This Project Application requires that the EPAP member partner with a municipal organization. This includes METRO, County, State, City, PDC, and schools - no non-profit. An EPAP member must propose the funding. Mobile Playgrounds project is an example of a project that was done partner with City of Portland Parks and Recreation. The project provided 10 ½ day playground experiences with locations that were chosen with the input of EPAP Civic Engagement members. The project also influenced Parks & Recreation to hire language and cultural appropriate staff from East Portland.

Rosa spoke about her involvement with the project and with her apartment building landlord who they did not think they would get to allow them to use the location – children there needed safe space to play. The landlord did cooperate and 156 children participated with the mobile playground.

Another example of a funded project is the EPAP Economic Development Assessment managed by the Portland Development Commission and guided by the EPAP Economic Development Commission. The Gateway Education/Economic Development Center is an identified priority project that with the support of the Assessment prioritization is moving forward in a way that addresses anti-displacement as well as development. They ask: How does this employ East Portland people?

**Project Application Deadline is October 17.** In addition to priority EPAP Action items, 30 points are available for community improvement and anti-displacement. The Applications will be presented by the submitter at the October general EPAP meeting where those attending will score the projects.

### **Presentation on Community Specific Cultural Differences: Question and Answers**

Each month the facilitator will share about our culture and culturally relevant practices in our community and cultural specific services.

Donita is this month's facilitator:

She spoke of the Native American Youth and Elder Councils. She described how she used the cultural practice of using lips to direct and respond by having members strike poses with their lips for a dinámica. She spoke about how you approach Native American communities. Our nation built on federal policies to remove native people from this country. Distrust

of government and practice is huge. Native People were not recognized as citizens in the United States, other culture's immigrants were recognized before Native Peoples. Native Peoples often have dual citizenship – USA and tribal government. Relations are government to government relationships. Self-determination-consensus process is focused on community and family. Our principals are grounded indigenous values/spiritual practices, and languages. Those are our focus-relational world-relevant (mind, body, spirit) interconnected issues. Mainstream systems operate on linear systems. Native Peoples value ceremony-open meetings with blessing people and the site. Many Native People do not respond quickly at meetings because it is the culture to seriously consider the issues for a while, and to be thoughtful. Not okay to speak on behalf of our community - story tellers oral history. Dynamics need to be met to have our voice heard; create space to develop relationship to understand how culture impacts history. We need to understand the barriers that exist of our work grounded in history, language, culture. Treaty rights establish a legal obligation to consult on certain issues. Portland Youth and Elder Council and other programs are where we engage and invite elected people to meet with native community to hear recommendations that are relevant to our community. Very collaborative; lots of learning that can go on. Native Peoples are the First People here and they have many resources; lots to be learned and appreciated. Learn how to engage with this community; share our history; recognize our similarities and work together for solutions. There are 564 recognized Tribes in the USA- each tribe has a process for being recognized as a member of the Tribe. An example is blood quantum- Levels A, B, or C eligibility to be available to receive services and resources of the Tribe. It wasn't until 1924 that by law, Native People born in U.S. were recognized as this country's citizens, they then also had to enroll in a process of Tribal recognition. Portland has the 9<sup>th</sup> largest Native population in the region. In 1974 the U.S. government restored rights to practice Native religion.

**NAYA Pow Wow- September 21-22, 2012**

**Pioneer Square NAYA event September 28**

### **EPAP Updates**

Mobile playgrounds: tomorrow presentation at City Hall to share stories about mobile playgrounds project.

School Health Clinic – They are going to print the brochures in 7 languages-distribute in East Portland schools; distribution issues to package up brochures and send to schools. Lore is working to arrange that they get distributed to schools, but the want to have them delivered to EPAP.

Crime Prevention Enhanced Safety Properties Program – City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement Crime Prevention through environment design safety program will go to apartments with criminal activity and offers resources and extra support from the Portland Police Bureau if the apartment building management meets requirements of the Enhanced Safety Properties Program.

Concerns were raised about some of the requirements, such as to get support they have to screen residents: conduct credit and criminal background checks; inspection of government-issued photo ID; and good faith verification of the last 3-yr of rental history.

Jerome – This is too much required information; invasive into people's lives; consider financial consideration - e.g. Somali who is new immigrants – this is profiling.

Jackeline - We try to encourage people to trust police, but people will be less trusting with this practice.

Doriga - Background checks are hurting people. If you are an immigrant how do you start?

***Next agenda: invite Crime Prevention staff to attend our next meeting and discuss this further.***

Naomi – The Scanner Project update on Midland library video-workshop on business start-up. 20 minute video. Other presenter did not show-up for the workshops. They will continue to work with Jerome to get people from East Portland involved. Bernie Foster and N/NE Pdx to have forum to discuss issues that surround policy. Copies of the DVD will get distributed to the community.

Donita - NAYA postponed the last workshops for civic engagement - workshops need to be rescheduled. At the Advocacy 101 training participants developed actions. NAYA will involve youth in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funding talking circle - cohort to partner with civic engagement workshops.

Rosa - Latino Learning Project just started planning process. They have talked with principals to arrange the workshops, which will start in October. There will be participation from the Latino Network.

### **Announcement-**

- 1. Governor declared September 15-October 15 Hispanic Heritage Month**
- 2. September 25 National Voter Registration Day**

3. Urban League of Portland sponsored Mayoral Candidate Forum  
**October 25 at Maranatha Church**
4. Urban League of Portland sponsored Ballot Information Sessions on  
**October 8 Humboldt Gardens Apartment and October 17 Urban League of Portland 6:30-8:00 PM.**
5. Max Action East Gate Apartment Clean Up- **October 3 4-5:30 PM**

**Next month we meet on October 16<sup>th</sup>.** Natalya Sobolevskaya will facilitate, Jerome Funchess will take notes, and Inger McDowell will bring food.



# East Portland Action Plan

## EPAP Subcomité de Participación Cívica

**Apuntes de la reunión del 18 de septiembre de 2012**

**Propósito del comité:** Organizar un currículo de talleres de participación cívica multiculturales y/o en lenguas específicas y abogar por financiación continuada.

**Asistentes:** Donita Frye, Jackeline Luna, Jerome Funchess, Lore Wintergreen, Rosa Hernandez, Jessica Dover (intérprete) Naomi Pierce, Claudia Carrillo, Luis Nava, Doriga Nava, Tonisha Tuler y Inger McDowell.

### **Actualización sobre el Comité de las Artes y Cultura del Este de Portland**

Jerome informó que la próxima reunión del Comité de las artes del este de Portland (EPAC por sus siglas en inglés) es el 20 de septiembre, 6-8 PM, en el Centro Comunitario del Este de Portland en 740 SE 106th Ave. Se discutirá la primera versión de las metas de EPAC y las tácticas que se usarán para apoyar y lograr las metas establecidas. Se quiere hablar sobre estrategias y el panorama general con el fin de lograr las metas. El propósito del comité es identificar formas de traer las artes al este de Portland y de descubrir 1) dónde se encuentran los artistas en el este de Portland, 2) dónde se encuentran las exhibiciones públicas de arte y 3) lugares en los que se puede exhibir y exponer el arte. El comité está desarrollando el criterio para un inventario.

Tendrán un puesto en Sunday Parkways([www.sundaayparkway.org](http://www.sundaayparkway.org)) en el parque Ed Benedict el 30 de septiembre, 11-4 PM. En la mesa hablarán con miembros comunitarios acerca de las prioridades para el este de Portland y pedirán opiniones y comentarios.

Reuniones futuras: El 4 de octubre, 6-8PM 12350 SE Powell en la oficina de Human Solutions; el 18 de octubre 6-8 PM 740 SE 106<sup>TH</sup> en el Centro Comunitario de EPDX; el 8 de noviembre 6-8 PM 740 SE 106<sup>TH</sup> en el Centro Comunitario de EPDX.

### **Repasar la solicitud de subvención actual de Participación Cívica**

Donita pidió que el grupo revisara la solicitud para dar sus opiniones y sugerencias acerca de cambios. Lore explicó cómo se puede usar los fondos, así como el proceso anterior. Lo que hicimos la última vez fue abogar por un currículo para culturas específicas en comunidades desatendidas en el este de Portland y para los residentes del este de Portland. Estos fondos constituyen un primer paso para los residentes para que se involucren en su comunidad. Esto permite que la gente pueda aprovechar de las opciones DCL de entrenamientos de liderazgo avanzados. Lore nos preguntó cómo queríamos gastar los \$40.000 este año. ¿Queremos asignar algunos de los fondos para educar a la gente acerca de nuestras diferencias culturales o preferimos solicitar subvenciones destinadas a culturas específicas?

Naomi expresó que deberíamos considerar que áreas residenciales son distintas y que se debe usar el financiamiento específico de culturas según el vecindario. Lore explicó que las subvenciones de las asociaciones de residentes financian el trabajo en vecindarios específicos. Naomi sugirió que eso podría ser una otra manera de involucrar a otras personas de las culturas de comunidades específicas para que se junten para trabajar en un proyecto.

Lore mencionó las conversaciones con JoAnn Hardesty en las que ella dijo que quería ver más organización multicultural, la que puede ser financiada con las Subvenciones Generales y Fondos para Proyectos de EPAP. Desafortunadamente, la organización multicultural no ha tenido mucho éxito aquí. Su entendimiento de este comité es que a través de la organización específica de comunidades como un paso inicial, las comunidades desarrollan la fuerza a través de entrenamiento e involucramiento entre sí, lo que resulta que todas las comunidades están más a gusto con trabajar con otras. Claudia dijo que también es importante buscar sitios de reuniones para presentarse y expresarse en cuanto a lo que necesitamos -- y lo que podemos -- cambiar. Yo pienso que tiene que ver con tocar las puertas -- algunas abren y algunas cierran pero uno sigue con la labor. ¡Sí, se puede! La gente necesita saber que sí se puede crear cambios.

Jackeline dice que queremos crear un conocimiento en lo que la gente puede involucrarse. Las personas piensan que las minorías no deberían participar, pero necesitamos involucrarnos y encontrar las barreras de idioma que dificulten la participación. ¿Cuál es nuestra realidad cultural en los Estados Unidos? Cuando la gente entiende que puede involucrarse -- es importante que tengamos una misión cultural integrada en nuestra labor.

Donita -- nosotros (la comunidad de nativo americanos/indígenas) tenemos barreras de idioma también -- acrónimos que no entendemos. Necesitamos primero desarrollar nuestras habilidades de liderazgo dentro de nuestra propia comunidad. Cuando hayamos hecho eso, entonces podemos continuar con la comunidad más amplia.

Doriga - antecedentes diversos -- enfrentamos retos. Además, las personas educadas y las que no demuestran necesidades diferentes. Necesitamos preparar mejor a las comunidades, redoblar nuestros esfuerzos, reaccionar e intercambiar con grupos distintos.

Luis -- para poder traer los talleres a un nivel comunitario más amplio, necesitamos empezar dentro de nuestras propias comunidades y desarrollar hasta que estemos en el próximo nivel. Luis habló de su ayuda con las reuniones del consejo municipal de la ciudad de Cornelius en las cuales las reuniones fueron convocadas en español. Tuvieron resultados magníficos y se va a empezar a hacer esto en Hillsboro y Beaverton (con el apoyo del alcalde). A través de la música y las artes podemos involucrar a la gente. Adicionalmente, el liderazgo futuro combinará a los anglosajonas con otras razas para tomar el próximo paso.

Doriga - los niños pierden sus identidades cuando se mudan a los Estados Unidos de otros países. Habló de una cena de traje (pot luck) en la que mujeres latinas se reúnen para conocerse mejor. Hay que demostrar al mundo que promocionar la cultura latina es una buena idea.

Donita - a medida que se aumente nuestra participación comunitaria a través de capacitaciones se expresará la riqueza regional cultural. Esto es debido a los esfuerzos de DCL y del subcomité de Participación Cívica de EPAP. El intercambio está sucediendo aquí. Estamos haciendo trabajo multicultural aquí. ¿Cómo compartimos lo que está pasando en estas reuniones con el mundo del "corriente principal"? ¿Cómo honramos la visión indígena del mundo así como enseñar a los sistemas del corriente principal la necesidad de acomodar nuestra manera/nuestro mundo?

