

January 15, 2019

Community Involvement Committee

Location: 1900 SW 4th Ave Portland OR 97201

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Present:

- Nikoyia Phillips, Samuel Garcia, Jai Singh, Claire Carder, Sandra Walden, Christina Weinholz
- Guest from Joint Office of Homelessness
- Multnomah County Library staff: Nick Rivas, Violeta Garza

Notes

- Nikoyia went over the agenda, and upcoming months
- Table Discussion
 - Committee is feeling hungry to take on a plan.
 - They want to field where we are with the engagement process on different plans, and have a meaningful say into a plan that isn't already too baked
 - No plan should be above a checklist or review
 - Perhaps we could have a policy in place?
 - bureau website is old and difficult to navigate
- Ideas
 - Use CIC to do some analysis around city-wide public involvement, get a general idea of what is going on across the board
 - They can do this in conjunction with PIAC (Public Involvement advisory committee)
 - Use CIC to make a bureau/city-wide template for public involvement that is consistent across teams, departments, bureaus
 - CIC could work on having a policy put in place that requires all plans to be reviewed
- Presentation from Multnomah County Library
 - Presenters: Nick, Violetta
 - Content: Nick and Violeta discussed the strategies the Multnomah County Library has used to better engage communities of color in programming and events. They gave feedback and recommendations for the CIC to consider when making recommendations for city plans and policies.
 - Takeaways:
 - People want to be seen. Make sure they are. We need to go out of our way to make sure they are, connecting on their level
 - Transparency. Making sure everyone has input into what you can and can't do. Your process.
 - Removing barriers. Giving people the resources they don't have
 - Power sharing. Giving folks the opportunity to co-create, co-lead

- CIC asked about ways we can carry over Multnomah County's work into outgoing City outreach.

Adjourn: 7:00pm