Grant Agreement #32001994 Semi-Annual report January 2021-June 2021 Final REPORT

Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) is a 501(c) 3 community based nonprofit coalition of nine Neighborhood Associations and organizations. Including Beaumont Wilshire, Cully, Grant Park, Hollywood, Madison South, Rose City Park, Roseway, Sumner, Sunderland and Dignity Village. Our CNN Board of Directors is made up of volunteer representatives from each.

CNN provides support and technical assistance to volunteer based Neighborhood Associations and Dignity Village, Community Groups, Business Associations and individuals. CNN coalition acts as a forum to support and strengthen communities to take action on issues they identify. We support community driven activities that contribute to livability, inclusiveness, equity, diversity, safety, and housing.

Grant Purposes

The purpose of this Agreement is to advance the City's goal of supporting the creation of "a framework by which the people of the City of Portland may effectively participate in civic affairs and work to improve the livability and character of their Neighborhoods and the City." (City Code 3.96.010)

To achieve this purpose we strive to achieve goals of inclusion, more representative governance and fulfilled and empowered Portlanders.

Project Summary

-Support community and neighborhood impact on public decisions.

-Increase the number and diversity of people who are involved and volunteer in their communities and neighborhoods.

-Build and sustain neighborhood and community capacity.

-Provide tools and resources to improve neighborhood and community livability and safety.

-Provide accurate information and responsive and effective services to community members and organizations.

-Be guided by our Civic Live Grant Agreement Goals X, Y and Z (inclusion, more representative governance and fulfilled and empowered Portlanders) as outlined in the grant agreement.

Successes

We continue to be guided by our Covid restrictions and new way of life during a worldwide pandemic. Each day brings new challenges to our communities and each person living there. We are still meeting virtually. We are still striving to be a community resource.

Central Northeast Neighbors is proud to be able to have electronic newsletters that are sent out each month. Past copies of the CNN E News can be found here: <u>https://cnncoalition.org/past-newsletters/</u> CNN's E News includes information on where and how to get a Covid Vaccination and resources people can access including phone numbers, links to all sorts of services, Neighborhood Association websites and to Dignity Village.

CNN is very proud of Ronda Johnson, Equity Outreach Manager, who is certified as a Notary Public and is able to offer curbside service. This free service is used by many neighbors.

Do you Need a Notary Public? We have you covered. Central Northeast Neighbors can help you. Our <u>Ronda Johnson</u> is a Notary!_This is a free service from Central Northeast Neighbors. Please contact her for more information about doing curb side notaries during Covid-19 quarantine. Central Northeast Neighbors Ronda (503)823-2780 <u>rondaj@cnncoalition.org</u>

BWNA's Friends of Wilshire Park (FoWP) committee along with many volunteers assisted



Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) in planting over 200 native in Wilshire Park, NE 33 and Skidmore. FoWP is working with PP&R to on a project that would provide water for the off-leash dog area. Upon PP&R approval (hopefully), the committee will kick off a fundraising campaign, utilizing this newsletter to publicize the project to neighbors and solicit donations. Future project ideas include installation of a FoWP billboard in the park,

seating to the toddler area, play equipment for older children, restoring the splash pad, and fencing the dog area. The committee invites the public to weigh in on these proposals, suggest new ones and become volunteers. Meetings (still via Zoom at this point) are the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Contact Committee Chair Gary Hancock at outside503@aol.com for links to the meetings.

BWNA joins forces with Beaumont Middle School in lending a hand to needy families. Many of the usual BWNA projects have been put on hold due to the coronavirus. Given the economic hardships and job losses caused by pandemic-induced shutdowns, the board sought a way to help struggling families in the local community. BWNA reached out to Beaumont Middle School Principal Harriette Vimegnon, asking if she knew families of students who could use some extra help. She responded immediately and enthusiastically, explaining that the school was working

