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**Neighborhood Organization**  
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## Neighborhood Organization Information - please confirm

### NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

Windom Park Citizens in Action (WPCiA)

### ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Neighborhood Organization

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Organization ZIP:

55418

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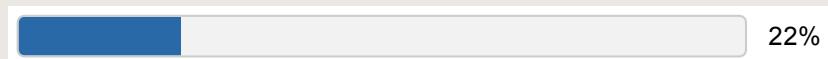
Organization Phone Number:

612-788-2192

### 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.

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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?*

WPCiA continues to send notice via U.S. Mail to all addresses in the neighborhood, including businesses, noting agenda items, time and date of monthly meetings (in addition to social media and email). Free child care is available on site. Open Forum is offered at each neighborhood meeting for resident comments, in addition to neighborhood-wide voting on key issues.

#### 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?

0

*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?*

WPCiA contacted via U.S. Mail and email targeted addresses along a problematic corridor regarding traffic safety, asking residents and businesses to host one of WPCiA's "slow down" lawn signs. Approximately 14 residents and businesses displayed the bright-orange lawn signs along the four-block targeted area, providing a visible reminder at key locations. Signs were then retrieved by WPCiA and stored over the winter, and will be re-introduced in spring 2016 for the highest visibility impact. One of the signs was utilized by the city council member during a press conference featuring efforts to deal with the dangerous traffic issues at this location.

#### **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?*

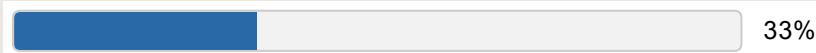
*What are you doing that is new or particularly successful to involve residents and others?*

New in 2015: two renters' legal forums organized by WPCiA in partnership with multiple northeast Minneapolis neighborhood organizations, HomeLine and city staff.

**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):

Began major revamp of WPCiA web site to make it more user friendly. Continued use of postcard mailings and social media to make constituents aware of upcoming meetings and committee activities.



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## Stakeholder Involvement - *under-represented groups*

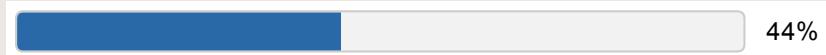
### **HOW DID YOUR ORGANIZATION REACH OUT TO UNDER-REPRESENTED GROUPS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?** (please check all that apply)

- 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):

*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?*

Organized two renter-specific forums in partnership with multiple northeast Minneapolis neighborhood organizations, HomeLine and city.



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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?

2

*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?*

Most voting on key community issues is done at monthly neighborhood meeting.

## **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?*

## **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?*

See notes above re: renters forums



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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**

Small Area Transportation Plan (SATP) is underway as a result of resident concerns about traffic and traffic patterns in the neighborhood. Discussion and action were spurred on via incidents on Johnson Street. WPCiA engaged city staff and city council member to produce short-term solutions that provided a good foundation for a broader study of the situation and possible action steps to resolve traffic and safety issues at key locations throughout the neighborhood. So far, city staff has revised and repainted traffic control lines on Johnson; police monitored the street; WPCiA launched a yard-sign “slow down” campaign; and consultant has been chosen via an RFP process for the SATP.

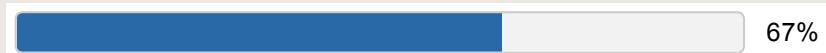
## **MAJOR HIGHLIGHT #2**

Two renters forums (and a third in 2016) were organized in partnership with multiple neighborhood organizations in northeast Minneapolis, HomeLine and city staff. Free legal assistance/consultation was offered to renters at the events.

***We'd love to share your highlights with others.***

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