
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM




WAITE PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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FUNDING ACTIVITIES.

1. After this first funding year, neighborhood organizations will submit proposals for three years of funding from the Community Participation Program. How will your organization engage residents and other stakeholders in 2011 to develop your three-year proposal?

The Waite Park Community Council (WPCC) holds our Annual Town Meeting at the end of the first quarter of each year. In addition to electing new board members and officers, WPCC also approves the budget for the coming year(s) at that time with input from our residents. We will work throughout 2011 to develop our three-year plan based on input at our regular meetings, events, social media connections and more.

Throughout the year the WPCC works to understand the financial needs and desires of the organizations we partner with and how mobilizing available neighborhood funds can best suit our community. We continually work to find the needs within our community through participation in a number of other area groups that have similar missions (see question 2).

2. What regular outreach and engagement activities will your organization carry out in 2011?

The Waite Park Community Council holds regular executive and neighborhood meetings each month that are open to the public and serve as our most frequent and consistent interactions with residents. The WPCC also has a close relationship with Waite Park Elementary School, through regular meetings as well as a seat on the Waite Park Elementary School Site Leadership Committee, Northeast Middle School and representatives from Minneapolis Parks and Recreations, Community Education, Waite Park PTA, Public Education Northeast (PEN), the Northeast Chamber of Commerce and other groups.

The WPCC writes, edits and delivers the Waite Park Voice newsletter to all Waite Park residents, local businesses and key stakeholders in our community. We also work to expand lines of communication through the regular use of our website updates and social media. We maintain a non-profit Facebook page as well as Twitter account.

The WPCC also holds our Fall Festival each year in early September as a means to give back to the community in a fun and festive way. We also serve as the agent for the Waite Park Community Garden, an assemblage of 72 well-tended gardening plots that are rented to our Waite Park and other Northeast residents each spring.

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3. How will your organization reach out to under-represented groups in your community? Who are these groups?

Like many neighborhoods in Minneapolis, the Waite Park neighborhood continually undergoes changes in resident composition, age and interests. In 2011 the Waite Park Community Council will be looking diligently at the makeup of our community with available census data, information from the American Community Survey and other information gained from multiple sources.

4. What planning activities would your organization like to carry out in 2011? (This could include strategic planning, land use planning, NRP planning, etc).

The Waite Park Community Council would like to plan for the future in stabilizing two existing loan programs currently under contract with the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation (GMHC). We also plan to promote two other existing programs through the WPCC, a \$50 security rebate and \$100 block club rebate. We are currently investigating the viability of launching a block safety initiative that provides outdoor lighting for residents to keep exterior lights on in areas that are susceptible to crime in order to increase personal safety throughout the neighborhood.

We continue to work with officials from the City of Minneapolis on plans for the President's Bike Boulevard that will run through our neighborhood as well as continue our strong relationship with Minneapolis Parks and Recreation and Community Education to support activities and programs. Our council members stay active in public safety matters and work to craft a neighborhood policing plan with the Second Police Precinct each year.

5. How does your organization provide information to the community? How do you gather information from the community?

The Waite Park Community Council publishes the Waite Park Voice newsletter six times per year. We also publish information at our website, www.waiteparkneighborhood.org. We also maintain a social media presence on Facebook (Waite Park Neighborhood in Northeast Minneapolis) and Twitter (@waiteparkcc) as well as available listserves. We regularly monitor and correspond with residents throughout the year at our publicized email address, waiteparkcc@gmail.com.

We seek to provide timely and actionable information at our regular monthly meetings. We continually work to bring in guests from other organizations that provide our residents with updates on special projects and initiatives that affect Waite Park and surrounding areas. We also maintain a number of standing committee reports from other various neighborhood and regional organizations that we partner with in varying capacities to help provide a rich snapshot of activity in our area.

6. What festivals and events will your organization host or support in 2011?

Each year the Waite Park Community Council hosts the Waite Park Fall Festival and Push Cart Derby. This annual event includes food, music, kids games, and a competitive pushcart event that is open to the public.

