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It is essential that the city continue to support insurance for neighborhood associations and other civic related groups. These groups are the core of community involvement in Portland and would be left vulnerable and potentially be forced to stop operating without insurance. If a discussion is to be held about not continuing full coverage at minimum an study of the impact this move would have needs to be conducted and presented to the public.

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Mayor and Commissioners,

North Portland Neighborhood Services Inc., an Oregon Non Profit Corporation, has provided insurance services to the Neighborhood Associations (NAs) and other community groups in North Portland for over 20 years. Currently 28 groups, including the NAs, are provided General Liability, Directors & Officers, Volunteers accident and vehicle, and sexual violence coverage plus a \$1 million umbrella. The community groups include the Roosevelt HS Alumni Assoc., NP Greenway, St Johns Boosters, Kenton Business Assoc, Overlook House, Kenton Historic Fire House and BIPOC led groups such as the Harbor Community Advisory Group, Ya Ya, Viva La Free, Black Girls Rising, Vanport Placemaking, and Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

The cost to the City is @ \$16,000 plus NPCW fiscal sponsor fee. NPCW is closing and NPNS Inc looks forward to working with EPN until NPNS Inc's 501c3 status is approved (application at IRS). At that time NPNS Inc would like to be responsible for coverage since it is led by a community based board of directors, the majority of which are BIPOC.

The proposed contract amount to cover NPNS Inc should be increased to at least \$16,000 to provide the services in 2023. There is no cost for covering the community groups.

Neither Civic Life nor EPN has communicated with NPNS Inc about changing the types or amounts of coverage.

Will D&O be covered in this contract? Without it the NAs and groups will have a hard time finding officers since NPO officers and boards are financially responsible for these organizations.

I will be available at 4 pm to provide testimony virtually and request that this item be continued to next weeks Council meeting.

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## NPNS Inc. Organizational Membership 2021-2

St. Johns Boosters	Business & St Johns Square (PBOT)
Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group	EPA-BES – DEQ-State
Neighbors Helping Neighbors	Houseless & Cleanup
Viva La Free	BIPOC Youth
Roosevelt HS Alumni Association	BIPOC
Kenton Business Association (PBOT/Metro)	Businesses & Paul Bunyon
N. Portland Tool Library	Community (BIPOC & Lower Income)
Friends of Overlook House	Community – City Asset
Friends of Overlook Bluff	Community
Ya Ya Resources	BIPOC Youth
Lester Viles NP Project	Business-Community Funder
Brown Girls Rise	BIPOC Youth
Vanport Placemaking	BIPOC-Community – Historic- PIR
NP Community Works	501c3 Fiscal Sponsors
Historic Kenton Firehouse Committee	City Asset Management
nP Greenway	Trail Development (PBOT/Parks)
Portsmouth NA	
University Park NA	
Cathedral Park NA	
Overlook NA	

St Johns NA

Arbor Lodge NA

Kenton NA

Hayden Island NA (Hi-Noon)

Piedmont NA

East Columbia NA

Bridgeton NA

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Please consider the extended comments of NPNS Inc on Agenda Item 651 which requests that the Council either break 651 into two parts or to ammend the grant to EPN to \$60,0000

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## North Portland Neighborhood Services Inc. (NPNS Inc) Comments on Agenda Item 651

Mayor and Commissioners,

NPNS Inc is an Oregon Non Profit Corporation member organization that is comprised of the Neighborhood Associations (NA s) and community groups that serve the North Portland community. For over 20 years NPNS Inc has provided insurance coverage using a City grant thru its fiscal sponsor North Portland Community Works (NPCW), an arrangement that can continue with East Portland Neighbors (EPN) replacing NPCW as fiscal sponsor in 2022-3 or until NPNS Inc's 501c3 status is approved by the IRS. EPN (Arlene Kimura) has told me that EPN intends to have three policies, one for each City run district coalition (EP, NP and SW). The \$30,000 initial quote that was used by Civic Life in its grants covered in Agenda Item 630 and now 651 was for a much more restricted coverage than what NPNS Inc and EPN (EP and SW) currently provides to its members. NPNS Inc had provided OCCL and EPN with an estimate of premiums of \$18,000 which closely tracks the current OCCL grant to NPCW plus a \$2,000 fiscal fee. EPN (Arlene) told NPNS Inc (me) on Tuesday 7/19/22) that for budgeting purpose \$18,000 for each coalition would be required to meet the City Council's statements and promises made on July 13 in its deliberations on Agenda Item 630. The initial quote also did not necessarily reflect the actual planned activities of each member organization.

EPN told me that the City Attorney had made requests and changes that would require the coverage to be re-quoted because the changes are non-insurance industry standards, and to include coverage of City employees and volunteers on Park and PBOT properties. NPNS Inc. is directly aware of the non-insurance standards requests (not the Park and PBOT properties changes) and recommends a requote as well.

The NPNS Inc recommends that Agenda Item 650 be broken into two parts. Part A would be the grants to the community run district coalitions with an Emergency Clause.

Part B would be the grants to EPN to provide insurance for City managed district coalitions. Part B may not need an Emergency Clause since there are no insurance premiums due until at least September. Part B *could* be amended to \$60,000 for all three coalitions (and NPNS Inc suggests using one entry for the total with an note, rather than make an arbitrary allocation to each coalition since Ordinances are typically maximum amounts). Again a re-quote will be needed to meet the requests of the City Attorney and to cover the actual activities of the member groups (post-COVID pandemic).

NPNS Inc. hopes that the City Council considers following some similar course of action in its deliberations because the non-City managed District Coalitions need these grants to cover salaries and expenses.

Sincerely,  
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