

1. NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

Waite Park Community Council

2. ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

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3. ORGANIZATION WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: www.waiteparkneighborhood.org/

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/waitepark/>

Twitter: [@waiteparkcc](https://twitter.com/waiteparkcc)

Other:

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.

03/29/2018

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?**

100

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 Yes, every 2-3 months
(If so, at what frequency?)

Number of subscribers to
your email list

Number of followers on 1808
Facebook and Twitter Combined

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):

Welcome packets

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

1000

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):

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?

Started a Partnership with the Northeast Tool Library. Waite Park residents get a discount on membership and the WPCC helped to provide funding for improvements at the tool library

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**

Last summer, WPCC was contacted by HOME Line, which is a nonprofit tenant advocacy organization. They were working with the group of tenants living at 35th and Central. The tenants were experiencing all kinds of issues - mold, bed bugs, roaches, etc and having trouble getting their landlord to do anything about it. We invited the tenants to attend one of our meetings. They came and share their story with the board. As a board, we voted to write a letter on their behalf to the landlord asking him to address the issues that the tenants had told us about. The letter is attached.

While we never received a response from the landlord, our letter was used as an exhibit in the housing court case. The court found in favor of the tenants and it was one of the largest settlements in housing court history.

18. **MAJOR HIGHLIGHT #2**

One of our board members approached the board with an opportunity to partner with Metro Blooms to install rain gardens. We helped subsidize the cost of installing 25 rain gardens in yards across Waite Park. These rain gardens not only help to improve the ascetic quality of the neighborhood but also help filter rain water run off from getting into the rivers and lakes.

We also hosted our 9th annual push cart derby, and though the number of racers was down this year, we still ~100 community members come by for the event which featured food, games and a bouncy castle.