

Community Involvement Committee Workshop Subcommittee

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Agenda

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Tom explained the latest changes in the format of the presentation and polling questions. One change with the polling questions is we want to pair them with a question about the level of importance (A Lot to A Little) – this will begin to get at some prioritization. Another change is the small group discussions will focus on the Big Ideas (20-min Neighborhoods, Green Connections, Vibrant Central City). Each Big Idea will have a 15 minute discussion on: How this idea might play out in your neighborhood? What are the opportunities? What are the challenges?

Does the technology allow participant to rank multiple choices? Some of the choices are too extreme – where is the middle ground? Some of this can be reflected in the level of agreement – Strongly Agree versus Somewhat Agree.

Environmental Health – how much control over alternative fuel policy does the City of Portland have? It could be in the form of City procurement policies (like biodiesel), or it could be things like supporting the distribution of car charging stations.

Environmental Health – What are on-site renewables and distributed energy?

Economic Vitality – Define traded sector and target industries.

Connections and Access – How does high speed rail fit into this discussion?

Civic – incorporate some of Commissioner Fritz's work on communities without boundaries

Education – need to consult with school districts

Civic – need a question about public meeting attendance: what would make it easier to attend: proximity, time, child care, transit, etc?

Arts – regional comparisons are good

20-min neighborhood – add gathering places to list of attributes

Vibrant Central City – define Central City, most people only think of it as Downtown and/or Pearl District.

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Tom reviewed the tentative schedule for the November and December workshops, pending a few more dates on Mayor Adams' calendar.

Need to find another Saturday date.

Community pot luck for refreshments might help boost connection to event.

Note Takers: Use neighborhood coalition staff and ONI DCL staff and volunteers. Get volunteers from one district to take notes at another so they can listen to a different conversation.

Note Takers: provide butcher paper on the tables so participants can make their own notes and points.

Portland Community Media – cover the small group discussions as well as the presentation/polling.