Community Involvement Committee 6/11/2024

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Presenter: Marco Mejia (Part 1) Hector Dominguez (Part 2

Part 1 CIC and Community Engagement:

What have we accomplished as a committee?

- Setting new standards and expectations for planning teams when it comes to engagement. This shows up as projects trying different methods of reaching community without direction from the Committee.
- Diverse representation.
- Changing the direction and implementation of engagement.

What have been your contributions?

- Contributing different points of view and lived experiences.
- Communicate community needs and expectations.
- Daylighting weak points of engagement.

What would you like to see improved?

- More opportunities to contribute.
- More communication and closing the loop on outcomes – it often feels like there hasn't been a contribution because the committee doesn't hear how their thoughts were taken into consideration or implemented.
- Additional time with the agenda and resources to be better grounded in the content before the meeting.

Part 2 – Community-facing Privacy Policy Development and Surveillance Policy: Hector Dominguez

Data Privacy and Smart Cities

We are inviting people to help us create policy. Utilizing the IAP2 Spectrum of engagement we are trying to push towards empowering people in giving voice to what goes through and what doesn't.

Challenges: Lack of incentives to participate, recurring members with low diversity, lack of government support, locations are not accessible to communities (downtown events), lack of accessibility, reduced staff capacity. Highly political and emotional content. Multicultural literacy.

Main advisors are internal (OEHR). Multiple workgroups to inform the work.

Respondents by income to outreach: 62% reported making $75,000 or more a year, mostly white, mostly women,

For Discussion –

Empowerment needs and resources – fundraising $200k for Portland People's Council on AI and surveillance

Missing Groups – Mistrust, lack of connections / capacity, issues are complex and people don't know enough

Big differences in power dynamics

Building community and authority within City government

Building networks of champions

ASK: Feedback in writing about takeaways.

Committee Feedback:

Synergies between this and planning is the struggles in reaching vulnerable communities. Have the events centered around other aspects of people's lives that they regularly participate in like parks or neighborhoods and then weave the data privacy into it.

Build the value of the information with applicability and impacts to people's lives.

You have an engagement plan and have been doing it, similar to the SCC. It's a shame that the CIC wasn't involved in the process to run the engagement plan before it has already been completed.