with a Portland nonprofit to help with food resources, but wondered if BWNA might be able to supply gift cards to help with other household necessities, such as hygiene products, supplies for infants (e.g., formula and diapers), and other items. Counselors and teachers at the school and other community partners would collaborate in selecting recipients and disseminating the cards. The BWNA welcomed Ms. Vimegnon's proposal. The project got a boost from BWNA's umbrella organization, Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN)—a coalition of nine local neighborhood associations (NAs), encouraging them to use the funds for coronavirus relief efforts, but with no particular restrictions. BWNA tapped into funding the board had set aside for participation in this year's Beaumont Middle School's Sparrow Project, which raises money to assist seriously handicapped kids. (This project was postponed to 2021-22 academic year. BWNA board approved \$1,500 worth of \$50 Fred Meyer gift cards. Principal Vimegnon wrote, "We are very appreciative of your support... Our first three cards were given out this morning! The needs are definitely there, your support will be greatly appreciated. We are grateful to work in a community that supports its neighbors. It is because of organizations like yours that we as Oregonians are able to thrive." <u>https://app.memberhub.gives/beaumontbobcats</u>

(Side note: this is what Portland's all-volunteer neighborhood associations do. This is what neighborhoods are for.) CNN Executive Director Alison Stoll reported that other NAs in the coalition have used the coronavirus relief allotments in a variety of ways, including matching SNAP (food stamp) funding at the Hollywood Farmers Market (thus supporting families as well as local farmers and entrepreneurs), distributing masks and hand sanitizers for neighbors in need, and providing basics for the homeless.

Sumner Neighborhood Association CARE BAG



Neighbors in Portland face challenges every day because of COVID. Many have a more difficult time. Imagine going through your day without a mask, water, a toothbrush and toothpaste. SAN received a Resiliency Grant and put together care to provide some everyday items and remind people that there are people who really do care. If you would like a Care Bag or know someone who could use one please contact Ronda Johnson at <u>rondaj@cnncoalition.org</u> or Yvonne Rice at 503-823-3156. There is a limited supply.

Included in the Care Bag, but not limited to: hand warmers, bottle

of water, face mask (1 adult or 1 child size), updated Street Roots Book, toothpaste, toothbrush, band aid, hand sanitizer, and hand lotion.

Rose City Park Neighborhood Association

PBOT and Trimet are doing lots of projects in RCP. Libby Winter, TriMet, Barry Manning BPS and Kate Drennan PBOT presented on the redevelopment of the Hollywood Transit Center as the Hollywood Hub. First phase of the project will deliver 201 units of affordable housing, community spaces, and a fully integrated transit hub: followed by the possible future extension of the street car and other high transit options for the Hollywood Transit Center.

Picnic in the Park Concerts Planning for these upcoming events has taken place for the past 6 months. The Rose City Park and Hollywood Neighborhood Associations will host their annual Picnic in the Park Concerts this summer! Covid-19 precautions will be in place. LaRhonda Steele concert will take place on July 24th and Norman Sylvester on July 31st both at 6:00pm.

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The Rose City ParkPlayground Project (RCPPP)

has entered its third year. Over the last three years the project has raised just over \$14,000, mostly from generous family contributions from RCP residents. COVID-19 made 2020 a challenging year for fundraising and building awareness, as all events had to be cancelled in support of the project.

The RCPPP has faced significant obstacles to bringing this dream to reality. Although COVID-19 has impacted fundraising, our greatest hurdle has been gaining substantive support from the City of Portland and Portland Parks and Recreation. They support our initiative and appreciate our efforts to pull the community together to renovate the park, but have been unwilling to provide any financial or political support to help complete the project.

RCPPP is currently working to schedule a meeting with new Parks Commissioner Carmen Rubio to share the RCPPP story, its accomplishments and challenges. RCPPP hopes to gain support

and start setting goals to bring this project to completion. A commitment of support from Portland Parks and Recreation will be a critical first step towards building our new playground.

The project will no longer be taking donations until firm support and funding details are set by the city to meet our goals. <u>rosecityparkplaygroundproject@gmail.com</u>. The RCPPP thanks all current supporters whole-heartedly. Updates will be shared via their Facebook and GoFundMe pages after the meeting with Commissioner Rubio's office.