Jackeline - se puede encontrar un ejemplo de esto dentro del Departamento de Parques y Recreación de Portland, departamento que acudió a nosotros (la Red Latina) porque querían conocer los servicios que ofrecemos. Un empleado latino se reunió con nosotros y desarrollamos la idea de involucrar a Nick Fish y al Director del Dept. de los Parques. Realizamos un evento en lo que ellos escucharon a las necesidades de la gente, por ejemplo ofrecer más opciones en español así como fútbol. Hicimos encuestas y voluntarios de la Red Latina prestaron sus testimoniales.

Lore -- las personas de Participación Cívica de EPAP deciden cómo gastar este dinero. Ustedes deciden. EPAP respetuosamente les encargó con la decisión acerca de cómo gastar mejor el \$\$\$ de la Participación Cívica para fomentar nuestra comunidad. Ustedes tiene \$40.000 -- ¿a dónde van esos fondos? Algunas personas no se mantienen involucradas al menos que estén recibiendo el financiamiento. ¿Cómo está gastando el grupo este dinero de manera responsable para dar voz a la gente y para animar la participación?

Jackeline -- La Red Latina ha tenido dos años de participación para involucrar a la gente. Formamos un comité de graduados de la academia de liderazgo que se reúnen cada mes. La idea es mantenerlos involucrados para que sean líderes, compartan lo que hayan aprendido y mantengan la continuidad para mantener el interés.

Luis- Me parece bien lo que ya tenemos.

Se aprobó por consenso el mantenimiento de la solicitud de subvención, pero el asunto será puesto en agendas futuras para considerar cambios más tarde.

Donita -- ¡De acuerdo!

### **Solicitud de Proyecto de EPAP**

La solicitud EPAP -- una solicitud por separado de la disponible para proyectos. Ésta puede dirigirse a cualquier de los 268 puntos de los puntos nombrados en el EPAP. El Comité de Operaciones, lo que está compuesto de los presidentes de cada subcomité, propuso las prioridades de las que Metro, el Condado de Multnomah y la ciudad de Portland deberían tratar. Llevaron estas prioridades propuestas a la reunión general de EPAP y fueron aprobadas para los años del 2012-13. Los miembros del Comité de

Operaciones (lo que incluye su miembro designada, Natalya) se reunió con los Comisionados y Consejeros para abogar por estas prioridades. Se decidió en la reunión general de EPAP que las mismas prioridades recibirán puntos adicionales en las solicitudes de Proyectos EPAP. Esta solicitud de proyecto requiere que un miembro de EPAP se haga socio con una organización municipal, lo que incluye Metro, el condado, el estado, la ciudad, la Comisión de Desarrollo de Portland y las escuelas pero no incluye las organizaciones sin fines de lucro. Un miembro de EPAP debe proponer el financiamiento. El proyecto de los patios de recreo ambulantes es un ejemplo de un proyecto que fue realizado con el Departamento de Parques y Recreación de la ciudad. El proyecto proveyó experiencias de patios de recreo de 10 ½ días con sitios escogidos basado en las opiniones de miembros de Participación Cívica de EPAP. El proyecto también influyó el Departamento de Parques y Recreación para que contrataran a personal perteneciente del este de Portland así como apropiado en cuanto a su lengua y cultura.

Rosa habló de su involucramiento con el proyecto y del dueño de su edificio de departamentos. No se sabía si él les daría permiso para usar el sitio. Los niños allí necesitaban un lugar seguro para jugar. El dueño sí cooperó y 156 niños participaron en los patios ambulantes.

Otro ejemplo de un proyecto financiado es la Evaluación de Desarrollo Económico de EPAP que fue manejado por la Comisión de Desarrollo de Portland y guiado por la Comisión de Desarrollo Económico de EPAP. El Centro de Desarrollo Educativo/Económico es un proyecto identificado como una prioridad que está haciendo avances, con el apoyo de esta priorización de la Evaluación, de una forma que se dirige al anti-desplazamiento así como al desarrollo. Ellos preguntan: ¿cómo causa esto el empleo de la gente del este de Portland?

### **La fecha límite para someter las solicitudes es el 17 de octubre.**

Además de los puntos de acción de prioridad de EPAP, 30 puntos más están disponibles para la participación comunitaria y anti-desplazamiento. Los que van a someter las solicitudes lo harán durante la reunión general de EPAP mientras los asistentes asignan notas a los proyectos.

### **Presentación acerca de diferencias comunitarias de culturas específicas: Preguntas y Respuestas**

Cada mes el/la facilitador/a compartirá hechos acerca de nuestra cultura y prácticas relevantes culturalmente en nuestra comunidad así como servicios culturales específicos.

Donita es la facilitadora de este mes:

Habló de los Consejos de los Jóvenes y Ancianos Nativo Americanos. Describió cómo ella usaba la práctica cultural de indicar direcciones con los labios y respondió con una dinámica en la que los participantes posaron con los labios. Ella habló de cómo uno debería acercarse a las comunidades nativo americanas. Nuestra nación es hecha de políticas federales destinadas a quitar la gente indígena de este país. La desconfianza del gobierno y la práctica es fundamental. Las personas indígenas no eran reconocidas como ciudadanos estadounidenses -- migrantes de otras culturas fueron reconocidos antes. La gente nativa a menudo poseen la doble ciudadanía -- la de los Estados Unidos y la de su gobierno tribal. Las relaciones son intergubernamentales. El proceso de auto-determinación-consenso es enfocado en la comunidad y la familia. Nuestros principios son fundados sobre prácticas/valores espirituales indígenas e idiomas. Esos son nuestros asuntos interconectados relacionados al enfoque y relevantes al mundo (la mente, el cuerpo, el espíritu). Los sistemas del corriente principal operan de manera lineal. La gente indígena valora la ceremonia -- las reuniones comienzan con una bendición de la gente y del sitio. Muchas personas indígenas no responden rápidamente durante las reuniones porque la cultura indica que uno considere gravemente los asuntos por un rato y que piensen antes de hablar. No está bien hablar de parte de nuestra comunidad -- los cuentistas dan la historia oral. Hay que cumplir con las dinámicas para escuchar nuestra voz. Crear espacio para desarrollar la relación para entender cómo la cultura impacta la historia. Necesitamos entender las barreras que existen en nuestro trabajo basado en la historia, la lengua y la cultura. Los derechos del tratado establecen una obligación legal de consultar acerca de ciertos asuntos. El Consejo de los Jóvenes y Ancianos de Portland y otros programas son donde nos involucramos e invitamos a la gente elegida para reunirse con nuestra comunidad nativa para escuchar recomendaciones que son relevantes a nuestra comunidad. Mucha colaboración. Hay mucho aprendizaje que se realiza. Las personas indígenas son las Primeras Personas aquí y tienen muchos recursos. Hay mucho que aprender y apreciar. Aprendan cómo participar con esta comunidad. Compartan nuestra historia. Reconozcan nuestras similitudes y trabajen juntos para llegar a soluciones. Hay 564 tribus reconocidas en los Estados Unidos. Cada tribu tiene un proceso para una persona a ser identificada como un miembro de la tribu. Un ejemplo es la cuantía de

sangre indígena -- nivel A, B o C. Esto determina si uno califica para recibir servicios y recursos tribales. No fue hasta el 1924 que, conforme la ley, las personas nativas nacidas en los Estados Unidos fueron reconocidas como ciudadanos estadounidenses. Además tenían que inscribirse en el proceso de identificación tribal. Portland tiene la población novena más grande de la región. En 1974 el gobierno estadounidense restableció el derecho a practicar una religión indígena.

**Pow Wow de NAYA -- el 21-22 de septiembre, 2012**  
**Evento NAYA en Pioneer Square el 28 de septiembre**

**Actualizaciones de EPAP**

Los patios de recreo ambulantes -- presentación mañana en City Hall para compartir historias acerca del proyecto.

La Clínica de Salud Escolar -- Van a imprimir los folletos en 7 idiomas y distribuirlos en las escuelas del este de Portland. Asuntos de distribución incluyen empacar los folletos y enviarlos a las escuelas. Lore está trabajando en arreglar esto para la distribución, pero quiere que sean entregados a EPAP.

Programa de Prevención del Delito/Seguridad Aumentada -- el Programa de Prevención del Delito a través de Diseño Medioambiental de la Oficina de Participación de Residentes irá a los departamentos con actividad delictiva para ofrecer recursos y apoyo adicional de parte del Departamento de la Policía de Portland si los gerentes de los complejos de departamentos cumplen con los requisitos del Programa de Propiedades con Seguridad Aumentada.

Se mencionaron preocupaciones acerca de algunos de los requisitos necesarios. Por ejemplo, para recibir el apoyo los residentes tienen que someterse a evaluaciones tales como un chequeo crediticio, verificaciones de los antecedentes penales, una inspección de una identificación con foto emitida por el gobierno así como una verificación de buena fe de los últimos 3 años de historia de alquiler.

Jerome -- Esta información requerida es demasiado. Invade la vida de la gente. Consideren la verificación financiera. Por ejemplo las personas somalíes recién inmigradas -- esto es evaluación por perfil.

Jackeline -- Tratamos de animar a la gente a confiar en la policía, pero la gente confiará menos en ellos con esta práctica.

Doriga -- Los chequeos de los antecedentes lastiman a la gente. Si eres un inmigrante, cómo vas a empezar?

**La próxima agenda: invitar a personal de Prevención del Delito a la próxima reunión para hablar más del asunto.**

Naomi -- Actualización acerca del Proyecto Skanner relacionada al taller en video del lanzamiento de negocios. El otro invitado no se presentó en el taller. Van a continuar a trabajar con Jerome para involucrar a los residentes del este de Portland. Bernie Foster y N/NE PDX tendrán un foro para discutir los asuntos acerca de la política. Copias del DVD estarán distribuidos a la comunidad.

Donita -- NAYA postergó los últimos talleres de participación cívica -- hay que volver a programar los talleres. Durante la capacitación de "Abogacía 101", los participantes desarrollaron acciones. NAYA involucrará a los jóvenes en la segunda ronda de discusión de financiamiento en su círculo de charla -- los seguidores se harán socios de los talleres de participación cívica.

Rosa -- La Comunidad de Aprendizaje Latina apenas empezó el proceso de planificación de proyecto. Han hablado con las personas claves para arreglar los talleres, los cuales empezarán en octubre. La Red Latina participará.

**Anuncio --**

- 1. El gobernador declaró que el 15 de septiembre - 15 de octubre es el Mes de Patrimonio Hispano**
- 2. El 25 de septiembre** es el Día Nacional de Inscripción de Votantes
- 3. La Liga Urbana de Portland** patrocinó el Foro de los Candidatos de la Alcaldía **el 25 de octubre en la Iglesia Maranatha**
- 4. La Liga Urbana de Portland** patrocinó las Sesiones de Información de Votación **el 8 de octubre en Humboldt Gardens Apartment y el 17 de octubre en La Liga Urbana de Portland 6:30-8:30 PM.**
- 5. Limpieza de East Gate Apartment por Max Action -- el 3 de octubre 4:00-5:30 PM**

**El próximo mes nos reuniremos el 16 de octubre.** Natalaya Sobolevskaya facilitará, Jerome Funchess tomará los apuntes y Inger McDowell llevará la comida.

## **East Portland Action Plan Economic Development Sub Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes, August 6, 2012**

**Subcommittee Purpose:** To develop a strong business environment which strengthens existing businesses, promotes new businesses, and expands family wage jobs in East Portland, by helping, convening and coordinating economic development activities.

#### **Attending**

Jenny Glass – Facilitator, Colleen Gifford – Minutes, Lore Wintergreen, Frieda Christopher, Jeff MacDonald, Karen Gray, Jean DeMaster, Jeff Readon, Jason Kallingal, Hongsa Chanthavong, Chris Scarzello, Scott Rose, Jessica Vega Peterson, Tyler Bump, Ted Gilbert, David Hampsten

Jenny opened with introductions and agenda items and turned over to Karen to discuss GEC (Gateway Education Center).

