

#### **Neighborhood Organization Information**

#### 1. NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

### **Kenny Neighborhood Association**

#### 2. ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

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#### 3. 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.

3/21/2017

### Stakeholder Involvement - Basic Outreach & Engagement

#### WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING OUTREACH ACTIVITIES DID YOUR ORGANIZATION USE IN 2016?

4. 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.		
5. 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.		
6. Door-Knocking/Flyering		
Was carried out primarily by staff		
√ Was carried out primarily by volunteers		

7. Door-Knocking/Flyering		
Was carried out primarily to increase membership and participation		
Was carried out primarily to get input on specific city or neighborhood issue		
Was carried out primarily to inform stakeholders of a city or neighborhood issue		
8. Approximately how many households did your organization reach through door-knocking in 2016?		
125		
9. 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.)		
10. 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):		

#### 11. Please provide an estimate of volunteer hours provided to your organization in 2016

# 12. How did your organization reach out to under-represented groups in your neighborhood? (Please check all that apply)

$\sqrt{}$	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.
<b>V</b>	Included an Americans with Disabilities Act statement on meeting and event notices.
1	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 A	Annual Ice Cream Social has turned into our best in-person outreach opportunity for ors.

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

We were able to lobby and secure an extension to the Lyndale Open Streets event. We hope this will reach a wide variety of residents, including renters, who may be interested in using the closed street and engaging with their local businesses and organizations.

### **Neighborhood Priorities**

PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY NEW PRIORITIES YOU HAVE APPROVED.

#### 2016 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?

#### 15. MAJOR HIGHLIGHT #1

After many years of neighborhood interest, we were able to launch the Kenny Community Garden in 2016. Due to the generosity of a local church, we were able to use their land for free to establish multiple full and half plots available to residents, church members and nearby neighbors. Through the use of NRP funds, KNA was able to establish a water source, initial ground preparation and fertilization. The KNA Board and volunteer gardeners worked hard to establish both organized guidelines/best practices as well as the physical infrastructure of the garden. The gardeners created not only good food to eat and share, but also a community willing to help one another achieve their goals of urban gardening and healthy lifestyles.

#### 16. MAJOR HIGHLIGHT #2

KNA was notified of an environmental concern in the area of 54th & Lyndale. Designated a Superfund site by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the area has been deemed contaminated due to a previous dry-cleaner and automotive repair facility. KNA quickly arranged a community meeting with representatives of MPCA, the Minnesota Department of Health, the City of Minneapolis, and elected officials at the City, County and State levels. We also reached out to the bordering neighborhoods of Lynnhurst and Windom, both of which have properties also affected by the contamination. We have continued to remain in contact with project managers and have provided written updates in our neighborhood newsletter. The Superfund project managers have expressed their appreciation of the local support provided by KNA's willingness to host the community meeting.