CNN Resiliency grant funds

Beaumont Wilshire NA started a "green" community assistance initiative. The grantor, Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN), the umbrella organization for BWNA and eight other area neighborhood associations, made \$1,000 grants available to help local populations impacted by the pandemic, and it was Sam (a local neighbor) who suggested consideration of



"Community Cycling Center—Pedals to the People," located at the corner of NE 17th Avenue and Alberta Street, the nonprofit with an array of bicycle-related outreach programs, one of which solicits donations of food and miscellaneous hygiene items (i.e., Care Kits) for delivery by bicycle courier to those in need. With CNN's grant application date fast approaching, President Tim Gillespie convened a special meeting of the board to evaluate prospective recipients, and Community Cycling Center emerged as the unanimous choice. Upon awarding the grant to BWNA, Sam rode his bike to the Community Cycling Center to participate in the presentation of the check, dedicated to funding Care Kits. (To make a donation, go to www.communitycyclingcenter. Org)

Beaumont Wilshire NA

As we worked with the staff at the Community Cycling Center, we learned that this worthwhile project has relied on the mostly-volunteer labor of a group of workers dubbed the ABC team, which is for Andando en Bicicletas y Caminando ("Riding on Bicycles and Walking"). CCC describes those critical helpers as "a group of low-income, immigrant, BIPOC community members who work to further active transportation, largely in the Cully area. Throughout the pandemic, their support has been critical in our food delivery operations." Each Friday, this group gathers to help assemble hundreds of food boxes and Care Kits before they are delivered.

The CCC staff proposes that we contribute this additional grant to the ABC group's discretionary funds, which typically have gone toward things that reduce barriers to participation in events—for example, providing child care to folks who otherwise would not be able to attend group events, providing meals at events, etc. Over time, this could even help to expand ABC as a

group, as the biggest issue for expansion is cost; group members are provided a modest stipend each month for their volunteer time to offset some of the financial barriers that traditional volunteering poses.

We at BWNA have seen the Community Cycling Center's success at pivoting from their core mission of supporting the healthy transportation alternative of bicycling to demonstrating that bicycles can be used to deliver compassionate needs-based services to those especially struggling during the Covid crisis. We have been impressed with the aim and delivery of that program--and in particular the way CCC has enlisted targeted community members in participating in this program. In all these ways, we see this endeavor as meeting the equity goals expressed in Portland's EquityToolkit for Covid-19 Relief and Recovery Efforts.

Hollywood Neighborhood Association used \$1000 in Resiliency Grant Funds for 2



projects within their Neighborhood.

\$500 to the Hollywood Farmers Market for the S.N.A.P. program. This fund assisted in providing those with limited income funds to purchase fresh, high quality, and healthy foods. \$1000 for Mother and Child Education Center to assist in installing a vegetable garden on their business site. This garden will provide an opportunity to teach

their clients some basic skills

that would allow them to provide fresh fruit and vegetables for their families. Portland Nursery offered a 30% discount and 2 custom made garden boxes are being donated to Mother and Child from a neighbor.



Madison South Neighborhood Association Donated to \$250 to McDaniel High School and Jason Lee school. McDaniel's program offers emergency support for groceries, utility bills, to help with rent, etc. \$500 went to the Beach Street Garden. The garden donates food grown to the houseless through the Main Street Food Program.

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Challenges

The COVID-19 pandemic continues as a major influence on everything. Mandatory quarantining and rules about gatherings is difficult as the county and state rules keep changing. Cancelling and rescheduling meetings with many to be virtual and online. Some neighbors do not have internet or computers. And many times technical difficulties continue to be a problem. It is always a pleasure to work with volunteers and find creative ways for them to connect. Almost all of our work continues online, on cell phone and virtual. During this time our CNN / Fire Station Community Room is still being used by the Fire Bureau and remains closed to the public. The entire Fire Station building is still closed to the community and this includes our CNN office. We continue to work with all of our community for their needs specific to the Pandemic and everyday challenges. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit we are challenged with our funding and continue to look for more grant and partnership opportunities. One of our major projects Neighborhood Cleanups lost all funding from the City of Portland and Metro and we would love to see this partnership re-established and funded. Outside grant funding is scarce and we are actively looking for grant monies for this and many other projects. Much of our work these 6 months have been finding resources for neighbors who are isolated and have food and income insecurities. Our staff is beginning to have office hours back in our CNN office.