Karen suggested that we need to define as a group, team, and place what should be included in the RFI that the Mayor is proposing.

Karen recapped Mayor's meeting and talking about the support for GEC looking for partners.

Jean suggest we be very clear about what we want including developing Medical Technology, Phasing, Higher Education Component, Mixed use housing, moving bureaus to area as second city and county has also talked about having kiosk.

Lore talked about Oregon Solutions and Karen and Colleen worked on. After leaving the meeting with the Mayor it was decided that the City is leading it and we do not need to bring them in. However we have a draft if needed. The Mayor assigned two staff along with Justin Douglas to keep momentum going.

Karen explained the process of the RFI (request for interest) that the Mayor is helping to put together.

Basically it is fishing for people who are interested in investments.

Frieda expanded about sending to large companies.

Karen said public people do not have any money. Such as schools.

Scott mentioned that the RFI will go out to national companies that would be interested and it is beyond local.

Lore talked about the cost the city bureaus currently pay downtown and that if they move out here the city bureaus would be saving a lot of money for the city and suggested the savings could then be given towards community benefits.

Jean did some more numbers about the building. What do we want to see in the building? What do we not want to live without?

Lore spoke about community protection elements, anti-displacement, potential for education dollars, and diversity. Community benefits could establish prioritizing hiring from East Portland to build the project. Jean thinks this is a given.

Jean wanted to make a list of what we want the focused items to be?

Colleen suggested not limiting by square footage. She spoke about the Mayor wanting something bigger than Rockwood.

The City has to own the property for any City building.

**What's in? Brainstorm below:**

Community Benefit

Classrooms

Workforce Training

Medical Technical Training

Shared conference space Community/Private/training

Retail on main floor

Did not feel like a government building/inviting/comfortable

International Market

Small Business Incubator

Food cart

Beauty/nails, hair

Small Business Development Center

Industrial Kitchen

Art and Culture

Metro Multicultural center

Higher Education Partner

Ted said Fred Meyer and Pac Trust want something that happens in the evening and help keep things safe. Ted said we need to make it appealing. Strongly suggests including all parcels that are the key districts area, as this better appeals to larger financial investment and offers them the bigger picture.

The RFI needs to be broad and not specific until later on.

Frieda has the first draft of a white paper (requested by U.S. Senator Merkley) on the GEC that she passed out for review.

Karen talked about the Mayor's meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm. The question is what community protection suggestion above is ready to go? Karen and Lore will setup another GEC meeting prior to meeting with the Mayor, so as to articulate the common vision of what we want in the RFI.

Discussed if the GEC group should stay a part of Econ Dev. all agreed it would be an item that is updated and should stay included.

Hongsa said we should call it Gateway Education and Economic Development Center. Lore said that was perfect, because that is what the group has been calling it.

The second portion of the meeting worked on the five initiatives and identifying what is currently happening and who is willing to take responsibility to take action and move it forward.

Assess strategies and start plan for implementation. Strategies were adopted as priorities for Fiscal.

Group finalized the five strategies but the Economic Development Subcommittee never verbally adopted.

Colleen wants it to be noted in every document going forward that the Gateway Eco District be listed.

Lore spoke about the Operations Sub-committee getting consensus approval from the general EPAP to allocate \$140,000 EPAP \$ as follows:

1. \$50,000 for general grants (including language and cultural specific)
2. \$40,000 for Civic Engagement grants for language and cultural specific workshops
3. \$50,000 for project proposals to address EPAP action items with criteria preference given to projects that address this year's City project priority list

Jean made a proposal at the same general EPAP meeting to include the 5 strategies included in the East Portland Economic Development Assessment on the priority list. This received consensus approval.

ACTION: Lore asked if the Ec Dev Subcommittee would formally adopt the 5 strategies. Adoption was unanimous.

Jenny asked what are we are going to focus our energy on? Revisit initiative and think about what we as members will commit to do.

#### #1 Market East Portland as a place to do business

Jason offered to reach-out to PSU MBA students to work on this.

Colleen talked about the video project she has been working on through the high schools.

Jean offered to work on distribution East Portland Action Plan Eco Dev. Assessment.

EPAP funding could be utilized to produce a Media Toolkit including website, market documents, and finishing the video. Jason thinks the student could do this.

#### #2 Encourage existing business growth through outreach to top employers

Jason created a Google doc for contact information. He will work on an interview sheet for information gathering under Google docs. He thinks that two people each do the interviews, but is not committing to this.

Colleen will send docs of business listings to Jason.

Tyler and Jason will have conversation with Colleen included about the approach.

Jean suggested we ask what would encourage employers to hire more people, what would help grow business? Tyler suggested instead of individual interviews use Chambers and Corky Collier.

#### #3 Get East Portland ready for business with an up to date real estate inventory

David has been working on this. He spoke to Fred Sanchez about commercial properties and he will follow-up with Fred. David will do a real estate inventory list.

Tyler said he would discuss with PDC since they need this information updated as well.

Jason sees possible coordination with PSU students.

Colleen will send what she has received from Fred and Justin to David.

#### #4 Maximize East Portland's economic benefits from major public projects

Nick is working on community benefits.

David will send the list and timeline of transportation improvement projects to Nick.

#5 Promote workforce development by advocating for the Gateway Education Center

Sub-Committee already working on this, Jean is willing to be the conduit to the EPAP Ec Dev Subcommittee.

Workforce Development and micro enterprise projects currently being worked on by NAYA, Hacienda, Human Solutions, Rose, IRCO as well as we are all working on GEC

Marketing strategy could apply for funding. It either has to go through an open grants process or inter-governmental agreement or municipal Memorandum of Understanding with possible subcontract.

Recommended that project #3 hold off. Tyler will figure out number #3.

#2 Jean wants to see this done will work with Colleen

How should these items be followed up on? Chris suggested we have updates at each meeting.

**Who is chairing meeting for next four months?**

**Because of Labor Day falling on the first Monday of September our next meeting will be:**

Colleen Gifford, September 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 6:30pm Facilitation, Food, NEED MINUTES TAKER

6:30 – 7:30 Housing

Jason Kallingal, October Facilitation, Food Hongsa, NEED MINUTES TAKER

David Hampsten November Facilitation, Food Jean, Chris Minutes

Chris Scarzello, December Facilitation, Food Jean, NEED MINUTES TAKER

NPI news. JP Morgan Chase has given \$50,000 to five of the six NPI's.

Please see the article by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.bizjournals.com/portland/news/2012/08/06/chase-gives-city-50k-for-neighborhood.html>

# **East Portland Action Plan (EPAP)**

## **Economic Development Sub-Committee**

**September 10, 2012**

**Attendee Introductions** – Jason Kallingal, Nick Sauvie, Colleen Gifford, David Hampsten, Hongsa Chanthavong, Justin Douglas, lore wintergreen, Jean DeMaster, Debra Lindsay

### **Economic Event Opportunity – Justin**

- East Portland Economic Development Summit
- 8AM – 1 PM; Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>
- Breakfast and Lunch
- \$5-\$10 registration fee
- Mayor Sam Adams will attend and a Commissioner
- Formatted with panels and several breakout sessions
- More details to come
- EPAP Economic Development Subcommittee will co-sponsor

### **East Portland Action Plan Proposal - lore**

- Overview of packet that was handed out.
- Can be any number of proposals totaling up to \$50,000

### **Updates**

- Market East Portland as a place to do business
  - Jason applied to Portland State University (PSU) MBA Capstone Project for students to work on marketing East Portland for their final project.
  - May require applying for \$1,500 in funds for students and school donation.
  - Discussed having subcommittees form Neighborhood Prosperity Initiatives (NPIs) work together to develop an overall branding plan for all of East Portland.
  - If someone could get a list of NPI members dealing with marketing to Colleen she would contact people for the subcommittee.
- Encourage existing business growth through outreach to top employers

- Discussed using Google docs template so that all NPI's and member of EPAP can contribute to the list and keep track of who has already been contacted and by whom.
- URL for google doc:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AoVxOL\\_0PbxPdFpvZTEtcWZXdmRkcU40NkdkNUEzR1E#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AoVxOL_0PbxPdFpvZTEtcWZXdmRkcU40NkdkNUEzR1E#gid=0)
- Jason will add a brief introduction to doc and its purpose.
- Discussed interview guide and interview database.
- Maximize East Portland's Economic Benefits from major public projects
  - Nick discussed Community Based Agreement's (CBA's), resolution with Sam Adams on September 5<sup>th</sup>, keeping track of CBA usage and possible issue with lawyers.
  - Nick will take David's list to email the Mayor about other projects that could be opportunities for CBA's
  - lore mentioned that projects contracted outside PBOT are double the expensive.
- Promote workforce development by advocating for the Gateway Education/Economic Development Center.
  - David talked about the high level letter that proposed moving 30,000 sq. ft. of city office to Gateway in hopes of getting developers interested in the project.
  - The letter opens it up to a broad audience and responses are due Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>
  - The letter consists of a short online survey and website just to get initial info. More will have to be explored later.

### **Conversation regarding possible Casino**

- Casino expressed interest in doing a CBA. Group discussed if EPAP created a CBA with the casino, would it give the message that we support the casino. Some people are adamantly against the Casino and do not want to discuss this further and others want to make no statement and leave possible discussion up to future Subcommittee Chairs. If someone wants to discuss this further they should contact the Chair of the Subcommittee.

## **Communicating to other groups in the Economic Development Assessment**

- Parkrose NPI
- Growing Gateway
- Gateway Area Business Association (GABA)

**October 1, 2012 Chairperson:** Jason Kallingal; food: Hongsa Chanthanong; notetaker: David  
Meeting Adjourned: 6:25PM

## **EPAPbike**

Notes for Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Meeting held at 6:30-8:00 PM, at EPNO/1017 NE 117<sup>th</sup> Ave

**6 EPAPbike members attended:** Katie Larsell, Walter Lersch, Brian Lockwood, Laura Goodrich (Gateway Green project coordinator), David Hampsten (facilitator & note taker), Lore Wintergreen (EPAP staff); 4 others let us know in advance their absence: Anne Duston (EP Rep to PBOT Bicycle Adv Com), Matteo Luccio (outgoing chair), Jim Chasse (in-coming co-chair), and Jerome Funchess.

1. Our current chair, Matteo Luccio, is resigning, as of Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
2. With a member consensus, we elected two new co-chairs: **Jim Chasse & Brian Lockwood**, both of whom are EPAP Participating Agreement members. Katie Larsell has agreed to be the designated EPAPbike representative to the EPAP Operations Committee, while David Hampsten & Walter Lersch will maintain the EPAPbike email list and web pages.
3. Our purpose: The EPAPbike subcommittee is the longest-running of all EPAP subcommittees, formed in April of 2009. Technically, this subcommittee exists to "advise the East Portland Action Plan on bike-related issues", often in response to City of Portland, Trimet, and Oregon Department of Transportation proposals, but also to further bring forward several EPAP Action Items, as well as "CB.1.4 Organize walking or biking tours throughout the neighborhood." Our collective goal is to "make biking in East Portland safer and more fun!"
4. We reviewed our past successes, including:
  - a. Having Jim Chasse, Katie Larsell, & Susan Dean on the City of Portland Bicycle Master Plan for 2030 steering committee
  - b. Successfully advocating for Sunday Parkways in East Portland
  - c. Helping PBOT put together the East Portland In Motion study in 2010-11, and getting it adopted by City Council in April of 2012
  - d. Successfully advocating for State, Metro, and City funds for projects on the EPIM
  - e. Organizing 6-8 neighborhood community rides annually
  - f. Organizing 1-2 annual outreach events at the 205-Burnside Bridge
  - g. Regular working relationships with City & State agencies on projects and events
5. PBOT is soliciting project ideas for the next round of Metro/ ODOT flex funds, for 2015-16. EPAPbike will ask PBOT for an update on current bike projects in East Portland for its October meeting, as well as suggestions for project advocacy. We are considering encouraging EPAP & the EP LUTC to work towards advocating for Powell Blvd on the S-TIP process, and for their support on 150s community greenway connecting Springwater to I-84 MUP, east of Powell Butte, for Metro/ODOT Flex Funds, but will wait for PBOT input first.
6. Upcoming Rides & Events:
  - The East Portland Sunday Parkways is this Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, from 11 am to 4 pm, in the Lents & Powellhurst-Gilbert neighborhoods. Extra help is needed at the EPAP booth in the Ed Benedict Park, behind the Memory Gardens at SE 104<sup>th</sup> & Bush. EPAPbike will have a big map at that location, courtesy of PBOT.

