



Community Participation Program
Neighborhood Organization
2015 Annual Report

Neighborhood Organization Information - *please confirm*

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

Linden Hills Neighborhood Council

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Neighborhood Organization

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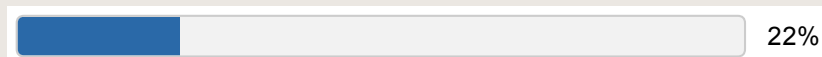
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DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL

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?

In February, 2015, LHiNC advertised a Zoning Committee meeting via enewsletter, and Facebook post, at which the development group of the 43rd & Upton building first presented plans to the neighborhood for its mixed-use development. The public was invited to attend, comment, and ask questions.

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?

Approximately 2,900 households receive hand-delivery of the bimonthly newsletter.

The hand-delivery of the Linden Hills Line newsletter continues to be an effective tool for reaching all neighborhood residents, including seniors, renters and ethnic minorities.

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?

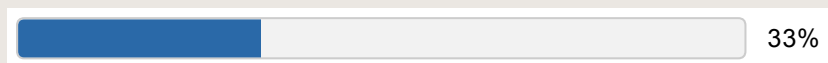
What are you doing that is new or particularly successful to involve residents and others?

We continue to inform and educate residents about community initiatives, while offering the opportunity to sign up for additional information (community solar). We also advertise neighborhood meetings concerning development issues (43rd & Upton development, pocket park redesign), and offer residents an opportunity to attend, learn, speak, and participate.

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):

In 2015, LHiNC used an online survey to gather input from residents regarding preferences for neighborhood improvements. Every other month we hand-deliver the neighborhood newsletter to the 2,900 neighborhood households. Once per month we send an e-newsletter including neighborhood news and announcements to over 1,000 people on our email 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)

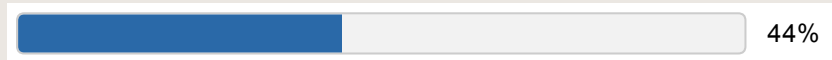
- Worked on an issue of particular interest to an under-represented group within the neighborhood.
- Provided notices of annual and special meetings in multiple languages.
- Provided newsletter articles or web pages in multiple languages.
- Targeted outreach in apartment buildings or blocks to reach 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):

The Linden Hills Line newsletter is delivered to all residents at their homes, including condos and apartment buildings, in order to reach all neighborhood residents, including seniors, renters and ethnic minorities. The Communications & Outreach Committee offered new, free activities in 2015 in an attempt to invite all residents to neighborhood activities. The Linden Hills Festival is a large, neighborhood gathering that offers free fellowship and entertainment to all residents.

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?

LHiNC routinely posts to Facebook, Twitter, and NextDoor, and also maintains a website in an effort to reach a broad spectrum of residents.



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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?

Everyone who attends is allowed to speak.

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?*

All LHiNC committee and general meetings are open to the public. Everyone in attendance is allowed to speak. The LHiNC Zoning Committee facilitates interaction between builders/developers/homeowners seeking variances for projects, and the neighbors who are affected by the project.

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?

Meeting agendas are posted online. Meetings are open to the public, and everyone in attendance is welcome to comment.

We are utilizing print and email distribution of notices and information, as well as social media.



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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

Nice Neighbors Day, September 26, 2015. Volunteers were paired with a variety of neighborhood projects during this 1-day event. Volunteers worked on: mulching trees, pulling buckthorn, weeding and planting, sorting library books, and helping elderly residents with yardwork and gutter cleaning. The event was a great success and will be an annual event going forward.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHT #2

Linden Hills Community Solar. The LHiNC Environment and Sustainability Committee has provided support to Linden Hills Power & Light's community solar project, by disseminating information about the program to all residents.

We'd love to share your highlights with others.

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