



N/NE Community Development Initiative Oversight Committee Meeting – December 21, 2017

Billy Webb Elks Lodge ~ 6 N Tillamook St ~ 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Chair Leesha Posey, Michael Davis, Dorcie Johnson, Maurice Rahming, Chonitia Smith, Karen Ward

Members not present: Oscar Arana, Vicki Guinn, Jennifer Huang, Khahn Le, Shannon Olive, Karis Stoudamire-Phillips, Haben Woldu

Prosper Portland Staff Present: Tory Campbell, Kimberly Moreland, Yvonne Smoker

Audio recording is available at <http://prosperportland.us/portfolio-items/north-ne-community-development-initiative/>

Summary of action Items:

- Dr. Steven Holt opened and facilitated the meeting
- Meeting minutes from the previous meeting, Thursday, November 16th were presented by Chair Leesha Posey. Since a quorum was not present, the approval of the previous meeting's minutes was postponed until the next meeting in January.
- Leesha Posey lead the discussion on Old Business, including the Project Charter and subcommittee report outs
 - A few updates on the Project Charter brought forth for review:
 - Should proxies be considered as an option for fulfilling a quorum?
 - Prosper Portland will consult with the Legal department to confirm the language to be included
 - Report Outs:
 - Budget Advisory Committee – Maurice Rahming
 - The Budget Advisory Committee have had one orientation meeting in December, and received an overview on the upcoming process in assisting Prosper Portland with the 5% cut
 - Hill Block Nominating Committee – Maurice Rahming
 - The Hill Block Nominating Committee met twice, December 11 & 13, 2017
 - There are currently 19 organizational nominees and 3 community at large nominees that will need to be contacted and confirmed to be a part of the Project Working Group
 - ICURA Subcommittee – Tabled for January's meeting with the absence of Jennifer Huang, who was selected to report out
 - N/NE Business Navigator – Dorcie Johnson
 - There were five organizations that submitted RFPs for the Business Navigator Grant
 - The selected organization was MESO (Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon), with Felicia Thomas-Wells functioning as the Business Navigator
 - Cultural Business Hub – Leesha Posey
 - The Cultural Business Hub (CBH) met on July 27, 2017
 - The CBH subcommittee will plan on reconvening in the new year

- Leesha led the discussion on the previously proposed Development Impact Study
 - A scope of work should be developed to determine whether staff can conduct the study, or whether a consultant would need to be hired to conduct the study
- During the public comments section of the agenda, a member of the community, Carl Deweese, addressed the fact that he was not working, and that people were out of work in the neighborhood, and asked what Prosper Portland was doing to help people in the N/NE who were looking for jobs.
 - Tory Campbell addressed the committee and the public and shared that Prosper Portland is working with Worksystems, Inc. In the Cully neighborhood, where there is a Workforce Navigator. The program is looking to expand into the Jade District to help more people find jobs.
 - Maurice Rahming suggested utilizing different pipelines that do pre-apprenticeship programs and contractors to help the workforce to maintain their jobs and continue to find quality jobs.
- Yvonne Smoker went over the video vendors' proposal options and the pricing. The vendor matrix was shared with the committee, and is available on the Prosper Portland website
- Leesha led the discussion on the selection of new committee members
 - The committee should consider previous Oversight Committee applicants
 - For the sake of time, the same application should be utilized and posted on the N/NE website
 - It was recommended that a youth member be considered (high school or college).
 - Timeline for selection process:
 - Start in January and select two new members by March 2018 at the latest
- During the public comments section, Gwen Thompson, a homeowner who lives in the neighborhood, suggested that Prosper Portland considered mentorship as part of their community engagement, by helping students and young people by pairing them with Prosper Portland employees
- Another homeowner in the community, Richard Brown, echoed Gwen's suggestion, and elaborated to suggest going to a school such as Jefferson High School to help them form a group that is similar to the Oversight Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.