- Katie will ask Brian Heron to organize another Sacred Spaces ride in October.
- Laura Goodrich, Gateway Green project coordinator, asked for EPAPbike help for a possible November ride.

7. EPAPbike will send out to its email list a Doodle poll to figure out future meeting venues and times, as well as the frequency of our meetings.



# East Portland Action Plan

**Sub-Committee Name: HOUSING**

**Date: August 13, 2012**

**Attendees:** Frieda Christopher, Jean DeMaster, Chris Scarzello and Lore Wintergreen

**EPAP Action item(s) being addressed:** Housing and Development.1 – .6; Commercial and Mixed Use.1 - .2; Economic Development and Workforce Training.4.5; Public Safety.7.1; Housing Assistance and Safety Net Services.1 - .6; Equity.2.1 + 3.2

**The Goal of the Housing Sub-Committee is:** To find common ground in supporting a range of housing types in East Portland as a means to strengthening livable communities, encouraging healthy, complete, and stable neighborhoods, and promoting family wage jobs. A range of housing types is meant to include rental housing and home ownership as well as housing for people at various income levels.

**The Purpose of the Housing Sub-Committee:** The purpose of the EPAP Housing Subcommittee is to agree upon productive strategies for housing and to prioritize action items involving housing for East Portland. These strategies and action items might include (but not be limited to): encouraging housing for people in a range of income levels---including affordable housing for low-income people, promoting high quality housing development and construction standards, and encouraging property rehabilitation as well as new construction. The EPAP Housing Sub-Committee will work with a lens of preventing displacement and gentrification, protecting tenants' rights, promoting enhanced housing inspection enforcement, supporting local schools, encouraging job creation and economic development, and strengthening neighborhoods.

The EPAP Housing Subcommittee will strive to promote, for all East Portland residents, quality housing by design which in turn promotes stronger educational systems; an increase in living wages jobs, greater economic opportunity, stronger educational systems, enhanced transportation, and healthy neighborhoods throughout East Portland.

**Housing Sub-Committee Recommendations:**

1. The Housing sub-committee supports mixed-use and commercial zoning in commercial corridors in East Portland. This would promote greater economic development, prosperity, and encourage mixed-income housing development. (CM 1.1)
2. The Housing sub-committee supports single-family housing adjacent to commercial corridors to promote general homeownership, especially minority homeownership, as well as mixed-income and more innovative housing. (CM 1.1)

3. The Housing Sub-committee sees the need for increase in amenities, jobs, infrastructure and public transportation in East Portland to support housing of people in all income levels and to attract more middle and upper income housing.

August 13, 2012  
East Portland Neighborhood Office  
Meeting notes

**Meeting began at 6pm**

**Attendees** – Frieda Christopher, Jean DeMaster, Chris Scarzello, Lore Wintergreen.

Welcome and Introductions – Jean welcomed everyone.

Minutes – Minutes were accepted as submitted with the change of date of the meeting from June 9, 2012

to July 9, 2012.

**Updates:**

Chris reported Lisa Bates has been hired as a consultant to provide a report on “How to Mitigate Displacement due to Gentrification.” It will be a public report. Jon Oster wants to pursue a legislative action to include inclusionary zoning.

Lore stated Mary Rose Navarro contacted her about Nature in Neighborhoods (Metro) dollars for nature elements of development projects that have to be on public land.

**Tax Exempt Data:**

Frieda handed out and explained her draft report on Tax Exempt Property. She explained that David and she had been working with the data and obtaining clarification on some of the data. There were some discrepancies but she felt it wasn't of a significant nature to skew the results. She did note there was a difference in the amount of East Portland tax exempt affordable housing (13.1%) when compared with the balance of the city (9.7%). She explained that in the data the housing could be separated, but that just affordable housing could not be isolated. Frieda said that she had to make some assumptions with the selection of certain tax exempt codes (see attached draft report). There was a discussion of what the information means and were the differences significant. It was decided after some discussion that we would prepare a summarized report for the general EPAP meeting, explaining what the information meant to the Housing Sub-committee. It was also noted that by reviewing this information, we had completed one of the EPAP action items. Chris said she would share the document with Uma so that she can review the draft and give her opinion. It was decided that, since no one on our Housing Sub-committee was a formal statistician, we would wait for Uma's input before releasing our report on this to the General EPAP meeting.

**Gentrification/Displacement:**

Jean asked the group to look at the Discussion Document that she had compiled from our July meeting (see attached document) notes. Chris wondered if we wanted to use the word gentrification at all. Jean explained that we wanted to separate gentrification and displacement. She had provided definitions for gentrification and displacement. She explained that displacement was often the result of gentrification and was what we wanted to avoid. Jean asked that we begin the discussion by looking at section on “How to avoid displacement as gentrification is promoted” in the Discussion Document.

There was discussion of the first bullet point that stated “Right now, promoting economic development and increased prosperity in East Portland is more important than worrying about

displacement....” This was a comment Senator Merkley made during the EPAP meeting with him. The Housing Sub-committee was not in full agreement with the statement and it was decided to change the bullet to cover “planning to avoid displacement while promoting gentrification” and combine it with the last bullet point which was: “The EPAP Housing Subcommittee should be ready to implement strategies to avoid displacement once the prosperity is present.”

The Housing Sub-committee members were in agreement about the next bullet points:

People are not being displaced now---for people in East Portland, the greater need now is for increased prosperity. People will not be displaced in current conditions in East Portland.

The EPAP Housing Subcommittee should work on creating more viable options for housing for people with middle incomes----so that as the gentrification of East Portland occurs, there will be housing for middle income and low income people.

At the same time, the EPAP Housing Subcommittee should work to ensure that there is no loss of housing for low-income people as the amount of housing for middle income people increases.

The EPAP Housing Subcommittee should work to ensure that all housing in East Portland is safe, clean, decent and meets all code requirements.

The EPAP Economic Development Subcommittee should work on ways to increase prosperity and jobs in East Portland.

The EPAP Housing Subcommittee should work closely with the EPAP Economic Development Subcommittee as the issues are so inter-related.

The Sub-committee went on to discuss the strategies that could be used to avoid displacement which the Discussion Document listed. The Sub-committee was in agreement on the list.

There was then a discussion on how to promote middle income people coming to East Portland---and the role that housing plays in that. There was discussion of the five strategies listed in the Discussion Document on that. It was decided that the strategy list as “Support REIT being created” should be moved to the section on Strategies to avoid displacement.

The group then focused on the list which Nick Sauvie had provided as OTHER RESOURCES; Jean included that in the Discussion Document.

In the section labeled “Housing,” the group felt that the strategies listed below should be incorporated into the Discussion Document as ways to avoid displacement:

3. Rent control;
4. Resident controlled, co-op ownership; and
6. Transfer taxes to discourage “flipping.”

Chris explained what Condo conversion controls were and there was a question about how it would help avoid displacement. We would need to know what is allowable by the State regarding some of these regulations.

The group then reviewed the strategies from Nick’s list which were labeled as Economic Development. It was decided to move the following strategies to the section of our Discussion Document on Avoiding Displacement:

3. Living wage ordinances;
4. Transit Oriented Development; and
7. Employer-assisted housing to avoid displacement.

From Nick's information, it was determined to move "Commercial district programs such as Main Street programs; Clean-up brown fields; provide infill incentives; and urban greening" to the section of our Discussion Document on promoting middle income people moving to East Portland. The item "community land trusts" would also be moved to the section on Avoiding Displacement.

Lore suggested that we look at possible funding from EPAP and does this committee have something that next steps funding could be used for. Jean will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

The next agenda item was placed on the agenda by Frieda; it was advocating with the State & Metro. Frieda explained what her thoughts were regarding this issue. For her, it came out of "The Oregonian" articles that stated that there were tools that would help spreading affordable housing throughout the city, but that there are State laws that prohibit the use of these tools. Frieda felt we had connections with current and future legislators that might be helpful in advocating changing the current laws. Lore suggested that we may not be ready to take that step, but we might want to align with work being done and provide letters of support to groups that are already working on this issue. She indicated others are working on the inclusionary zoning issue.

Next on the agenda was the topic of the Gateway Education (/Economic Development) Center (GEC). Everyone was familiar with the issues already, so the discussion was brief. Jean mentioned that development of the GEC might include housing. Jean and Frieda will keep the Housing Sub-committee informed on the topic.

The final agenda item was a discussion of Federal legislation which could restrict Affordable Housing. Jean wanted to make everyone aware of this potential threat. She handed out some information on the sequestration legislation which was prepared by Senator Tom Harkin's office.

**Next Meeting time and date:**

Jean asked if the Housing Subcommittee could have its next meeting start at 6:30---and continue to 8pm. The reason for this was to avoid conflict with the Economic Development Subcommittee meeting. The date of that meeting had to change because of the Labor Day holiday. They needed to move their meeting to the second Monday (9/10) from 5:00 to 6:30pm. Then the Housing Sub-committee would begin at 6:30 and continue until 8:00. There was no objection to this.

Lore asked if the Housing Subcommittee would temporarily support releasing Chris Scarzello from attending its meetings. Lore said that the East Portland Land Use and Transportation group and the EPAP had asked Chris to do a spreadsheet to show where each EPAP Action item correlated to Portland Plan and Comprehensive Plan. Lore said that Chris hasn't had the time to get the document completed. Lore wanted to know if we would object to asking Chris to focus her EPAP time on completing this advocacy tool---instead of coming to the Housing Subcommittee meetings for a month or two. No one objected, but Jean suggested going back to

Chris's supervisor to make sure Chris has the time to do it, because it might be that her other workload impedes her getting it done. She felt it was the supervisor's job to make sure Chris had the time to complete the project.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, September 10th at 6:30pm at EPNO.



# East Portland Action Plan

**Sub-Committee Name: HOUSING**

**Date: September 10, 2012**

**Attendees:** Frieda Christopher, Jean DeMaster, Nick Sauvie, Justin Buri, Debra Lindsay, David Hampsten, and Lore Wintergreen.

**EPAP Action item(s) being addressed:** Housing and Development.1 – .6; Commercial and Mixed Use.1 - .2; Economic Development and Workforce Training.4.5; Public Safety.7.1; Housing Assistance and Safety Net Services.1 - .6; Equity.2.1 + 3.2

**The Goal of the Housing Sub-Committee is:** To find common ground in supporting a range of housing types in East Portland as a means to strengthening livable communities, encouraging healthy, complete, and stable neighborhoods, and promoting family wage jobs. A range of housing types is meant to include rental housing and home ownership as well as housing for people at various income levels.

**The Purpose of the Housing Sub-Committee:** The purpose of the EPAP Housing Subcommittee is to agree upon productive strategies for housing and to prioritize action items involving housing for East Portland. These strategies and action items might include (but not be limited to): encouraging housing for people in a range of income levels---including affordable housing for low-income people, promoting high quality housing development and construction standards, and encouraging property rehabilitation as well as new construction. The EPAP Housing Sub-Committee will work with a lens of preventing displacement and gentrification, protecting tenants' rights, promoting enhanced housing inspection enforcement, supporting local schools, encouraging job creation and economic development, and strengthening neighborhoods.

The EPAP Housing Subcommittee will strive to promote, for all East Portland residents, quality housing by design which in turn promotes stronger educational systems; an increase in living wages jobs, greater economic opportunity, stronger educational systems, enhanced transportation, and healthy neighborhoods throughout East Portland.

