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February 2017 Report - Meetings and Events:

- 2-1 Meeting with BPS regarding grant amendments to Cleanup grant
- 2-3 SWNI Personnel Committee
- 2-6 April Hill Park Dedication meeting
- 2-8 SWNI Grant Selection Committee
- 2-9 Coalition Chairs and Directors meeting
- 2-13 ONI Budget Advisory Committee meeting
- 2-15 SWNI Finance Committee Meeting
- 2-15 SWNI Executive Committee Meeting
- 2-16 Tryon Creek Watershed Council meeting
- 2-16 Ashcreek/Crestwood NET meeting
- 2-22 Growing Gardens meeting
- 2-22 SWNI Board meeting
- 2-23 Fixing our Streets event coordination meeting with Irene S.
- 2-23 Intertwine Cohort meeting with DCR trainer
- 2-14 West Portland Park NA meeting
- 2-24 Meeting with New Portlander staff
- 2-14 Meeting with MAC Director Michael Walsh
- 2-24 Phone conference with Hillsdale Outreach Committee on March event
- 2-17 SW Equity and Inclusion Committee meeting

Budget Update FY 16-17: For the month of January note that the amount for the Connect SW PDX restricted account is negative on the balance sheet (page 2). This project is a reimbursable grant. The Accounts Payable amount in the balance sheet is two ONI invoices and two BES invoices. We did receive the late ONI invoice in February. The amount for supply expenses for the Watershed Resource Center is high due to the Sunstone Montessori WRC project, which was listed in the BES Grant/Scope of Work.

Fiscal Sponsorship Account: The finance committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Ashcreek NA application for a SWNI Sponsored account. Ashcreek Neighborhood Association will be raising funds for emergency preparedness materials and working in partnership with the Ashcreek/Crestwood NET.

ONI BAC –In addition to the 1% and 4% cut packages discussed at the last meeting Commissioner Eudaly supported four add packages: Transition one-time position funding (\$110,000) to ongoing for the **New Portlander Program Specialist**; Restore “**Accommodations Fund**” (\$100,000) for ONI Programs (language/interpretation, childcare, transportation, and ADA accessibility); **Portland United Against Hate** requests \$465,000 for a community initiated partnership between 8 culturally specific organizations (Verde NW, Casa Oregon, Latino Network, NAYA, Portland Two-Spirit Society, Resolutions NW, Q Center, IRCO/Asian Family Center/Africa House, and Coalition of Communities of Color) and the City. It leverages City resources to these organizations to serve as central points of contact for the reporting of acts of intimidation, hate speech or hate crimes. Additionally, request includes materials and services budget for translation, interpretation, accommodations, development and printing of materials in various safe harbor languages and appropriate background checks for volunteers; Continue **Noise Control Administrative Support** provides program revenue to continue an administrative support position Council authorized previously with one-time funds to provide adequate administrative support to the program.

SWNI NA Small Grants: A big thank you to the grant selection committee for their enthusiastic participation. I was very impressed with the committee’s attention to detail and decision-making process. All organizations that submitted a grant proposal have been contacted. Recipients are thrilled and those that did not receive funding appreciated the constructive reviews. Please see the March SWNI newspaper article announcing the awards and a brief description of each project.

Update on BPS Cleanup Grant: The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) sent us a grant amendment, which will provide funds to pay our hauler directly for tipping fees.

ABC of Land Use Training: Session 2 will be held on Mon., Feb. 27th and focus on land use reviews and land divisions.

SW Community Recycling Event: Sat., March 18, 2017 from 9:00 am to noon at St. John Fisher Parish parking lot, entrance is from SW 45th Ave. at SW Nevada Street.

CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESS

Open House, June 5, 2017, 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Join us while we celebrate the many successes achieved during the fiscal year of 2016-2017.

Instead of recognizing a single individual this year, we would like to acknowledge the efforts that go into a neighborhood event, a project, an accomplishment. There will not be a program or certificates; no gifts - instead we will have easels placed around the room with a storyboard accounting a single event that promoted success in your neighborhood. SWNI committees will be represented in the same manner, so with 100% participation, we should have a total of 17 neighborhoods and 8 committees represented.

No dinner will be served; instead we will have a buffet of finger foods, dessert and a beverage. A scattering of tables and chairs will be provided but we are encouraging circulation so that everyone will see what other neighborhoods have done. Light music will be a background feature and a slide show of the pictures provided by your neighborhoods will run continuously.

This year's celebration date is nearly a month earlier than usual, so please be aware that deadlines are also moved forward and must not be ignored. A hard deadline of April 28th for submission of story and photos will be observed. Please respect this deadline. If your neighborhood chooses to "pass" that is okay.

Each neighborhood and SWNI committee will present a 300 word description/story and 4 to 5 photos (if available) of a project or accomplishment that deserves recognition. Examples include a celebration of a National Night Out event, a neighborhood picnic, a NET event, a gathering that promotes community awareness or an unexpected project or need that pulled your neighborhood together. All events are successes, so pick your favorite and join us on June 5th.