The Waite Park Community Council also supports a number of other events that occur throughout the Northeast Minneapolis area. The WPCC supports the annual springtime Waite Park Carnival, hosted by the Waite Park Elementary School PTA. We are members of the Northeast Chamber of Commerce and participants in the Northeast Parade each year. We are community partners with the Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA), that puts on Art-a-Whirl each spring. We participate in the Northeast School Showcase to highlight Northeast's public schools each year. We also support the Edison High School Sports Program and Northeast Middle School Theater Arts program. In 2010, the Waite Park Community Council and Waite Park neighborhood participated in the Center for Energy and Environment's Community Energy Services program to provide residents access to energy-efficient programs.

The Waite Park Community Council has worked to apply our available funds to bolster other groups in Northeast Minneapolis that either do not have their own non-profit status or serve as a part of a larger organization. We feel that the organizations we contribute to not only enrich the quality of our residents, but also enrich the lives of many others in Northeast Minneapolis. Similarly, we have worked to augment the funding of our parks, Waite Park Elementary School and Community Education at times for immediate or unique needs. A list of those organizations can be found in the attached budget under "Advisory Contributions/Membership" and "Supplementary Contributions."

For the first time this year, the Waite Park Community Council will be working with the National Marrow Donor Program and their Be The Match initiative to register individuals to join the Be The Match registry to help provide thousands of patients with leukemia and other life-threatening diseases to find genetic matches to help save lives.

7. What else would you like the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission know about your organization?

The Waite Park Community Council is comprised of 15 board members that work on a strictly volunteer basis. It has been the view of the WPCC for some time that any available funds gained by the organization are best spent back in the neighborhood. We do not hire staff and we do not pay rent for space. This organization runs solely on the dedication of our residents that commit their time and energy to their neighborhood. We feel that we can and will accomplish great things based on the good will of our active residents.

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8. Besides funding, what are some other ways that the NCR and NCEC can help your neighborhood organization?
- Publish up to date contact information of all Minneapolis neighborhood organizations, elected leadership and staff contacts.
 - Host yearly workshop on issues that affect neighborhood groups and residents.
 - Help promote events and initiatives of area groups.
 - Help neighborhood groups reach non-English speakers.
 - Extend state audit, directors and officer's insurance and liability insurance comparable to existing NRP support.

In lieu of an estimated budget, we have included a copy of our projected 2011 budget with detailed entries of our expenses.

2009 IRS Form 990 filed May 2010.

2009 Minnesota Attorney General annual report filed May 2010.

The Waite Park Community Council is registered and in good standing with the Minnesota Secretary of State (filing no. A-1158, 2010).

The Waite Park Community Council approved the filing of this document at our regularly scheduled neighborhood meeting on February 2, 2011.

Proposed Waite Park Community Council 2011 Budget

NCR Contract (WPCC)

WPCC Activities	24952.50	Funding Source	NCR 2011 Allocation
13000.00 Newsletter			\$24952.50 Available*
1000.00 Office Supplies			
650.00 Financial Consultant			
650.00 Phone			
300.00 Insurance			
150.00 PO Box			
1000.00 Internet/Consumables			
500.00 ADA/Child Care			
1000.00 Push Cart/Fall Festival			
2500.00 Communications/PR			
852.50 WPCC Training/Development			

Advisory Contributions/Memberships

100.00 Second Precinct Advisory Committee (2PAC)
300.00 Shoreham Area Advisory Committee (SAAC)
200.00 Northeast Parade
350.00 NE Chamber of Commerce Dues
200.00 Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA)
400.00 Public Education Northeast (PEN)
300.00 Edison High School Sports Poster Sponsorship

Supplementary Contributions

500.00 Northeast Minneapolis Schools
500.00 Minneapolis Parks and Recreation
500.00 Community Education

General Checking Account

Waite Park Community Garden	1200.00	Dues Revenue	2500.00
Community Events/Programs	3200.00		
1200.00 Youth Activities		sports income	1200.00
1000.00 Seniors on the GO		seniors income	1000.00
40.00 Bank Charges		cash in bank	5500.00
960.00 Fall Festival			

Total Expenses	29352.50	Total from fu	10200.00
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* gaps in funding between final NCR allocation and WPCC expenses will be made up using NRP Phase I dollars.