We look forward to establishing more open communications with the city of Portland as we all begin to work a new normal.

Project Status Narrative:

January

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February

Portland Air National Guard Restoration Advisory Board Identify and clean up environmental contamination from past practices, accidents, or incidents at ANG bases Alison and Ronda appointed to this Committee to represent CNN Community CNN E-news written, edited and sent Central Northeast Neighbors Board meeting via zoom Beaumont Wilshire NA General meeting via zoom Beaumont Wilshire Friends of Wilshire Park Committee meeting via zoom Beaumont Wilshire NA Special Meeting via zoom-Voting Decision on sponsorship and partial funding of Friends of Wilshire Park (FOWP) application for a Portland Garden Club (PGC) grant Cully NA- Board Meeting via Zoom Cully NA General meeting via zoom CNN Land Use Meeting via Zoom Roseway NA General Meeting via Zoom Rose City Park NA Board meeting via zoom Rose City Park NA Diversity committee meeting via zoom Rose City Park NA Land Use meeting via zoom Ride Connection Board meeting via zoom Worked with Dignity Village to write a grant.

March

Community Connect Gathering with Commissioner Mingus

Mapps Wednesday March 3, 2021 We are we enjoyed a open gathering with Commissioner Mingus Maps Commissioner Maps shared with us about his bureaus and give us updates. We have asked him to please let us know how we can be involved. Attendees asked questions and found out how we can best communicate to him on concerns and issues in our neighborhoods and community. We have asked his office to give us updates and to come back and visit. We look forward to working together!

Commissioner Mapps is the Commissioner in charge of the Water Bureau, Bureau of Environmental Service and the Bureau of Emergency Communications. He is also the liaison to Travel Portland, the Visitors Development Fund and the Fair and Moral Claims Board.



Commissioner Hardesty's Virtual Neighborhood Association Open House TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021 AT 6 PM PST – 7:30 PM PST

Commissioner Hardesty shared a "Neighborhood Association Open House" - open to all members of Neighborhood Associations and District Coalitions operating in the City of Portland. The Virtual Open House was a meet & greet opportunity for members of Portland's neighborhood associations to meet and ask questions to Commissioner Hardesty, who recently became the Commissioner in charge of the Office of Community & Civic Life. Commissioner Hardesty is in charge of the Bureau of Transportation, Portland Fire and Rescue and the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement.

Fire & Police Disability & Retirement

Finish up 3rd Qtr reporting for OCCL

Working with Dignity Village in Sunderland NA to become current with their 501c3

Zoom meeting with Grotto about houseless issues in the Grotto forest area

Beaumont Wilshire NA Board meeting via zoom

Beaumont Wilshire NA friends of Wilshire Park Committee meeting via zoom

CNN Board Meeting

Attended non-profit.org training via Zoom

Beaumont Wilshire NA Board meeting via zoom

Cully NA Board Meeting via Zoom

Cully NA General Meeting via Zoom

Cully NA Land use meeting via Zoom

Grant Park NA Board meeting

Grant Park NA Special meeting-Grant Park Upper Field Project Committee via zoom

Grant Park NA- Virtual Racial Equity 101- Online workshop; Equitable policies, programs, and practices benefit everyone, not just people of color. We know that ability, motivation, and hard work are not always enough to succeed in life. Race can predict social and economic prosperity. In this training, you will learn about systemic racism, equity and implicit bias. This training is

interactive and supportive; people can express themselves without fear of judgment or blame. Offered by the City of Portland's Office of Equity and Human Rights in coordination with the Grant Park Neighborhood Association, all are welcome! Rose City Park NA Board meeting via zoom Rose City Park NA General meeting via zoom Rose City Park NA Diversity committee meeting via zoom Rose City Park NA Land Use and Transportation meeting via zoom Roseway NA General meeting via zoom Sumner NA Board meeting via Zoom Sumner NA General Meeting via Zoom

April

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May

Sumner Neighborhood Clean-up, Saturday May 15, 2021 Sumner Association of Neighbors held a successful and well attended Neighborhood Cleanup. We really hope that Civic Life will work to bring back funding from the Bureau of Environmental Services and Metro to again make these much-needed cleanups available.

