

Community Participation Program 2014 Annual Report

Neighborhood Organization: **Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association**

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Date of Board Approval:

1. Stakeholder Involvement

Reviewing your CPP activities in 2014, Please provide information about:

- What outreach and engagement activities did you carry out in 2014?

In 2014, the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association (LHNA) engaged in the following:

- Monthly e-blast to neighborhood including a crime report, community announcements, and notice of events
 - Announcements in Hill and Lake Press (meetings are advertised and open to the public)
 - Annual letter mailing to the neighborhood
 - Annual meeting at the Walker Art Center
 - "Leave the Light On" postcard mailing for crime prevention
 - Evaluated survey of neighborhood to identify priorities
 - Represent neighborhood on Hennepin/Lyndale reconstruction
 - Encourage community involvement in neighborhood development issues
- How did you reach out to and involve under-represented communities in 2014?

The neighborhood under-represented community mainly consists of renters. The board has 1 members from this group and continues to seek out new members who represent this demographic.

- Did you find any strategies to be particularly successful? Why?

We use the personal networks of our board members to identify potential new board members.

- What did not work so well? Why?

Not Applicable

- How many people did you reach through direct contact (door knocking, meetings, one-on-ones, etc.) 100

- How many individuals volunteered in organization activities? 25
- How many individuals participated in your organization's activities? 500
- How many people receive your print publications? 4,000+
(Via the Hill & Lake Press)
- How many people receive your electronic communications? 300+

2. 2014 Highlights

Our Neighborhood Association spent time and resources toward education on crime prevention. We initiated the 'Leave a Light on' campaign to encourage all of our neighbors to leave porch and other exterior lights on at night.

We distributed, free of charge, energy efficient compact florescent bulbs with notices to stress their use and effectiveness in combatting a significant neighborhood issue. These bulbs were available at all events where LHNA had a presents.

We also provided a forum and represented the interests of the neighborhood in regard to the issues surrounding the proposed reconstruction of the Hennepin/Lyndale interchange..

3. 2014 Accomplishments

Please provide information about your other accomplishments in 2013:

During the year, we evaluated the results from a comprehensive survey for all residence of Lowry Hill.

These results have been instrumental in assisting the Association in establishing priorities for the next 2-3 years.

4. Housing

What percentage of time did your organization spend on housing-related activities?

20%

5. Financial Reports

Please provide an income and expense report for your organization for the year.
(Please include all funding sources).

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In addition to your annual report, please take time to describe your interactions with City departments and other jurisdictions.

1. ***Impact***

What interactions with City departments occupied a major part of your time?
What worked well? What could be improved?

Police, City Council, Park Board, Zoning Board – Solid relationships with all departments and agencies

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent, how would you rate your overall experience with your interactions with the City? **5**

2. ***City Communications – effectiveness***

Is the information that you receive from the City understandable and useful?

Yes

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent, how would you rate overall communications from the City? **5**

3. ***City Communications – timeliness***

Do you receive adequate notice of City activities in your neighborhood? If not, did your organization inform somebody at the City of this? Did the City respond in a positive manner? Please explain. **Yes**

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent, how would you rate the timeliness of communications from the City? **5**

4. ***City Departments***

How can City departments improve the way in which they function in your neighborhood?

Increased police patrols/presence

5. ***City Assistance***

How can the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department improve the assistance it provides to your organization as a community participation group?

It does a great job of communicating and assisting our organization with its administrative responsibilities.

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent, how would you rate the assistance provided to your neighborhood by NCR? **5**

6. ***Other comments?***

None