

Planning & Sustainability Commission Members:

The University Park Neighborhood Association's Board and Land Use Committee have reviewed the Draft Community Involvement Program. The manual in particular is a good tool.

However, in general it is the view of the Board that it is INSUFFICIENT and can be improved.

1) ENGAGEMENT should be the focus of the CIP. Not Involvement. Involvement is passive and invokes tokenism. The City's bureau budget advisory program is an example. Token members of the community are "involved" but in the 2016 cycle -- not a single one of these advisory groups' recommendations was enacted or even given serious consideration at the Bureau or Council level.

Engagement means actual sharing -- an intent to get to a Yes. It is a negotiation. Involvement frequently means just a report by bureaus of what is happening. That is not engagement -- no change is anticipated by the bureaucrats and so none is made.

2) The composition of the Community Involvement Committee (CIC). This Committee should be appointed by the City Council -- not just the Director of the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. This is because the Committee will address the many elements of the Comprehensive Plan - which includes Transportation System Plan and Parks, Water, Environmental Services and Housing. The only bureaus that are not clearly and directly affected are Police and Fire.

Thus each Bureau should have a representative on this Committee as well as each Office of Neighborhood Involvement Coalitions. Plus community members and citizens who represent the diversity of Portland's population.

3) Resources -- given the City Council's reluctance to fund a Community Involvement staff position for the BPS, the UPNA Board wonders how the Bureau intends to adequately staff the CIC in an ongoing manner.

Thank you for considering UPNA's comments.

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Subject: Request to keep the record open for Community Involvement Plan testimony

The University Park Neighborhood Association Board requests that the record be kept open until Monday, June 20 for additional testimony on the Community Involvement Plan from any party.

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