

1. **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION**

Corcoran Neighborhood Organization

2. **ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION**

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3. **ORGANIZATION WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

Website: www.corcoranneighborhood.org

Facebook: [corcoran neighborhood](#)

Twitter:

Other: [Corcoran_cno/instagram](#)

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.

04/11/2019

Community Participation Program

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING OUTREACH ACTIVITIES DID YOUR ORGANIZATION USE IN 2018?

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 2018?

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 2018?**

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 Bi Monthly
(If so, at what frequency?)

Number of subscribers to 750
your email list

Number of followers on 1,258
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

Other activities (please describe here):

13. Please provide an estimate of VOLUNTEER HOURS provided to your organization in 2018

16200

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):

Cultural awareness events ie Juneteenth...

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?

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

The issue is simple yet disturbing, housing issues—including inadequate heat, compromised security, and infestation of mice, bedbugs, roaches and other insects. Now we this great opportunity, we have over 100 units of naturally occurring affordable housing in our neighborhood, yet 5 buildings owned by Steve Frenz, home to over 65 families are in a David and Goliath type battle (residents being David). 5 buildings in our beloved Corcoran Neighborhood owned by Frenz have been a hot bed issue for years now this time we have reached a point where Frenz has lost his rental license and has served these families with termination notices and a request to vacate the premises leaving families scrambling with nowhere to go.

The residents organized and with the help of neighbors, CNO, IX (Inquilinx Unidxs) and other concerned supporters they began to raise money to purchase the building from their disgrace former landlord and building owner Steve Frenz. CNO began to inform neighbors of our fellow neighbors fight to avoid eviction and purchase and improve the building they had called home some for the last 20+ years. We successfully built relationship with residents in the buildings through cookouts, door knocking, apartment hunting and in the fight for human rights through their housing disaster.

The true highlight will be the residents gaining ownership of the building forming an housing cooperative. For now the most important highlight is the forming of a community and support around our renters who historically are not considered when you think of neighborhood organizations.

18. MAJOR HIGHLIGHT #2

Sweet 16... What a year, with the start of spring the Midtown Farmers Market celebrated 16 wonderful years of operating as your favorite farmers market creating a vibrant space in South Minneapolis that connects residents and local food producers in a beautiful, beneficial economic and cultural exchange. The Midtown Farmers Market is a community-based food system that assures equitable access to healthy, locally produced food, supports reinvestment in the community, and provides for the long-term viability of our foodshed.

- Hosted 45 total markets with over 45,000 market goers
- Brought over \$73,000 into the local food economy Including over \$15,000 of Market Bucks supported by Hunger Solutions

- Facilitated monthly musical, literary and tactile arts
- Experienced several cooking demonstrations
- Ran 3 blood drives
- Celebrated East African Cultural Day
- Exercised with yoga and zumba instructors
- Welcomed 9 new vendors through the TryIt! Program
- Supported over 75 local farmers and growers, artists, prepared food vendors and ready-to-eat food vendors