

Engagement Plan

Neighborhood: Time Frame:

St. Anthony East Neighborhood Association

2023-2025

Work summary

SAENA will continue our work to engage residents that have been historically underrepresented in our work. These residents tend to hold multiple identities and their demographics hold an intersectionality that cannot be properly represented in the plan detail. The work SAENA will complete in 2023-2025 will focus on general outreach and information gathering. We intend to connect with residents about meetings and events that we have planned, but we will also be having conversations with folks about what matters to them and find ways we can elevate their vision for how St. Anthony East can be a more equitable and livable place. We will do this by door knocking, tabling, direct mailings-essentially meeting people where they are and already go.

Scope of work, outcomes and goals

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Plan detail

Demographic group	Low-Income Residents	Black, indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) Community Members	Renters
Numbers or percentage	338 (32.4)	738 (32.07 %)	641 (58.1%)
Initiative, activity, project or program	Focus groups, building specific events, board game nights	Creating the Racial Equity Committee Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives	Renter Engagement & Education Program Provide information on rental assistance and eviction prevention We will engage with renters to encourage their participation on the SAENA Board



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Barriers to engagement	Accessing apartments Transient population Feeling unwelcome at meetings Technology Lack of advertising	Feeling unwelcome at meetings and in community in general Unclear paths to engagement lacking knowledge of what we do, our purpose, and how we can assist/advocate, Disinterest in our areas of focus, lack of time/resources to engage, difficult to navigate board culture lacking diversity on current board/committees make it feel less welcome to non-white neighbors	Difficulty getting letters and postcards delivered to the correct addresses Organization is not widely known among renters in the neighborhood Renters may be less likely to know others in the neighborhood, serving as a barrier to their attending community events Topics are oriented to homeowners or do not resonate with renters



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Outreach and engagement strategies	Print Newsletter Offer or facilitate transportation to meetings Events (with food) at rental buildings (food not bought with City funds) E-newsletters, website and social media	Online outreach methods to include email and social media Newsletter Partner with BIPOC-owned businesses and nonprofits on city-wide projects; invite them to participate in SAENA events Connect with community groups who serve racially and economically diverse communities adjacent to SAENA Workshops for discussions surrounding equity and diversity DEI topics/discussion at each board & community meeting Introducing ED to the neighborhood Introduce SAENA to the neighborhood	Connect with property owners/management companies Create a list of all rental properties for direct engagement with residents. Identify and connect with property managers/owners to access apartments and develop relationship (so they will forward our emails to their renters) Distribute flyers on apartment doors for neighborhood events and activities Host a renter-specific educational events and opportunities Door knocking



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Resources needed	Social media account and manager of the account Contact information for property owners/managers Wages for door-knockers Door-knocking logs Flyers with neighborhood organization information	Staff Time Funding for food and refreshments for meet and greets (non-City funds to be used). Space rental Funds for print newsletters or postcards Mailing Yard signs	Updated list of renter-occupied units Contact information for property owners of apartment Continued funding for flyers and other paper advertisements Dedicated community outreach coordinator position (in progress) Mailing lists
Partners in the work	Clare Housing Executive Director:	Possible partners: Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) Clare Housing Children Dental Services Spring Manor Highrise ICBMN-Islamic Community of Bosniaks in Minnesota	Homeline



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Person(s)	Marion Arita, Executive	Marion Arita, Executive Director	Marion Arita, Executive Director
responsible	Director	SAENA Board of Directors	SAENA Board of Directors
	SAENA Board of Directors	Community Outreach Coordinator	Community Outreach
	Community Outreach	Volunteers (Racial Equity	Coordinator
	Coordinator	Committee)	Volunteers
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Timeline	JanMarch: Send letters to property managers and/or owners and recruit resident door-knocking staff April: Follow-up phone calls; set up date/time to door-knock buildings	Jan-April: develop materials, door knocking lists, identify partners, find committee members March-August: hire door knockers, begin outreach efforts, print newsletter	January - April: Connect with property owners and managers, start asking them to send emails about our organization/allow us into the buildings to flyer March - August: Flyer apartment buildings for events
	May-July: Door-knock identified buildings August-September: survey follow up, door knocking, and focus group convenings October-December: work with board of directors to adopt priorities identified and allocate funds to continue work in the future	Summer: tabling and door knocking, social media, hold event October-December: Compile results, identify potential programs, strategic planning begins	September - November: Expanding email contact list through landlord emails



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Quantitative goals	Have conversations with 75% of tenants whose doors were knocked Obtain contact information from 50% of tenants whose doors were knocked and add them to the distribution list	Understand barriers to participation and identify issues that need attention. Increase participation/ representation in the committee in 2023 and increase it again in 2024 First year have 10 % of BIPOC community members attendances at events Increase BIPOC representation to Neighborhood association.	Feelings of inclusion and belonging for renters who participate in the organization To ensure that residents know we are a resource for them, and they feel they can trust us to be partners in change that matters to them



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Qualitative goals	Learn about what tenants care about in the neighborhoods Identify issues that need attention	Community members feel more supported by their neighborhood organization Survey checks in with committee members to better understand their feelings about their organization	Better understand the needs and concerns of the renters in our neighborhood Increase renters' voices within SAENA by increasing representation on board, committees and at events Build relationships and engagement with renters.



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Outcome of engagement	More representation of tenants on neighborhood board and/or committee membership More tenants receive neighborhood organization updates, newsletters, and other information Tenants have the knowledge and ability to become involved in the organization and in decision-making Issue is identified in the community	More representation of BIPOC on neighborhood board and/or committee membership More Black, Indigenous and people of color contributing to community decisions; attending community meetings; engaged in committees or work groups. SARNA engaging in issues that BIPOC community members identify as important	More renters knowing what SAENA is and what we do More renters attending SAENA events More renters engaged with committees and projects More renters serving on the board More renters receive neighborhood organization updates, newsletters and other information



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Next steps	Community conversations around issues identified to discuss issues further, come up solutions and possible program implementation.	Community conversations around issues identified to discuss issues further Work with board of directors to adopt priorities identified and allocate funds to continue work in the future	Reach out to rental property owners Community conversations around issues identified to discuss issues further Work with board of directors to adopt priorities identified and allocate funds to continue work in the future