



Community Participation Program
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Neighborhood Organization Information - *please confirm*

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

KIAA

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Neighborhood Organization

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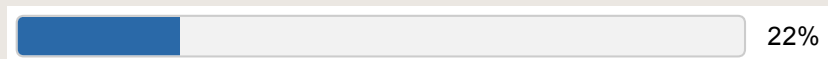
Organization Phone Number:

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?

KIAA has been actively participating in consulting and lobbying efforts to ensure that issues and concerns due to the construction and operation of SWLRT are proactively surfaced to the Metropolitan Council and our elected officials. KIAA continues to engage in the development process of SWLRT due to the profound and permanent impacts it will cause to our neighborhood.

Last year, board members and residents participated in Citizen Advisory Committees, met with state and local legislators, and submitted formal responses to the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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?

*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?*

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.)

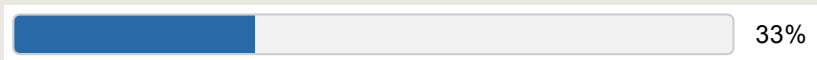
What more would you like to tell NCR or the community about your events?
What are you doing that is new or particularly successful to involve residents and others?

The Kenwood Annual Gathering was held May 4th outside the downtown Kenwood businesses on West 21st Street. BeARTrageous hosted activities for children. The Bockley Gallery was available to serve as a rain location. The representative from The Bridge for Youth was available to answer questions regarding her organization and to take donations. The KIAA Chair introduced the board members up for re-election and made the motion for re-election, and the neighbors voted in favor.

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):

The East Cedar Lake Beach KIAA Committee conducted an online survey to gauge interest in social activities at East Cedar Lake Beach. Survey results were posted on NextDoor; there was interest in log-rolling, which could be once/week in partnership with the maker of synthetic logs who lives in the area, as well as point-to-point swimming across Cedar Lake.



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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):



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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?

Monthly e-blasts inform the community about board meetings, other important neighborhood meetings, and important neighborhood issues. With very limited paid staffing, we find keeping our website updated a challenge.

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?

Meeting agendas are usually posted on the website before the meeting. KIAA publishes minutes monthly in the Hill & Lake Press (distributed to every household in Kenwood). The minutes also serves as notice of KIAA's next meeting.

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)

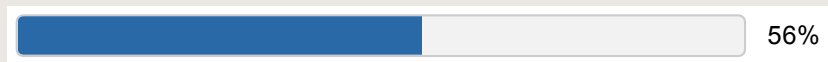
- Our community events and meetings are regularly advertised in community newspapers.
- We use social media (such as e-democracy or Facebook) to share information.
- We share city news and information on our organization's website or through email, social media or other means.

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?

KIAA has been active in using social media and its website to share city news and neighborhood information. KIAA members actively post updates on NextDoor Kenwood and have found it to be a highly successful and efficient and cost effective resource for disseminating a wide array of informative updates. NextDoor Kenwood was founded by a KIAA board member in 2013. The neighborhood has been actively growing the online community; it now includes 488 members (352 households which is 54% of 649 households in Kenwood).

KIAA sponsored a number of events at East Cedar Lake Beach. KIAA helped to organize and financially support adult and youth activities at East Cedar Lake Beach. For example, KIAA is sponsoring a puppet show, sponsoring arts and crafts/community engagement programs at the beach, and working with Park Board to implement a series of pop up adventure playgrounds. KIAA is has also contracted with the Park Board Police for additional police patrol at the beach.



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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

KIAA sponsored a number of events at East Cedar Lake Beach. KIAA helped to organize and provided funding to support adult and youth activities at East Cedar Lake Beach (aka Hidden Beach). In addition, KIAA contracted with the Minneapolis Park Board Police for additional police patrol at East Cedar Lake Beach.

The neighborhood has been faced with public safety issues from the nefarious activity that has taken place at East Cedar Lake Beach. These safety issues include drunk drivers speeding through the neighborhood, and in more than one instance, on neighbor's lawns, public blandishment of weapons, and other menacing behaviors. Residents living within approximately within half a mile of East Cedar Lake Beach were most affected by the activities.

KIAA formed a working group to look at the issues, which eventually turned into a committee. This committee has sought partnerships with local organizations, including the Park Board, to develop positive, family friendly programs at East Cedar Lake Beach. This includes log rolling, open water swimming, and, hopefully, a pop-up adventure park for kids. KIAA also purchased additional police patrol at East Cedar Lake Beach. The outcome has been positive. Citations have fallen by nearly half from 2014 to 2015, and complaints from neighbors have fallen dramatically.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHT #2

The lakes are being degraded by landscaping that causes runoff, and such runoff is negatively impacting the lakes and the public. KIAA engaged the public and collaborated with the Neighborhood of Raingardens Project to educate neighbors about purposeful landscaping, and to help make the process easier. The KIAA Board approved a subsidy for 15 homeowners who received rain gardens at a reduced cost.

The Neighborhood of Raingardens Project is a collaboration between Metro Blooms, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, the Conservation Corps, neighborhood associations and individual homeowners. Through this collaboration, homeowners are able to receive the Metro Blooms landscaping services at a reduced cost, typically about \$250-400 for a raingarden valued at \$1,500- \$2,000. The grant and the neighborhood cost-share covers the cost of design, excavation, conservation corps workers, hauling away old dirt, compost and mulch and native plants. Homeowners do the planting. Rain gardens are a benefit to the neighborhood because they protect the watershed by filtering storm water naturally. This prevents chemicals and organic material from flowing into the lakes, preventing the lakes from becoming murky and polluted. Raingardens beautify the environment and also serve as a habitat for pollinators.

We'd love to share your highlights with others.

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