**Housing Sub-Committee Recommendations:**

4. The Housing sub-committee supports mixed-use and commercial zoning in commercial corridors in East Portland. This would promote greater economic development, prosperity, and encourage mixed-income housing development. (CM 1.1)

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September 10, 2012  
East Portland Neighborhood Office  
Meeting notes

**Meeting began at 6pm**

**Attendees:** Frieda Christopher, Jean DeMaster, Nick Sauvie, Justin Buri, Debra Lindsay, David Hampsten, and Lore Wintergreen

**Excused:** Chris Scarzello and Betty Dominquez

Welcome and Introductions – Jean welcomed everyone.

Minutes – The August minutes were approved as written.

**Tax Exempt Data:**

Jean distributed a copy of draft of Tax Exempt Property Summary. She said Chris Scarzello was going to have Uma at the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability review the report, but Uma is in India so we can not have her opinion until she returns. It was suggested we wait and not present this information to EPAP until it was reviewed by Uma and then our Housing Subcommittee. Jean suggested one of the questions that we needed Uma to answer for us is on statistical significance. For example, we could use the statement “When comparing East Portland to the City of Portland (as a whole) in regard to the estimated percentage of affordable housing related to the total real market value (RMV), then there is 1.8% in East Portland compared with 1.3% in the rest of the city of Portland.” The question is whether or not that difference is statistically significant. David suggested that we would want to find out from Uma if the results are significant---and at what level of significance. It was also suggested to have the Portland State Population Center review the information. David said he would be willing to go to Portland State Population Center to ask if they could tell if the numbers are statistically significant from each other in this data set. We will work up the statements for the EPAP meeting after the reviews.

**Gentrification/Displacement:**

Jean passed out the draft discussion paper. We have defined Gentrification and Displacement and the following pages of the discussion paper include items we need to work on to avoid displacement. Justin mentioned that he felt that most people thought of gentrification as the incoming and outgoing of population such as the more wealthy people coming in and lower income people going out. He suggested not using gentrification as we did---because it was confusing. He suggested that we

use the term “revitalization” because gentrification has such a negative connotation. It was suggested to re-title the document, not using the term “Gentrification” and instead using the term Revitalization. There was a consensus to use that term (revitalization) in the future and substitute it throughout the paper. David said we need to state clearly in the discussion paper “we need to identify and implement strategies to allow for revitalization without displacement.”

David also suggested adding, as a strategy: “Increase housing stock.” Further, he suggested adding, as a strategy “engage in---and aggressively pushing for---inclusionary zoning”. There was a discussion if current property owners could obtain tax exemptions and housing credits for existing housing or businesses. Nick stated that it was usually just new owners who could seek the various credits and exemptions.

The Housing Sub-Committee’s goal is to increase the income of current residents and increase the amount of middle income housing stock to attract more middle income people. To do this, Nick felt it was important to improve the quality of buildings in the areas. Debra asked about a housing model where you have the condominiums with the amenities. David called it a planned unit development, but he said it will be difficult to assemble enough parcels to build a development of that nature in East Portland. Nick said that he would support a more incremental approach than large developments. He gave an example of what he meant in the Woodstock area. It was stated that we should take a targeted approach: if there is more funding for amenities in East Portland, then more private developers would invest in East Portland.

### **Promotion of Inclusionary Zoning -**

Jean said that at our last meeting we looked at inclusionary zoning as a strategy to help avoid displacement of low income people from an area that was being revitalized. The question to the committee for tonight was: Did the Housing Sub-committee want to formally support Inclusionary Zoning and would EPAP also support it. Currently, there are state laws prohibiting Inclusionary Zoning. We could work to have those laws changed.

Both the Pearl District and Sullivan Gulch have had successful voluntary Inclusionary Zoning developments. Jean said that she had spoken to Janet Byrd at the Housing Alliance about Inclusionary Zoning---and that Jon had also. Jean reported that Janet Byrd said that we need to get the City of Portland and Multnomah County to support it (Inclusionary Zoning), and then Housing Alliance would push for it at the state level. Justin said that

OPAL had pushed it at the state level in the past. Lore said that she and Mike Vander Veen had talked with Jefferson Smith about Inclusionary Zoning. Jefferson Smith introduced a bill including Inclusionary Zoning in the last legislative session, but then the City of Portland did not provide active support for the measure. Lore said that she thought that we needed to start with the Metro, then get Multnomah County and City of Portland to follow. Lore feels that it won't happen this legislative session.

Jean asked the Subcommittee: Do we think inclusionary zoning is important and do we want to promote this with the City, County and Metro. Lore suggested that a group attend the Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 pm at the City's legislative agenda---and bring up Inclusionary Zoning. Jean thought that we needed to get the "buy in" from EPAP as a whole and then take it to Legislative Session. David said to do it with a letter also that can be approved by EPAP. Lore suggested a strategy of bringing 3 or 4 items to push for then settle for the inclusionary zoning. Justin said one issue to consider is the Section 8 vouchers discrimination. We could promote a change in the law stating that landlords could not discriminate against people who are using Section 8 vouchers. If approved, this could mean results in more landlords across the state accepting section 8 vouchers. Nick mentioned that inclusionary housing/inclusionary zoning was a way to promote affordable housing in the urban growth boundary area----that could be pursued with Metro. Nick said we should look at Metro's role. Jean suggested getting the City of Portland to include voluntary inclusionary zoning first---and then seek support from Metro. It was suggested to have a letter to submit to the City of Portland for their legislative agenda to support of Inclusionary Zoning and to prohibit Section 8 discrimination. This would need to be supported by the EPAP---before it could go to the Legislative Session on 9/27/12. Jean will draft a letter and send out for all to review.

**Gateway Education Center:**

Jean wanted to note that this development might include mixed income housing. If it is in there, we may want to build a formula for this. The request for interest is going out on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Jean handed out an article Betty Dominguez had provided for the group.

**Next Meeting time and date:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm

Next Meeting: Monday, October 8th at 6:00pm at EPNO.

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To: East Portland Action Plan (EPAP)

From: EPAP Housing Sub-committee

Date: 9/26/12

RE: Inclusionary Zoning

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The EPAP Housing Subcommittee has been working on strategies and techniques to promote safe, decent housing for people of all income levels in East Portland. We recognize that if East Portland is to become more prosperous, it will need more housing for middle income people---while preserving the safe, decent housing for the current residents. Our goal is to avoid the displacement of current residents---especially low-income current residents---as East Portland experiences economic growth and revitalization

The EPAP Housing Sub-committee believes that one of the strategies to accomplish this is: Inclusionary Zoning. This strategy has proven successful in other areas of the United States. Inclusionary zoning requires developers to make a percentage of housing units in new residential developments available to low-and moderate-income households. In return, developers receive non-monetary compensation in the form of things such as density bonuses, zoning variances and/or expedited permits. These are of benefit to the developers because they reduce construction costs. By linking the production of affordable housing to private market development, Inclusionary Zoning expands the supply of affordable housing units while dispersing the affordable housing units throughout a city or county to broaden opportunity and foster mixed-income communities.

The promotion of Inclusionary Zoning as a housing strategy is in line with several EPAP Priority Items, including:

EQ 2.1: Explore ways to balance regional affordable housing supply and promote fair share;

HD 1.4: Initiate pilot projects for high quality housing.

However, at present, the laws of the State of Oregon prohibit mandatory Inclusionary Zoning. Even if a local jurisdiction would like to implement Inclusionary Zoning, it is prohibited by State Law. Advocates who have sought to change or modify the laws regarding Inclusionary Zoning in Oregon have met with stiff resistance. Many of these advocates have come from the City of Portland----but the City of Portland itself has not endorsed Inclusionary Zoning. The work of these advocates is made more difficult because Portland---the jurisdiction which they are from---does not support Inclusionary Zoning.

Inclusionary Zoning can be mandatory or voluntary. If Inclusionary Zoning is mandatory, then developers are required to build affordable housing units in exchange for development rights. Inclusionary Zoning is deemed “voluntary” or “incentive based” if developers are allowed to choose to “opt-in.” This means that if a housing developer chooses to include affordable

housing units in the middle or upper income housing complex, then that developer can expect to receive certain housing bonuses from the City or County in which the project would be located. Voluntary Inclusionary Zoning is not prohibited by State Law. There is one instance on record where the City of Portland has used voluntary Inclusionary Zoning to include affordable housing units in a middle/upper income project in the Pearl District.

Across the United States, voluntary Inclusionary Zoning programs have proven to be a good start---but they only produce a significant number of affordable units if the City or County involved offers substantial bonuses and subsidies.

The EPAP Housing Subcommittee would like to:

- 1) Prioritize Inclusionary Zoning as one of its tools for promoting mixed-income neighborhoods;
- 2) Work with officials at the City of Portland and Multnomah County to develop a pilot project for voluntary Inclusionary Zoning within the City/County; and
- 3) Utilize the (potential) success of the voluntary Inclusionary Zoning in Portland/Multnomah County to encourage a change in the state law to allow for mandatory Inclusionary Zoning.



## EAST PORTLAND ACTION PLAN (EPAP)

**Project # + Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Requirement</b> (check mark in appropriate column)	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
Must address an Action item: A specific item will have two numbers after the letter(s) designating the Strategy (e.g. A.1.1).		
Must take place in and benefit the residents of the East Portland Neighborhood area.		
Must have established support to proceed in partnership with municipal agencies that can take the lead through Intergovernmental Agreements or Memorandums of Agreement (e.g. City of Portland, Multnomah County, METRO, State of Oregon, and schools).		
Must be submitted by an established EPAP 'Participating Agreement' member.		

<b>Scoring Criteria</b>	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Given</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Project <b>ability to affect</b> the East Portland Action Plan values of improved livability <b>and</b> anti-displacement	<b>35</b>		
Does the project <b>effectively address</b> any of the EPAP Fiscal Year 2012 -13 Priority Strategies?	<b>35</b>		
Budget is realistic.	<b>20</b>		
Has additional partnerships and/or matching contributions.	<b>10</b>		
<b><u>TOTAL POINTS</u></b>	<b>100</b>		

# EAST PORTLAND ACTION PLAN (EPAP)

## 2012 – 2013 Member Project Proposal Application \$50,000 total available Date Due: October 17, 2012

The East Portland Action Plan invites Action Plan ‘Participating Agreement’ signed members to make project proposals that address Action items.

The EPAP was charged to provide “leadership and guidance to public agencies and other entities on how to strategically address community-identified issues and allocate resources to improve livability in East Portland.”  
Learn more at our website:

[www.eastportlandactionplan.org](http://www.eastportlandactionplan.org) .

**\$50,000 is available to address projects that will be done in partnership with municipal agencies that can take the lead.**

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### Guidelines & Requirements

Proposed projects **MUST**:

1. Take place in the East Portland area and serve the people living in this area. EPAP represents the area within the East Portland Neighborhood Office district that includes 13 neighborhoods and 5 business districts in the City of Portland (*see map on page 10*).
2. Address at least one East Portland Action Plan item. The Action Plan can be seen at [www.eastportlandactionplan.org](http://www.eastportlandactionplan.org) or paper copies can be picked-up at the address above. This means specific Action Plan items, not descriptive titles. A specific item will have two numbers after the letter(s) designating the Strategy (e.g. A.1.1).
3. Have established support to proceed in partnership with municipal agencies that can take the lead through Intergovernmental Agreements or Memorandums of Agreement (e.g. City of Portland, Multnomah County, METRO, State of Oregon, and schools).
4. Be submitted by an established EPAP ‘Participating Agreement’ member.

Additional criteria have been set to establish guidance on EPAP priorities and are explained on the next page.

