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Neighborhood Organization Information - *please confirm*

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

Bottineau Neighborhood Association

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Neighborhood Organization

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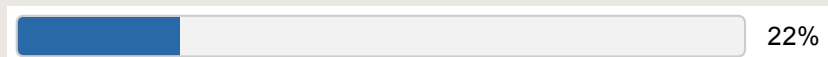
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DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL

Once your board has reviewed this draft annual report, please provide the date of the meeting at which the board approved submission of this report to NCR. **Note:** Meeting minutes may be requested by NCR.

Date / Time

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Stakeholder Involvement - *basic outreach & engagement*

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING OUTREACH ACTIVITIES DID YOUR ORGANIZATION USE IN 2015?

MEETINGS (please check all that apply)

- Held regular committee meetings or discussion groups that are open to all stakeholders.
- Held at least one general membership or community meeting (in addition to the annual meeting) to gather input from residents and other stakeholders for a neighborhood specific initiative.
- Hosted at least one general membership or committee meeting in response to a City request for input - such as a development proposal, transit planning or public works project.
- Conducted one or more focus groups.

What more would you like to tell NCR or the community about your meetings?

What are you doing that is new or particularly successful to involve residents and others?

Bottineau residents and board members decided on four major neighborhood priorities. First, environmental air quality improvements were identified as a major community problem resulting in a CIF application for funds for project. A research coordinator from the U of MN Masters program in public health was hired and air testing began. Second, the Mississippi River water quality and shoreline rehabilitation resulted in a combined effort of over 980 volunteer hours rooting out buckthorn and planting native species of trees, shrubs and grasses on shoreline and Heron Island with the help of a MWMO grant. Third bicycle safety for children and adults was identified and resulted in children's bike lock and helmet purchases while traffic calming was initiated via paint-the-pavement efforts . Finally BNA identified the community garden as a high priority and funds were spent to stabilize the garden and the 40 residents who commune there.

DOOR-TO-DOOR (please check all that apply)

Door-Knocking or Dropping Flyers Door-to-Door

- At least once with goal of reaching a portion of neighborhood.
- At least once with goal of reaching most or all of neighborhood.
- For more than one issue/outreach effort.
- On a routine basis.

Door-Knocking/Flyering

- Was carried out primarily by staff
- Was carried out primarily by volunteers

Door-Knocking/Flyering

- Was carried out primarily to increase membership and participation
- Was carried out primarily to gather input on a specific city or neighborhood issue
- Was carried out primarily to inform stakeholders of a city or neighborhood issue

Approximately how many households did your organization reach through door-knocking in 2015?

600

What more would you like to tell NCR or the community about your door-to-door outreach?

What are you doing that is new or particularly successful to involve residents and others?

Door to door outreach was conducted in the Somali community by volunteers from that community for a neighborhood NNO party comprised of all Sherman and Associates owned buildings. BNA staff provided the flyers and the training for the door knocking. BNA board members flyered most of the the neighborhood for the Movies in the Park that BNA funded as part of the efforts to break down barriers between various populations. Sometimes people just need to have a space to enjoy a community activity with each other without a "meeting" agenda.

EVENTS (please check all that apply)

- Staffed a booth or table at neighborhood event or other community event that included sign-up sheets, surveys or information about your organization.
- Organized one or more issue specific event (such as a safety forum, housing fair, Open Streets, Creative Citymaking, etc).
- Organized smaller events for specific outreach to target audiences (e.g., sidewalk tabling to reach renters, lemonade stands, tabling at Farmer's Market, etc.)

What more would you like to tell NCR or the community about your events?

What are you doing that is new or particularly successful to involve residents and others?

The Community Connections conference was a highlight in 2015 whereby the MPRB recruited 19 youth to attend our Creative City making booth and activity at the Convention Center. Artist Aldo Moroni led the youth in a city building art event at the Convention Center whereby a cityscape was build out of clay by the youth artists, with Aldo's instruction, and the work was put on display. BNA board members took Juxtaposition information from the Community Connections Conference and held a youth artist development course in August 2015 attended by 21 youth in Bottineau. BNA board members handed out free books to all who stopped by the booth to encourage literacy. which is one of BNA's on going efforts. On another endeavor, our collaboration with MWMO for Open Streets allowed youth volunteers, led by a board member, to show visiting bicyclists how to make environmentally safe soap and laundry detergent.

