

## MEMO DRAFT

DATE: December 13, 2022

**TO:** BPS Planning Commission formerly BPS Planning and Sustainability Commission

FROM: City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

Community Involvement Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Age-and Disability-Inclusive Neighborhoods Action Plan

## Dear Commissioners-

On Tuesday, December 13, 2022, the Community Involvement Committee was again invited to discuss and advise on the public involvement plan for the Age-and Disability-Inclusive Neighborhoods (ADIN) project. The committee was asked to give feedback on the priorities and problems identified by the Age- and Disability-Inclusive Neighborhood Work Group, and the proposed approaches. The CIC was briefed by Program Manager Alan DeLaTorre (BPS) on the revised public involvement approach after meeting with the CIC in November and receiving additional input from stakeholders.

Upon review of the ADIN project and discussion, the committee recommends the project team consider the following:

- Don't present the list of priorities to the public with a focus on the land use portions as this makes it seem like other issues are on the backburner and it's not initially apparent to the public why land use issues are "low hanging fruit".
- Instead, consider categorizing the priorities by partnership that will take on the work to be less abstract and promote accountability.
- Continue researching organizations and projects that are doing related work to leverage existing partnerships.
- When engaging the youth, use active and tangible methods like design charrattes.

The committee asked the following questions that should be considered as the project continues and plans for outreach activities:

## Technical questions:



- Why is BPS the bureau convening this project if it will reguire collaboration with many other bureaus?
- How much buy-in does the project currently have from other agencies to make this work happen?
- Why is the list of priorities prioritized by land use and can this list be re-prioritized with input from the CIC, additional stakeholders, or the public?

## Final Thoughts

The committee is optimistic about the project and the benefits it could have on the community. They recommend that the project team begin reaching out to other agencies to get them on board sooner rather than later to make this work a reality. Additionally, the committee agreed with the City's decision for the project to include youth populations and gave suggestions for organizations with existing high school outreach programs.

If you require any further information regarding these recommendations, please feel free to contact the committee coordinator, Harmonee Dashiell at (503) 313-3318 or at Harmonee.Dashiell@portlandoregon.gov.

Sincerely,

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