### Criteria Used in Project Selection

The following East Portland Action Plan values and 2012 – 13 strategic priorities established for the City of Portland, Multnomah County, and METRO will be given

special consideration in the grant review process (the strategic priority is followed by the Action Plan item(s) to which it relates):

### **Value**

- Project ability to affect the East Portland Action Plan values of improved livability and anti-displacement

### **Strategic Priorities**

- Set a goal that East Portland (EP) attain parity with other parts of the city in public facilities and capital spending; encourage City Bureaus to prioritize projects in EP (EQ.1.4, EQ.3.2)
- Adopt the 'East Portland in Motion' strategy (NA.1.3, T.2.2, T.3.3, T.3.6, T.4.7, T.6.2, T.6.5, T.7.2) *DONE*
- Institutionalize geographic mapping of City spending (EQ.1.1)
- Integrate the East Portland Action Plan into the Comprehensive Plan, including zoning and design standard recommendations developed in the '122<sup>nd</sup> Zoning Project', with application throughout EP (CM1.1).
- Fund EPAP implementation: Advocate position, projects, and operations (EQ.1.5, EQ.3.1, CB.1.5, CB.2.1)
- Establish policy and practice that balances regional affordable housing supply and promotes fair share across Portland (EQ.2.1)
- Fund the 'Outer Powell Conceptual Design Plan': Make this a regional priority (T.4.1, T.4.2, T.4.15)
- Enhance safety in EP through active commitment to gang prevention partnerships, with emphasis in the Centennial/Rosewood area (PS.3.2, PS.3.3)
- Take the next steps to implement the 'Gateway Education Plan' (EC.2.3, EC.4.1-4, L.3.2, L.6.3, CM.1.2-4, CM.2.4, CM.2.7)
- Establish policies and practices to address timing, permit notification, and funding of services when development occurs; include schools, parks, streets, etc. (HD.3.1, HD.4.1)
- Provide development regulation information in multiple languages; assist speakers of all languages to understand the process (HD.3.2)
- Establish incentives to upgrade materials and design quality of multi-dwelling development (HD.1.6)
- Maintain funding for the EP 'Enhanced Housing Inspection' position (HD.2.2) *DONE*

- Implement existing Park master plans: Parklane, Beech, Clatsop Butte (P.2.1, P.2.2, P.2.5, P.2.7)
- Increase energy assistance to low-income residents (SN.1.1)
- Increase opportunities for minority home ownership (SN.2.2)
- Initiate pilot projects for development of high-quality housing compatible with existing development and natural features and a housing rehabilitation program to improve the safety and appearance of existing housing stock (HD.1.4, HD.2.3)
- Formulaic equity and criteria that establishes 'Children's Levy' fund distribution based upon Free & Reduced Lunch and racial/ethnic disparity demographics (EQ.3.2)
- Eradicate invasive plant species in public + natural areas (NA.2.3)
- Increase street tree plantings (NA.1.2)
- Engage ethnic communities in neighborhood activities; provide translation/language services to remove barriers and improve messaging and invitations (CB.1.2)
- Develop prioritized list for improvements to existing transit stops (T.1.1)
- Market East Portland as a place to do business (EC.1.2, EC.1.3, and CM.2.6)
- Encourage existing business growth through outreach to top employers (EC.1.2, EC.1.3, and CM.1.3)
- Get East Portland ready for business with an up-to-date real estate inventory (EC.2.1, EC.2.2, and EC.2.3)
- Maximize East Portland's economic benefits from the public projects (EC.1.4, EC.2.3, EC.4.2, CM.1.2, CM.1.3, CM.2.3, and CM.2.7)
- Promote catalyst workforce development projects: Including advocacy for the Gateway Education Economic Development Center (EC.3.4 and EC.4.1-.4)
- SUN school placements are now by adopted 'poverty index'. We need additional placements in East Portland (L.2.1)
- Re-distribution of Multnomah County Anti Poverty, Homelessness, Energy Assistance and similar funds which are distributed through the Multnomah County Department of Human Services (EQ.1.2 and EQ.1.4) *DONE*

- Increased funding for after-school programs and community-based athletics (L.2.4 + L.2.5)
- Study library service need and expand services to meet the needs of underserved areas of East Portland (L.8.1 and L.8.3)
- Increase information about health clinics in East Portland (SN.6.2)
- Connect East Portland residents to family-wage employment outside of the area by identifying and removing barriers, such as limited transportation options (EC.4.5)
- Establish METRO funding and project selection criteria to reflect the prioritization of Regional Centers
- Purchase land in the Lava Dome area to begin "Forest Park East" (NA.3.3)
- Develop and implement East Portland natural areas public education program to increase awareness and use (NA.3.5)

### **Submission Deadline:**

**Proposals must be received in writing by:  
5:00 PM, Monday, October 17, 2012**

Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

**Applications may be submitted in any language by email, in person, or by mail to the East Portland Action Plan Advocate:**

[lore.wintergreen@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:lore.wintergreen@portlandoregon.gov) or

East Portland Neighborhood Office

1017 NE 117<sup>th</sup> Ave

(117th between Halsey + Glisan at the foot of the water tower)

Portland, OR 97220

Please contact the Advocate if you have questions, need clarification, or want assistance in developing your application.

### **Timeline:**

Request for Proposals Available:	August 29, 2012
Proposal Applications due and sent to EPAP email list:	October 17, 2012
Verbal presentation of proposal at general EPAP meeting:	October 24, 2012
Funds must be encumbered (financially obligated) by:	June 30, 2013

# Proposal Application Form

Applications can be submitted by email to [lore.wintergreen@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:lore.wintergreen@portlandoregon.gov), or mailed or hand delivered to East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, OR 97220, and received by Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 5:00 PM. Submissions in applicant's first language are acceptable.

<b>Application Checklist</b>	
<b>Cover page:</b> Include <u>all</u> information requested on a cover page in a format including all information and similar to page 7 in this proposal application.	
<b>Narrative:</b> Must follow the question format on page 8 and be submitted as the equivalent of 12 point font, margins no less than 1-inch, single spaced. No more than two pages. Hand written is acceptable, but must be readable and reflect the above print size and space.	
<b>Budget:</b> Complete a <b>one-page</b> budget using a format with <u>all</u> the information requested on page 8 in this proposal application. Ensure budget reflects the narrative and makes reference to matching funds (\$ or time donated).	
<b>Packet:</b> Should include cover page, narrative, and project budget form.	
<b>Deadline:</b> Submit electronically by email to <a href="mailto:lore.wintergreen@portlandoregon.gov">lore.wintergreen@portlandoregon.gov</a> or provide <u>paper copy</u> to East Portland Neighborhood Office: 1017 NE 117 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97220 by October 17, 2012 at 5:00 PM.	

## **Cover Page**

Complete this provided template, or create a new form with ALL elements listed in order.

**Project Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participating Agreement Member proposer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Municipal partner organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Municipal partner individual authority contact name:**

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**List additional partner organizations:**

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**Requested Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Narrative

Narrative to be the equivalent of single-spaced, 12 point font, 1-inch margins, and **cannot exceed two pages** - excluding cover page and budget. Proposals exceeding this length will not be considered for funding.

<b>1.) Describe your project</b> Be sure your response includes: a) Action Plan item(s) to be addressed b) How you plan to improve livability <b>and</b> prevent displacement c) What and how EPAP 2012 – 13 strategic priorities will be addressed
<b>2.) Identify Municipal partner and describe the role this partner will play.</b>
<b>3.) Identify community organization partners involved in this project and describe their anticipated role(s).</b> Highlight all organizational partnerships. (Letters of support are not required.)
<b>4.) Describe how the budget supports the project described above.</b> a) Describe how the money will be spent b) Describe any leveraged and donated resources. This may include volunteer time, facility usage, evidence of partnership involvement, in-kind donations, or other funds being used for this project.
<b>5.) Describe the plan to promote your project, including acknowledgement of project sponsors -- City of Portland and East Portland Action Plan</b>

# Project Budget

Below are general budget categories. Projects are not required to include items in every section.

Item	Requested Funds	Leveraged Funds and/or Additional Grants*	Donated Services & Time**
<b>Personnel</b> (Direct project management, contracting for special services, volunteer time**, etc.)			
<b>Materials/Printing</b> (Flyers, brochures, advertisements, etc.)			
<b>Event Related Expenses</b> (Renting table/chairs, reserving space, food, paper cups, transportation for presenters, etc)			
<b>Permitting &amp; Fees</b> (Reserving park space, noise variances, capping meters, street closures, etc.)			
<b>Participant Support</b> (Travel costs, stipends, etc)			
<b>Project Materials</b> (Wood, paints, flowers, bags, etc—the materials needed to complete the project.)			
<b>Capital Project Expense</b>			
<b>Additional Expenses</b>			
<b>Subtotals</b>			
<b>Administration***</b> (project management, accounting)			
<b>TOTALS</b>			

\* Leveraged Funds includes additional dollars supporting this project—for example, additional grants or direct support from your organization.

\*\* Donated services and time can include estimated dollar amount of in-kind donations and/or general volunteer hours at \$17 per hour. For professional or skilled volunteer work, visit [http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_or.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_or.htm) to identify a median per hour volunteer rate.

\*\*\* Administration cannot exceed 10% of the project related request. Talk to your fiscal sponsor about administration costs as you develop your budget. This includes neighborhoods speaking with the coalition office.

## East Portland Action Plan Area



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# East Portland Action Plan

## EPAP Strategic Priorities Fiscal Year 2012- 13 Update 2012.09.20

Each priority is followed by the Action Plan item(s) to which it relates and the *progress status in italics* with **accomplishments bolded**:

- Set a goal that East Portland (EP) attain parity with other parts of the city in public facilities and capital spending; encourage City Bureaus to prioritize projects in EP (EQ.1.4, EQ.3.2)
  - ***EPAP updates from several City Bureaus have been listed at [www.eastportlandactionplan.org/updates](http://www.eastportlandactionplan.org/updates) . The work being done through the Office of Neighborhood Involvement Public Involvement Advisory Council and the Office of Equity and Human Rights will undoubtedly have positive affect for East Portland. We hear that in City staff meetings, “What are we doing in East Portland?” is a more frequently asked question. The City still needs to move from the question to a definitive statement of parity.***
- Adopt the ‘East Portland in Motion’ strategy (NA.1.3, T.2.2, T.3.3, T.3.6, T.4.7, T.6.2, T.6.5, T.7.2)
  - ***City Council fully ADOPTED the strategy. Many of our community members actively coordinated and contributed to the development of this plan, because they recognize that it will have significant positive impact in East Portland.***

- Institutionalize geographic mapping of City spending (EQ.1.1)
  - ***Geographic Budget Mapping was expanded in 2012 – 13. We look forward to more robust data accessible via the mapping as bureaus set up methods to engage in this process. We hear that Mapping is being referenced frequently with the growing perception that more bureaus are accepting it with a sense of inevitability. We would like to see this normalization formalized through policy.***
  
- Integrate the East Portland Action Plan into the Comprehensive Plan, including zoning and design standard recommendations developed in the ‘122<sup>nd</sup> Zoning Project’, with application throughout EP (CM1.1).
  - ***At the September 2013 general EPAP, Chris Scarzello will be presenting a DRAFT document that includes reference to which Policy Expert Groups are the best avenues for advocacy per Action item. The proposed 122<sup>nd</sup> Zoning Project will have a Hearing before City Council on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. Testimony is welcome.***
  
- Fund EPAP implementation: Advocate position, projects, and operations (EQ.1.5, EQ.3.1, CB.1.5, CB.2.1)
  - ***EPAP received full funding in Fiscal Year 2012 – 13, comparable to 2011 – 12. We appreciate this commitment in these economic times***
  
- Establish policy and practice that balances regional affordable housing supply and promotes fair share across Portland (EQ.2.1)
  - ***The Portland Housing Bureau’s work on the ‘Statement on Equity and Social Justice’, the ‘Limited Tax Exemption’ program, and the ‘11 X 13 Preservation Strategy’ contribute to policy and practice that supports affordable housing equitability within the City of Portland. There is much to be done to make this real, and we need to continue to advocate for this across municipalities: City, County, and METRO.***
  
- Fund the ‘Outer Powell Conceptual Design Plan’; Advocate to make improvements to Powell Boulevard (US 26) east of I-205 a regional priority. (T.4.1, T.4.2, T.4.15)

- ***The Outer Powell Conceptual Design Plan was Adopted by City Council. EPAP members have worked with ODOT Region 1 Manager, Jason Tell to initiate the 'Powell Blvd. Safety Project'. Through the EPAP Technical Advisory Committee, Shelli Romero, ODOT Public Policy & Community Affairs Manager, convened a collaborative meeting with municipal partners to identify project funding available for Powell Blvd. EPAP members have also meet with U.S Senator Merkley and been assured of his support for the Powell Blvd. improvements. It will take EPAP advocacy with the City and State to establish commitment and prioritization.***
  