OTHER (please check all that apply)

- Conducted at least one community-wide survey (such as a random sample or all-household survey).
- Conducted another form of survey (e.g., intercept survey).
- Developed partnerships with cultural, religious, professional or business associations to expand outreach into under-represented populations.
- Distributed a quarterly or semi-annual newsletter to all households.
- Other activities (please describe here):

BNA mails a monthly newsletter, the Bottineau Gazette, to each business and household. In this newsletter are many calls to action and requests for input from the community. Staff regularly received resident and business owner responses about articles in the Gazette. Community meetings are quarterly and are well attended with 35 to 45 people at each meeting. Here community concerns are discussed and voted upon as everyone has a chance to bring up issues or ideas. Staff and board members attend various meetings such as attendance whereby imams from the community led a discussion regarding crime against youth in and around Bottineau Park, NNO out, and a renter's rights workshop was held in May of 2015 in Bottineau.



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Stakeholder Involvement - *under-represented groups*

HOW DID YOUR ORGANIZATION REACH OUT TO UNDER-REPRESENTED GROUPS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? (please check all that apply)

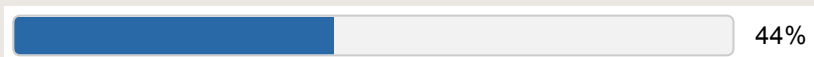
- Worked on an issue of particular interest to an under-represented group within the neighborhood.
- Provided notices of annual and special meetings in multiple languages.
- Provided newsletter articles or web pages in multiple languages.
- Targeted outreach in apartment buildings or blocks to reach renters.
- Targeted tabling at other events or locations (such as farmers markets, cultural events, etc.).
- Held focus groups or open meeting formats for under-represented communities.
- Met with other agencies in the community that work closely with under-represented constituencies in the neighborhood.
- Included an Americans with Disabilities Act statement on meeting and event notices.
- Reviewed participation activities, and identified new leaders and volunteers for volunteer, committee and board participation.
- Held one-time/pop up events in areas of the neighborhood that don't often have neighborhood meetings
- Other activities (please describe here):

Bottineau has 665 or so households and approximately 1670 residents. Bottineau is too small to deploy pop-up events. The BNA board is comprised of 3 long serving board members and 3 newly recruited board members one of which is the treasurer and 1 member who was active years ago and has rejoined the group. The neighborhood works hard to include all groups in outreach efforts. Focus groups for Somali residents included visiting the park and meeting with Somali mothers to figure out how to conduct a successful NNO event while working with Sherman and Associates staff to meet the needs of the renters in Bottineau Commons, a largely Somali rental housing community within the neighborhood.

What more would you like to tell NCR or the community about your outreach to under-represented groups?

What are you doing that is new or particularly successful to involve residents and others?

Somali residents have informed staff that printing flyers and announcements in Somali language is not helpful as most Somali people in Bottineau do not read Somali. Rather they prefer to be notified via phone about events and issues. So staff has developed a system of phone contacts in the Somali community whereby a phone tree is activated whenever something comes up.



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Stakeholder Involvement - *information & communication*

HOW DID YOU INFORM THE COMMUNITY OF DISCUSSIONS, DECISIONS AND THE STATUS OF THE ORGANIZATION?

BOARD MEETINGS (please check all that apply)

- Board meeting minutes and financial reports and summaries are provided on the organization's website and kept current.
- Meeting agendas and minutes are easily available and posted on the organization's website before and after each meeting.
- Meeting notices and agendas are distributed to members prior to each meeting with ample notice.
- Time is allowed at board meetings for stakeholders to ask questions or raise issues.

How many new board members were elected/appointed to your board this year?

3

What more would you like to tell NCR or the community about your board meetings?

What are you doing that is new or particularly successful to involve residents and others?

