



Community Participation Program
Neighborhood Organization
2015 Annual Report

Neighborhood Organization Information - *please confirm*

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA)

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Neighborhood Organization

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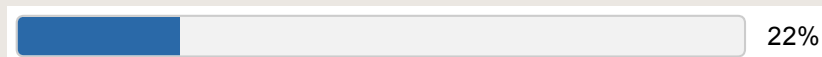
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DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL

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?

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?

30+

*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-knocking was done on a street with many small apartment buildings. Only five people answered the door (30+ doors were knocked).

EVENTS (please check all that apply)

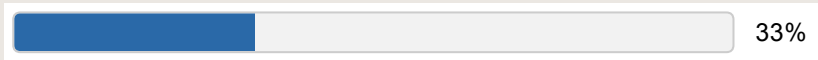
- Staffed a booth or table at neighborhood event or other community event that included sign-up sheets, surveys or information about your organization.
- Organized one or more issue specific event (such as a safety forum, housing fair, Open Streets, Creative Citymaking, etc).
- Organized smaller events 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?

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):

Two neighborhood-wide mailings to promote CIDNA, advertised in local newspaper (Hill and Lake Press), published monthly meeting minutes in local newspaper. Placed fliers on community bulletin boards and in Little Free Libraries. Used lawn signs and banners placed in high-traffic areas to promote special events. Send monthly e-newsletter to distribution list.



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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):

Two mailings are sent to every address in the neighborhood with the goal of raising awareness about CIDNA and inviting every resident to participate in the organization.



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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?

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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?

Three new board members were elected in 2015. Eleven board members were re-elected.

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)

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?

The notification of agenda and posting of minutes depends on the committee. Some committees do not keep formal minutes. All committees make recommendations to the CIDNA Board for final action and CIDNA Board meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the website. In addition, minutes are printed in the monthly neighborhood newspaper (Hill and Lake Press).

CIDNA and West Calhoun Neighborhood Council formed a joint committee to work on pedestrian and bicycle safety issues along a shared border (Lake Street).

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?

CIDNA communicates with residents via a monthly e-newsletter. Direct marketing also allows us to send e-blasts on time-sensitive issues to keep our residents informed.



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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

Southwest LRT (SWLRT)

Southwest LRT (SWLRT) continues to be the major issue in the neighborhood. LRT will bisect the Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood and will be co-located with freight rail carrying dangerous materials (raising safety concerns in light of recent derailments). Access to the nearest LRT station from parts of the neighborhood will be difficult. Volunteers have spent countless hours working on a variety of SWLRT issues.

CIDNA's involvement with SWLRT in 2015:

- Participated in Section 106 process (historic preservation)
- Hosted community meetings to provide feedback for the Multimodal Transportation Study being conducted by the City of Minneapolis for the area around the proposed West Lake Station
- Reviewed the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement and provided written feedback
- Continued to advocate for better pedestrian access to the station for CIDNA residents
- Continued to advocate for safe construction methods that won't damage homes that are located along the narrowest corridor of the route (a tunnel will be constructed within <1 foot of the garage foundation of the Calhoun Isles condominiums)
- Residents continued to serve on a variety of community advisory committees for SWLRT
- Residents continued to raise awareness of freight rail safety particularly with being co-located with light rail through a very narrow corridor.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHT #2

Cedar Lake South Beach

CIDNA has, for many years, been making attempts to enter into a cooperative planning process with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) for redesign, rehabilitation and improvements of Cedar Lake South Beach and the surrounding bike and pedestrian access. Plans and drawings have been in the works for as far back as 1996.

Any efforts to move ahead with South Beach improvements were postponed by MPRB due to uncertainty of how SWLRT would impact the area.

In the summer of 2014, the SWLRT route was formally approved. Members of the CIDNA NRP Committee initiated a meeting with MPRB to once again advocate for South Beach improvements. MPRB agreed to undergo a planning process for the area if CIDNA provided the funding for the design study.

In the summer of 2015, MPRB held a series of three community meetings to collaboratively create a design for the construction of new facilities and amenities at this neglected beach.

The next steps involve formal approval of the project by MPRB and the Metropolitan Council (expected in 2016) and to have the project added to the Capital Improvement Program for funding.

We'd love to share your highlights with others.

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