COVID 19 Guidelines: face masks are required; social distancing will be in effect. **Note:** we will have a limited number of volunteers **you** will be responsible to unload your own vehicle. **What is Okay to Bring!** Yard debris, furniture, carpet, windows, toilets, mattresses, bikes, toys, mowers (gas & oil removed), windows, scrap metal, washers/dryers, woodstoves., VCR's, stereos, electronics and scrap metal. Please not below what will not be accepted. ******\$1.00 Additional fee for each electronic item.

Absolutely Do Not Bring! NO Hazardous waste, gasoline, chemicals, oil, paint, tar, batteries, animal waste or liquids of any kind. NO building, construction, remodeling, demolition or landscape materials, such as but not limited to concrete, asphalt, dirt, sod, brick, cement, sand, gravel or roofing, flooring, walls, siding, ceilings, insulation, electrical, asbestos material . NOT accepting Tube Tv's, or monitors, or refrigerators. **NO** under the sink garbage. **NO** tires. **DO NOT** bring these materials or like materials we will refuse your entire load!

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Rose City Park NA General meeting via zoom

Rose City Park NA Land Use Transportation meeting via zoom

Roseway General meeting via zoom

Sumner NA Clean up- Collected 6 ton of bulky waste and 600lbs of metal. Over 100 people

came to the event and 7 volunteers at the event.

Sumner NA General meeting via zoom

Sumner NA Board meeting via Zoom

Ride Connection Board meeting via zoom

June

CNN staff CNN E-news written, edited and sent.

Central Northeast Neighbors Board meeting via zoom

CNN Staff-

Finalize Yearly budget

attended Madison South NA board & General meeting via zoom

Worked on and completed 4th quarter and end of year reporting to office of Community and Civic life

Collect small grant reports from 2019/2020 year

Lunch meeting with Madison South Board member talk about the Neighborhood and it's growth.

Directors and Chairs meeting with OCCL and other coalitions

Beaumont Wilshire NA General meeting via zoom

Beaumont Wilshire NA Friends of Wilshire Park Committee meeting via zoom

CNN Board Meeting via Zoom

CNN Land Use and Transportation Meeting via zoom

Madison South NA General meeting via zoom

Madison South NA Board meeting via zoom

Roseway NA General meeting Via Zoom meeting

4 Curb Side notaries

Sumner NA Small Grant planning meeting. Helping with about small grant

Beaumont Wilshire NA General meeting via zoom

Cully NA Board Meeting via Zoom

Cully NA General meeting via Zoom

Cully NA Land use meeting via Zoom

Grant Park NA Meeting via zoom

Rose City Park NA Board meeting via zoom

Rose City Park NA Land Use & Transportation via zoom

Hollywood NA Neighborhood Association General Meeting via Zoom

Madison South NA Neighborhood Association General Meeting via Zoom

Sumner NA Accepted CNN Small grant amended original application, due to late notice of acceptance of small grant.

Ride Connection Board meeting via zoom

Next Steps

Working with Commissioner Hardesty / Staff for Office of Civic Life to sign 2020/2021 Grant

Project Finances (Already filed with OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND CIVIC LIFE)

Partnerships

Dignity Village Portland Bureau of Transportation Firestation 12 Office of Community and Civic Life Neighborhood Associations Tri met **Ride Connection** Parkrose Business Association Hollywood NA Boosters Safeway On Point Credit Union Air National Guard Adopt One Block **Ride Connection** Hollywood Lions **Community for Positive Aging** Hollywood Boosters Mother and Child **Helensview High School** Beaumont Middle School **Grant High School** McDaniel High School Jason Lee School