- Enhance safety in EP through active commitment to gang prevention partnerships, with emphasis in the Centennial/Rosewood area (PS.3.2, PS.3.3)
  - ***In May, 2012, over 60 people came together to address preventing youth violence with the 'Eastside Community Youth Violence Prevention'. Gang outreach workers are actively in the area every day and monthly meetings are held with public safety partners who also attend a variety of community meetings and events. It has been said that the key to prevention is investment in our schools and our youth.***
  
- Take the next steps to implement the 'Gateway Education Plan' - Promote catalyst workforce development projects: Advocate for the Gateway Education/Economic Development Center (EC.2.3, EC.4.1-.4, L.3.2, L.6.3, CM.1.2-.4, CM.2.4, CM.2.7)
  - ***The Mayor has released a Request for Interest (RFI) and as incentive committed to relocate 25,000 square feet of City bureau office space to the Gateway Transit Center. This manifests next steps in a real and meaningful way. EPAP members working on the Gateway Education/Economic Development Center assisted in the development of the RFI and will review responses. Through EPAP conversations with Multnomah County Commissioners, we learned that the County is looking at office desegregation. EPAP is encouraging that they partner with the City in this project. This can be a model for the intersection of economic development, livability improvements and displacement prevention.***

- Establish policies and practices to address timing, permit notification, and funding of services when development occurs; include schools, parks, streets, etc. (HD.3.1, HD.4.1)
  - *We are unaware of progress made on this Action item in the past seven months.*
  
- Provide development regulation information in multiple languages; assist speakers of all languages to understand the process (HD.3.2)
  - *We are unaware of progress made on this Action item in the past seven months.*
  
- Establish incentives to upgrade materials and design quality of multi-dwelling development (HD.1.6)
  - *We are unaware of progress made on this Action item in the past seven months.*
  
- Maintain funding for the East Portland ‘Enhanced Housing Inspection’ position (HD.2.2)
  - ***Two East Portland ‘Enhanced Housing Inspection’ positions were refunded for Fiscal Year 2011 - 12. These positions are recognized as particularly effective in serving low-income and English Language Learner populations; people more at risk and disproportionately represented in East Portland.***
  
- Implement existing Park master plans: Parklane, Beech, Clatsop Butte (P.2.1, P.2.2, P.2.5, P.2.7)
  - *EPAP is prepared to actively support the City in seeking funding that will support this Action item. We have seen how the E-205 improvements are drawing more people and positive activities to our parks.*
  
- Increase energy assistance to low-income residents (SN.1.1)
  - We are unaware of progress made on this Action item in the past seven months. We know that some of us have it much harder than others and our low-income community members are applying meager monies for other essentials toward this need.

- Increase opportunities for minority home ownership (SN.2.2)
  - ***Portland Housing Bureau has invested recently in Svaboda Court, a 14 unit homeownership project by Proud Ground at 122<sup>nd</sup> and Holgate. They have signed some purchase agreements, though we won't know the demographics on purchasers for a while, they are actively marketing to minority communities.***
  
- Initiate pilot projects for development of high-quality housing compatible with existing development and natural features and a housing rehabilitation program to improve the safety and appearance of existing housing stock (HD.1.4, HD.2.3)
  - ***Glisan Commons, at 99<sup>th</sup> and Glisan, is a new rental project being developed by Human Solutions and Reach. Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) is providing financing and it is using Transit Oriented Development standards that will activate the street level and fit with the pedestrian environment. There is also a PHB financed project by Native American Youth and Family Services at 97<sup>th</sup> and Holgate that is using modular design to make rental housing construction less expensive.***
  
- Formulaic equity and criteria that establishes 'Children's Levy' fund distribution based upon Free & Reduced Lunch and racial/ethnic disparity demographics (EQ.3.2)
  - ***East Portland SUN programs maintained funding support in Fiscal Year 2012 - 13. We are grateful that the disparity in East Portland has been recognized and is being addressed. EPAP hopes that the above Action item may serve as a mechanism for institutionalizing the redress.***
  
- Eradicate invasive plant species in public + natural areas (NA.2.3)
  - ***The East Lents Floodplain Restoration Project has actively addressed removal/management of invasives. We would like to see this as an integrated practice in future projects and also pursued through additional creative mechanisms.***

- Increase street tree plantings (NA.1.2)
  - ***City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services BES) has committed to plant an estimated 1,100 street trees in East Portland in Fiscal Year 2012-13. BES staff and Friends of Trees are going door-to-door in the Glenfair, Centennial, and other neighborhoods to speak with residents (targeting single-family residents) about planting trees.***
  
- Engage ethnic communities in neighborhood activities; provide translation/language services to remove barriers and improve messaging and invitations (CB.1.2)
  - *The Office of Neighborhood Involvement needs to extend this resource if services and activities are to truly bring under-represented people into our neighborhood systems and build capacity for further meaningful involvement.*
  
- Develop prioritized list for improvements to existing transit stops (T.1.1)
  - ***The EPAP and METRO have funded OPAL to identify needed transit stop improvements in areas of East Portland, which has begun the process. Tri-Met expresses that they have available improvement funding now, so more work needs to be done as soon as possible.***
  
- Re-distribution of the Anti Poverty, Homelessness, Energy Assistance and similar funds which are distributed through the Multnomah County Department of Human Services (EQ.1.2 and EQ.1.4)
  - ***Multnomah County made a commitment to utilize current data in distribution of the above program funds, as EPAP requested.***
  
- Increased funding for after-school programs and community-based athletics (L.2.4 + L.2.5)
  - *We are unaware of progress made on this Action item in the past seven months.*

- Study library service need and expand services to meet the needs of underserved areas of East Portland (L.8.1 and L.8.3)
  - *We are aware that the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution to refer a proposed Library District to the November 2012 ballot. To the degree the above Action item is addressed in the planning and implementation of that ballot measure, the EPAP is prepared to actively partner in this effort.*
  
- Increase information about health clinics in East Portland (SN.6.2)
  - ***EPAP Civic Engagement has arranged with Multnomah County for the school-based health clinic brochures to be printed and distributed to the East Portland School Districts in seven (7) languages. The Subcommittee is considering the viability of translations in some less prevalent languages, because as the newest Portlanders immigrant/refugee communities, they may have the greatest need for the resource.***
  
- Connect East Portland residents to family-wage employment outside of the area by identifying and removing barriers, such as limited transportation options (EC.4.5)
  - *We are unaware of progress made on this Action item in the past seven months.*
  
- METRO funding and project selection criteria should reflect the prioritization of Regional Centers (CM.1.2)
  - *We are unaware of progress made on this Action item in the past seven months.*
  
- METRO: Purchase land in the Lava Dome area to begin "Forest Park East" (NA.3.3 )
  - *We are unaware of progress made on this Action item in the past seven months.*

- METRO: Develop and implement East Portland natural areas public education program to increase awareness and use (where appropriate) (NA.3.5)
  - *We are unaware of progress made on this Action item in the past seven months.*
  
- Market East Portland as a place to do business (EC.1.2, EC.1.3, and CM.2.6)
  - *This was added to the priority list in July, 2012 and not communicated during the Commissioner/Counselor one-on-one meetings. We are unaware of progress made on this Action item in the past seven months.*
  
- Encourage existing business growth through outreach to top employers (EC.1.2, EC.1.3, and CM.1.3)
  - *This was added to the priority list in July, 2012 and not communicated during the Commissioner/Counselor one-on-one meetings. We are unaware of progress made on this Action item in the past seven months.*
  
- Get East Portland ready for business with an up-to-date real estate inventory (EC.2.1, EC.2.2, and EC.2.3)
  - *This was added to the priority list in July, 2012 and not communicated during the Commissioner/Counselor one-on-one meetings. We are unaware of progress made on this Action item in the past seven months.*
  
- Maximize East Portland's economic benefits from the public projects (EC.1.4, EC.2.3, EC.4.2, CM.1.2, CM.1.3, CM.2.3, and CM.2.7)
  - *This was added to the priority list in July, 2012 and not communicated during the Commissioner/Counselor one-on-one meetings. We are unaware of progress made on this Action item in the past seven months.*

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# East Portland Action Plan

## Technical Advisory Committee August 22, 2012 Notes

### Goals:

- A. Members will coordinate reporting of progress made by their respective agency. This will be added directly to [www.eastportlandactionplan.org/updates](http://www.eastportlandactionplan.org/updates)
- B. As you work to implement an action item, bring it to the TAC to brainstorm ideas and opportunities
- C. Bring information about grant applications/opportunities and funding coordination opportunities for partnership support and ideas
- D. Share what is being planned and considered in East Portland. If it is not in the Action Plan, discuss and collaborate.
- E. At some point, each agency will have a chance to have a TAC member or elected report on their progress and plans related to the Action Plan.

### Attendee Introductions:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Rose Bak for Mary Li	Multnomah County School & Community Partnership
Justin Douglas	Portland Development Commission (PDC)
David Hampsten	East Portland Action Plan
Steve Kautz	TriMet
Dana Lucero	METRO
Shelli Romero	Oregon Department of Transportation
Michael Saling	C of P Water Bureau
Allyson Spencer	Multnomah County Office of Commissioner Shiprack
Iore wintergreen	East Portland Action Plan

### Absent:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Kelly Ball	C of P Management and Finance
Bill Beamer	C of P Bureau of Transportation

Betty Dominguez	HomeForward
Karen Gray	Parkrose School District
Heather Hoell	Alliance of Portland Neighborhood Business Assoc.
Mark Lear	C of P Bureau of Transportation
Commander Mike Lee	Portland Police Bureau
Sonia Manhas	Multnomah County Health Department
Ed Marihart	C o f P Bureau of Development Services
Jeff Milkes	C of P Parks & Recreation
Jonna Papaefthimiou	C of P Office of the Mayor
Chris Scarzello	City of Portland Planning and Sustainability
David Sheern	C of P Housing Bureau
Maggie Skendarian	C of P Bureau of Environmental Services
Pei-ru Wang	IRCO

**Reminder:** Our next meeting is **Wednesday, October 24, 2012**. We meet every two months.

**I. Gateway Education/Economic Development Center – Gateway Transit Center developments. How can you add value and how does it affect your planning for East Portland?**

**A.** Justin Douglas: The Gateway Transit Center represents the area METRO has identified as Portland's Regional Center and it is within the Gateway Urban Renewal Area. Justin has been working with the Mayor's office on a Request For Interest (RFI). The City is providing the incentive of moving 30,000 square feet of City office space from Portland's downtown core (the lease expires soon). The RFI is very flexible, in order to offer potential partners parameters that are broad. They are giving a month for responses. Available is 10 acres of public/private – owned property. There could be as many as 40 submittals. The Gateway Education/Economic Development Center team will be reviewing the submittals with PDC and the Mayor's office. The hope is to generate buzz. They are looking for developers. The possibility of a Multnomah County campus partnership was mentioned.

**B.** Rose Bac: Who do you plan to have move here?

**C.** Justin: Office users. The Mayor mentioned the Revenue Bureau. The recently completed Gateway Market Study showed that the Gateway area is overly supplied with retail.

Residential affordable and market rate housing has potential.  
Medical users also have potential.

D. lore wintergreen: The Gateway Education/Economic Development Center team has a strong commitment to anti-displacement community benefit integration into the project from the beginning.

E. Allyson Spenser: When does the Urban Renewal Area expire?

F. Justin: 2022

## II. **Updates: New East Portland projects for Fiscal Year 2012 – 13**

A. Steve Kautz: Tri-Met fare and service changes go into affect on September 2, 2012. The Go anywhere fares are: \$2.50 adult; \$1.00 honored citizen; and \$1.65 youth. An unlimited pass for the day is 2 times the above. Steve brought brochures and handouts in multiple languages to explain the changes. The 'Trip Planner' has been updated with fall schedules when a date after September 2<sup>nd</sup> is entered. Reminder about some key changes:

For service in East Portland and East Metro areas, there will be changes on bus lines 9, 82, and 87. These reconfigurations offer some operational efficiencies which make it possible to improve service frequency on Line 9, create continuous north-south service on NE 181<sup>st</sup>/SE182nd, and add mid-day service on NE 181<sup>st</sup> and NE Airport Way.

