

1. NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

Calhoun Area Residents Action Group (CARAG)

2. ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

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3. ORGANIZATION WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: carag.org

Facebook: [CARAG Facebook Group](#)

Twitter: [#CARAGmpls](#)

Other: [Instagram: # CARAGmpls](#)

4. 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.

02/20/2018

Community Participation Program

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING OUTREACH ACTIVITIES DID YOUR ORGANIZATION USE IN 2017?

5. **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

6. **DOOR-TO-DOOR** (please check all that apply)

Door-Knocking (with goal of face-to-face engagement)

- At least once reaching a portion of neighborhood
- At least once reaching most or all of the neighborhood
- For more than one issue/outreach effort
- On a routine basis
- Conducted primarily by staff members
- Conducted primarily by volunteers
- Carried out primarily to increase membership and participation
- Carried out primarily to gather input or inform on a specific city or neighborhood issue

7. **Approximately how many households did you reach through DOOR-KNOCKING in 2017?**

8. **FLYERING** (please check all that apply)

Distributing flyers (dropping literature at doors)

- At least once reaching a portion of neighborhood
- At least once reaching most or all of the neighborhood
- Carried out primarily to inform and increase membership and participation
- Carried out primarily to gather input or inform on a specific city or neighborhood issue

9. **Approximately how many households did your organization reach through FLYERING in 2017?**

1600

10. **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.)

11. **COMMUNICATION** (please fill in all that apply)

Print a paper newsletter
(If so, at what frequency?)

Number of subscribers to your email list 600

Number of followers on Facebook and Twitter Combined 1600

12. **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

Other activities (please describe here):

CARAG sponsors several fun, community-building events throughout the year that draw neighbors from throughout the community including the Chilly Chili Fest, Earth Day Clean Up, Super Sale, Garden Tour, Annual Meeting, and Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting Fundraiser.

13. Please provide an estimate of VOLUNTEER HOURS provided to your organization in 2017

2500

14. **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):

CARAG sponsors two Little Free Libraries that travel to different homes every few months as a way to make connections between neighbors and build community identity. The organization also deployed a "parklet" hosted by Vicinity Coffee to promote place-making and traffic calming. Finally, we worked with Minneapolis Parks to preserve the concrete dolphin from the park wading pool while the pool is being reconstructed, and CARAG will repurpose the dolphin as sculpture covering it with mosaic tile in 2018.

15. 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?

CARAG is proud that the organization contributed \$20,000 in NRP funds towards the Bridge for Youth's Rita's House project providing housing for homeless youth in a neighboring community. The organization reached out to area neighborhood organizations resulting in \$120,000 going to the project from six organizations.

Community Participation Program

PLEASE DESCRIBE ONE OR TWO MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

Consider the following when describing each highlight:

- 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?

17. MAJOR HIGHLIGHT #1

CARAG brought in Sid Beane, a Dakota elder and activist, to speak during the Annual Meeting to discuss Native history in Minnesota and around Lake Calhoun. His presentation convinced many in attendance of the need to change the name of the lake to Bde Maska. It also generated conversation about the need to change the name of the Calhoun Area Residents Action Group organization and CARAG neighborhood name itself. Now in 2018, CARAG has begun a community process to identify new names with a goal of making the change by the end of the year.

18. MAJOR HIGHLIGHT #2

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