

## 1. NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

### Stevens Square Community Organization

## 2. ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

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## 3. ORGANIZATION WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: [stevenssquare.org](http://stevenssquare.org)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Stevens-Square-Community-Organization-18330283889>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/stevensSQUARE>

Other: [https://www.instagram.com/stevens\\_square\\_neighborhood](https://www.instagram.com/stevens_square_neighborhood)

## 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.

**03/04/2019**

# 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?**

2500

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?) No

Number of subscribers to your email list 862

Number of followers on Facebook and Twitter Combined 1025

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):

Block Patrol does ongoing on-street outreach through the course of its regular activities.

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

2260

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):

Our arts programming (Cinema & Civics and Red Hot Arts Festival) are formulated as outreach activities, they regularly engage the most under-represented community members.

**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?**

The Rental Rebate program continues to be a powerful tool to facilitate the participation of renters, and we simply could not do it if we didn't have the buy-in from some key apartment building owners who help provide access to thousands of renters in the neighborhood. Our arts programming (Cinema & Civics and Red Hot Art Festival) are critical aspects to engagement for our community, as meetings are only one means to engagement.

# 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

New mixed-use developments coming into the neighborhood represented a major highlight. After years of stalled plans, neighbors were excited to hear about plans to build new mixed-use developments on vacant lots on Nicollet Avenue and to update an underused property on Franklin and Fourth Avenues. SSCO brought together stakeholders for one of its most well-attended meetings to discuss the developers' proposals, and answered questions that led to a unanimous vote of support that also communicated residents' desires and preferences related to the projects.

### 18. MAJOR HIGHLIGHT #2

In the spring of 2018, there was a group of individuals who loitered, panhandled, consumed alcohol, trespassed, and engaged in other disorderly and harassing conduct along Groveland Avenue between Nicollet and LaSalle Avenues. This same group was a problem in 2017 to a lesser degree, and the problems were escalating. At the May 2018 Safety Committee meeting the issue was discussed, and the group coordinated a multi-pronged solution that brought together beat cops, property owners, social workers, MPD's new homeless and vulnerable populations initiative coordinator, and SSCO's staff and Block Patrol volunteers that effectively eliminated the issues before a pre-school took up tenancy at the church where the problems were focused.