Website has a community calendar for everyone to view. The Gazette is published and distributed monthly to each household and business. BNA utilizes Facebook and email blasts for every meeting. BNA provides child entertainment during community meetings so parents can pay attention to the agenda. All of our meetings are held in accessible venues and anyone can join the meeting and participate. Residents or business owners with concerns are most often put on the top of the agenda when they show up to a meeting so that their concerns are dealt with in a timely and respectful fashion.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (please check all that apply)

- Meeting agendas and minutes are easily available and posted on the organization's website before and after each meeting.
- Affected residents and other stakeholders are contacted prior to an issue being discussed at a committee meeting.
- Meeting notices and agendas are distributed to members prior to each meeting with ample notice.

Other (please specify)

Our monthly newsletter, email blasts, and Facebook page kee

What more would you like to tell NCR or the community about your regular meetings?

What are you doing that is new or particularly successful to involve residents and others?

BNA board members invite residents and business owners to attend board meetings. What works is listening to people and acting on their concerns. Everyone who calls, messages, texts or emails the organization with an issue is given time on the board agenda. Residents ask for issues to be explored and investigated by staff every month and those issues are written up in the Gazette. Also residents, business owners and board members are welcome to write articles for the Gazette.

SPECIFIC ISSUES

- Affected and interested stakeholders are notified and involved in your organization's decision-making process.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION (please check all that apply)

- An annual report is available to all residents on the organization's website.
- The organization's bylaws, grievance procedures, meeting schedules and contact information are easily available on the organization's website and through other means.

OTHER (please check all that apply)

- Our community events and meetings are regularly advertised in community newspapers.
- We use social media (such as e-democracy or Facebook) to share information.
- We share city news and information on our organization's website or through email, social

media or other means.

What more would you like to tell NCR or the community about participation in your organization?

What are you doing that is new or particularly successful to involve residents and others?

Approximately 1/3 of Bottineau residents do not have a computer or access to documents via email so the Gazette reaches those people or phone calls are made to phones that do not support the texting function. Also non English readers appreciate phone calls. Informal surveys tell BNA that Facebook is effective with about 1/2 of the attendees and the rest 1/6 prefer email. BNA staff connects residents with the Computers for Schools initiative and has placed several computers with residents who would not otherwise have a home computer.



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2015 Highlights

PLEASE DESCRIBE ONE OR TWO MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- What was the issue or opportunity the neighborhood was facing?
- Who was impacted?
- What steps did you take to address the issue or opportunity?
- What was the outcome?

MAJOR HIGHLIGHT #1

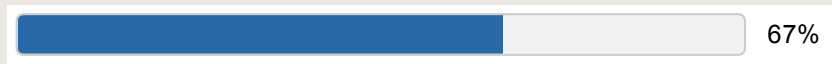
Launching of EEQL Eastside Environmental Quality of Life effort to address the air pollution problem in Bottineau. It has been a neighborhood concern for two decades and this latest effort is combining the expertise of the MPCA, University of Minnesota Department of Public Health, City of Minneapolis Environmental division of Public Health Department and the neighborhood residents in four neighborhoods, Bottineau, Marshall Terrace, Sheridan and Logan Park. Additional funds for air testing were secured from the City for the Research Coordinator that was hired and for the air testing. All the residents within 1.5 mile radius of the Lowry Bridge are impacted but the neighborhoods in the prevailing wind pattern on the eastside of the River are more impacted than those on the west side of the river although the cancer study to be conducted in 2016 will include two neighborhoods on the west side of the river.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHT #2

Heron Island and Sample Room embankment are the areas whereby invasive species eradication and shoreline stabilization occurred in 2015. This effort was, and continues to be, a joint effort of the Northeast Minneapolis RiverKeepers, BNA and MWMO. Supporting groups include the The Mississippi River Fund, Three Rivers Park District and MPRB. A small grant was secured to fund the effort in 2015. The Dangerous Man Brewery provided hundreds of hours of volunteer time to the Northeast RiverKeepers efforts to cut out buckthorn, wild cucumber and other invasives. Then the volunteers planted cottonwood whips, native grasses, and other native trees on the shoreline and Heron Island. All this is a effort to clean up the River and improve water quality.

We'd love to share your highlights with others.

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