Line 9-Powell will operate as a separate line between downtown Portland (to Union Station terminus) and Gresham, providing a base for future high-quality/ high-capacity bus transit in the corridor. More frequent service will be provided between downtown Portland and Gresham.

Lines 82-Eastman/182nd and 87-Airport Way/181<sup>st</sup> will be combined, creating a long-anticipated north-south cross town line on NE 181<sup>st</sup>/SE 182<sup>nd</sup> avenues operating between the Gateway and Gresham transit centers. During the mid-day, buses will run along NE Airport Way for the first time, improving jobs access and promoting flextime options. “

The hope is that there will be less confusion on ticket vending machines.

The budget this year was challenging. There will be a 2-year reauthorization of Federal funds. Tri-Met got a ruling on labor arbitration: they supported the Tri-Met offer. This covers the current contract for 2009 - December 2012. The agency needs to get the cost structure in balance with revenue.

Allyson: Expressed that she hoped Johnell Bell's Office of Diversity & Equity has had input on this process.

David Hampsten: Asked about the transit study for East Portland to Gresham.

Steve: It will begin in 2013. METRO also has an alternative analysis scheduled. It is called the Eastside Enhancement Plan and is intended to go from 82<sup>nd</sup> to the east METRO communities. The East Metro Connections Plan will be referenced. They will be looking with a fresh eye to how to use current resources more efficiently and the most productive improvements. The goal is to establish near- and long- term priorities. The Plan is to be done in the context of the Tri-Met financial base inventory and how to build capital improvements, as well as how local users can get to and from bus stops.

David: Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) has submitted a Transportation Growth Management study application for the Division Midway project on non-connected local streets SE 112 – 148<sup>th</sup> and Stark to Holgate, as related to TriMet plans for Bus Rapid Transit service on Division.

David: Asked if there are plans for a Gateway Transit Center (GTC) rebuild/reconfiguration? Given the PBOT Flex Fund grant for \$400,000 Active Transportation II for the Gateway Transit Center bike parking, this would be an opportune time to address any rebuild. Also, the Portland bike system has bikers going through the GTC in a very awkward manner.

Steve: Not aware of any funds dedication in the near future. Jeff Owen is the Tri-Met Active Transportation person working on bike and ped facilities.

Shelli Romero: When Tri-Met does look at redesign, ODOT is concerned about cigarette butts on the I-205 Multi-Use Path. There needs to be fencing at the Gateway Transit stop so that people do not throw this trash on the I-205 MUP, which is a safety hazard.

Steve: Steve will check into this. Portland Police Bureau Commander Crebs has been working with two Tri-Met staff on operations and safety.

Allyson: Asked about the low income access project through non-profits. Lore went to her files and provided Allyson with the application. The \$1M community enhancement fund was discussed.

Allyson: Asked for clarification of the streetcar and Tri-Met involvement.

Steve: Explained that Tri-Met provides financial contribution to defer capital costs, but no operational funds. The person to speak with about the streetcar is Shoshana Oppenhiemer, with the City of Portland. They are looking at installing vending machines and charging a non-transferable \$1.00 fare.

- B.** Shelli Romero: Powell Blvd. Safety Project (111<sup>th</sup> – 176<sup>th</sup>) is beginning and Shelli wants to pull together a Fact Sheet so that the community understands the different projects happening and the players. She is seeking coordinated input for effective outreach and messaging.

Steve and Dana Lucero: Agreed to and supported communication. METRO will not know about federal funding until September. Steve agrees that we need to articulate context, sources, and synergy.

Shelli: Rapid flash beacons are considered on the outer Powell Blvd for the Safety Improvement Project for which ODOT has \$5.5M.

David: Encourages that they reference the 'East Portland In Motion' document, the Neighborhood Prosperity Initiatives (NPIs), the East Portland Active Transportation Regional Flex

Fund project, and the East Portland Active Transportation METRO Flex Fund sidewalk project.

Shelli: Will convene a meeting with municipal partners working on projects in East Portland.

- C.** Lore: Brought it back to the Gateway Transit Center and encouraged Tri-Met to consider the station rebuild seriously, not only because of the bicycle parking, but because of the Gateway Education/Economic Development Center project. It would be a shame to build the bike parking facility to only pull it up to rebuild the station for the enhanced usage the coming development will bring.
- D.** Shelli: Asked if the Tri-Met study will include all of 82<sup>nd</sup>, as there are two projects happening next year that interface with 82<sup>nd</sup>: the Division Midway local street study and Stark/Washington. Also, in the near future 82<sup>nd</sup> and NE Sandy and SE Duke. She also shared that there is a movement to seek jurisdictional change of 82<sup>nd</sup> from ODOT to PBOT. Montevilla community members are leading this movement.
- E.** Allyson: Hopes that everyone is listening for the needs of people for access to services, jobs, and other people.
- F.** David: Mentioned that it would be great if Multnomah County could address the significant sidewalk gap in front of the Sheriff's offices at 122<sup>nd</sup> and Glisan. The County seems to be waiting for a rebuild, but the community is also waiting for safe passage.  
The County also owns property at Glendoveer, a 1 foot strip of property where the City says the County has discouraged sidewalk infill along NE Glisan from 139<sup>th</sup> to 148<sup>th</sup>, north side, in front of the METRO Glendoveer Golf Course.
- G.** Shelli: Spoke about the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability 122<sup>nd</sup> Blvd. Rezoning project that includes the State's highest crash intersection on Powell Blvd. ODOT has contributed \$3,000 to model the intersection for commercial zoning. The State can support some commercial, but no drive-in services at this intersection.

Lore: Gave some background on the issues of this intersection rezoning. Chris Scarzello sent a statement to be share: “the SE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave Rezone Project is heading to City Council on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm:

<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/50636> If anyone wants to receive a notice, they can send me their email address.”

- H. Rose: Announced that Multnomah County has 3 East Portland properties available from tax foreclosure – Powell + 122<sup>nd</sup> (empty lot with big trees, no sidewalk, bus stop location; Flavel + 96<sup>th</sup> or so (single family); and 82<sup>nd</sup> or 86<sup>th</sup> + Halsey or Glisan (flag lot). These properties can be procured from the County for FREE by affordable or low-income housing agencies (there is a \$200 transfer fee). The announcement will be released soon.
- I. David: Spoke of sidewalk projects being built in East Portland – A new sidewalk on SE 160<sup>th</sup> from Burnside to Stark, signals and line markings on SE Bush from 104<sup>th</sup> to 128<sup>th</sup>, continued infill sidewalks along SE Stark east of 135<sup>th</sup>.
- J. Dana: METRO just concluded the East Metro Plan – small fixes to provide capacity with a phased approach ending in 2035. The Plan was extraordinary, in that it was supported unanimously across all jurisdictions. The FTA application for Powell/Division Corridor Bus Rapid Transit service will be announced in September.

Shelli: Asked METRO: If the grant comes through for the project, you move forward, but if the grant does not come through, will METRO initiate a more modest scaled-down study?

Dana: The next corridor monies are so limited and restricted it is unlikely to adequately fund the study. New Starts and Small Starts competitive federal monies options could be pursued. MAP 21 (used to be ISTEA “Iced Tea” [Intermodal Surface Transportation Equity Act], used to be Safetea LU [Safe and Efficient TEA – Legacy for Users]) has no funds available for analysis.

**III. Establish TAC representative to the September 26<sup>th</sup> general EPAP meeting**

Shelli Romero agreed to present for the TAC.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Wednesday, October 24, 2012**

2:00 – 3:30 PM

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## Notes for **EPAP Transit Rider Subcommittee** 8/8/2012

### **Attendees:**

David Hampsten, Keith Scholz, Nicole Johnson, Terrence Coleman, Myrna Andrade B., Lynne Barrett, Jodana Sardo, and Mike Vander Veen.

No big rush to elect chair/co-chairmen; some committees don't have them yet either. We can focus on why we're here.

Dave is an active leader in the community, with his support he will keep us posted with any updates that are pertinent to EPAP TRS. He will not be available to serve a position on EPAP TRS.

Advocating for city, metro, TriMet, to help them to spend their money here and spend it wisely. Bridging the gap between what's here and what we'd like to see here for transit, as well as getting other groups involved in this with us. The language is kind of vague. We can use that to help guide us. OPAL is doing bus stop assessments in East Portland. The city is invested in this project. This can be a buy in to City Hall.

TriMet is planning to do a study from 82<sup>nd</sup> out to Gresham in 2013. (Check with Dave for details). We are looking at T.1.2 re: north/south bus lines.

These aren't exciting to the public at large; however they can be an introduction to bring in people.

OPAL explained what we're doing with the East PDX bus stop assessment. (Land use and transit committee) discussed the universal problem in East Portland with getting people involved in this type of work and how can we maybe change it. Lots of questions about what we're doing, how we're doing it and what are we discovering?

EPAP Transit Rider Subcommittee Goal: Bring one person with us from East Portland (each).

Get a public agency person to be here.

Maybe invite Neal McFarlane to the next meeting?

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012.

### **Announcements:**

Saturday, Aug. 25, First East Portland Assessment Day at Midland Library, 10AM-4PM, 805 SE 122<sup>ND</sup> Ave., Portland, OR, 97233, Bus Lines #71, 20

Week of Monday, Aug. 27-29, Prep Day for Action Day, OPAL 2407 SE 49<sup>TH</sup> Portland, OR 97206, Bus Lines #4, 14, 71

\*Call OPAL 503 928 4354 if interested in coming in to help us prepare for the big Action Day.

Thursday, Aug. 30, Day of Action Day, Pioneer Courthouse Square, 701 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97204 (Time to be determined). We will know the time of this event after today's Aug. 21, Bus Riders Unite Action Committee meeting.

Thank you.

# Infrastructure Policy Expert Group

Aug. 1, 2012

The presentation was mostly city staff walking us through a very basic Municipal Infrastructure Policies 101.

One thing that might be of interest was a list of Equity Concerns that are used to guide policy:

Geography

Quality, Quantity and Supply (like comparing park styles, for example).

Accounting for Historic Discrepancies

Meeting Established Goals Consistently

All Populations Benefit

Being Responsive to the Needs of a Population'

Equitably Bearing the Burdens and Costs

Preparing for Growth and Demographic Change

Recognition of Varied Populations.

Is there anything in particular that might be added to this?

Next meeting, BTW, is Sept. 5.

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## Infrastructure Equity Policy Expert Group

### **September meeting report for East Portland Action Plan**

*Submitted for the meeting of Sept. 26*

The third meeting of the Infrastructure Equity Policy Advisory Group was much like the first two. The majority of the two-hour meeting was devoted to what one might call “Public Works 101.”

There was a discussion of the principles and characteristics of equity, and a presentation and follow-up discussion about the city’s demographics. This included some interesting statistics drawn from the 2010 Census. Two things caught my eye:

1. As you may remember from news coverage at the time, the methodology for counting Latino/Hispanics was a bit confusing. Planning Bureau staff acknowledged that the Hispanic population in Portland has likely been severely undercounted.

2. The big bulging Baby Boomer population cohort – people born in the post World War 2 years between 1946 and 1964 – is not proportionately represented within the City of Portland.

This led into a discussion about service allocation, and a representative from the Portland Park Bureau said communities should figure it takes 10 years to build a park.

**UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES:** One part of the discussion focused on methods of evaluating projects. Again, this was done at a very fundamental level. One of the topics here, though, was “Unintended Consequences.” An example given was how infrastructure improvements in low-income neighborhoods can be problematic for residents who see rents and/or property taxes rise as a consequence.

This seemed like an issue that will resurface. If it does, I would like to be able to put forth a couple of real-world – or at least, real-neighborhood – examples. If my colleagues at EPAP can give me a few examples from East Portland drawn from the last 10 years or so, it would be nice to be able to point to it when the subject arises again.