



Minneapolis Neighborhood Programs 2015 Annual Report

Neighborhood and Community
Relations Department

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Executive Summary

The City of Minneapolis provides funding and support to seventy recognized neighborhood organizations representing eighty-five distinct residential neighborhoods. More than seven hundred volunteers serve as volunteer board members on neighborhood organization boards. Thousands of residents participated in neighborhood sponsored events, projects and initiatives throughout the year.

In 2015, \$6,842,050 was expended through Community Participation Program (CPP) and Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) contracts. Neighborhood organizations use CPP and NRP funds to reach and organize residents and act on neighborhood identified priorities.

NCR asked neighborhood organizations to report on their 2015 activities to reach under-represented communities, communicate with residents, host meetings and events, and work on the neighborhood priorities. This consolidated report summarizes the work and accomplishments of the funded neighborhood organizations in 2015, including the following highlights:

- 88% of neighborhood organizations reported organizing events targeted to **reach under-represented populations**:
 - 64% met with other agencies that assist them with outreach to underrepresented community members
 - 63% worked on an **issue that is of particular interest to an under-represented group** in the neighborhood.
 - 58% did targeted **outreach to renters in apartment buildings**.
- 73% held meetings to **gather input for a specific City of Minneapolis project or effort**.
- 88% held meetings to **gather input for neighborhood initiatives**.
- Neighborhood volunteers and staff reached nearly **forty-thousand households** through door-to-door outreach.
- 96% of neighborhoods **host booths and tables at community events** such as Art Fairs, Open Streets, Seasonal Festivals, etc.
- 67% of neighborhoods report they **distribute a newsletter to all households** in their area (varies in frequency and delivery type).
- 88% provide **time at board meetings for community members** and stakeholders to ask questions or raise issues. Eighty-five percent of neighborhoods distribute meeting notices and agendas prior to meetings **with ample notice**.
- 97% of neighborhood organizations **share City of Minneapolis news** on their web-sites and via email, social media, and ninety percent of neighborhoods report that **affected and interested stakeholders are notified and involved in the decision making process**.

Each section below includes photographs provided by neighborhood organizations, and examples that illustrate their accomplishments using their own words.

Outreach to Under Represented Groups

Neighborhood organizations throughout the City use a wide variety of strategies to reach out to and involve under-represented groups, including renters, non-English speaking residents and others.

88%	Reported activities targeted to reach under-represented populations.	
64%	Met with other agencies in the community that work closely with under-represented constituencies	
63%	Worked on an issue of particular interest to an under-represented group within the neighborhood	
63%	Did targeted tabling at other events (such as farmers markets, cultural events, etc.)	
58%	Targeted outreach in apartment buildings or blocks to reach renters	
31%	Held one-time/pop up events in areas of the neighborhood that don't often have neighborhood meetings	
30%	Provided notices of annual and special meetings in multiple languages	
21%	Provided newsletter articles or web pages in multiple languages	

Nokomis East Neighborhood Association

“NENA did a renter’s survey in March of 2015 with Bossen Residents. Surveys were given in multiple languages; 8 English, 7 East African and 25 Spanish.”

Sheridan Neighborhood Organization

“We have hosted 2 tenants’ rights forums....Both forums have included full translation; and this helped make for successful events.”

Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association

“We added a board seat for the Greek Alumni Partnership (Fraternity & Sorority House Corps). Both student seat appointments to our board have been filled... Two students who served in appointed seats in 2015, then graduated, kept up with their involvement in MHNA.”

Corcoran Neighborhood Organization

“CNO has a committee and a chair position reserved exclusively for renters and CNO organizes across geographies through the Minneapolis Renters Coalition and other partners.”

Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization

“The CANDO board has worked closely with Waite House to increase participation of Spanish speaking residents and the number of participants has increased dramatically. From 2014 to 2015, CANDO saw their participation in events double (from 300 to 600).”



Bottineau Neighborhood Association

“Focus groups for Somali residents included visiting the park and meeting with Somali mothers to figure out how to conduct a successful NNO event while working with Sherman and Associates staff to meet the needs of the renters in Bottineau Commons, a largely Somali rental housing community within the neighborhood.”

Windom Community Council

“The Windom Reads event had several Spanish speakers to announce authors at the event. Books in Spanish were also promoted. The event also promoted Braille reading demonstration and books in Braille. Newsletter announced the event in the newsletter to encourage all residents to attend. The event was free to promote the event to low income families. We also had a free book exchange and families did not have to bring a book to receive books.”

Housing and Program Activities

\$6.8 million of NRP and CPP funds invested in neighborhood projects in 2015

In 2015, neighborhood organizations committed \$6,842,049 of NRP and CPP funds to neighborhood outreach and engagement activities, housing, community building, arts, culture, parks, community safety programs, and more.



\$1.5 million in NRP Home Loans and Grants in 2015

Neighborhood NRP loan programs continue to thrive. In 2015, neighborhood organization home improvement programs provided 164 new loans to help homeowners fix-up and restore their homes. These programs include fix-and-paint programs, emergency assistance, mortgage assistance for new homeowners, and other forms of assistance.

Neighborhood Loan Program	Number	Total Amount	Neighborhood NRP home loan and grant programs provided assistance to 164 homeowners for a total of nearly \$1.5 million.
NRP Deferred Loans	35	\$180,461.35	
NRP Grants	28	\$140,200.85	
NRP Mortgage Assistance	14	\$66,900.00	
NRP Revolving Loans	87	\$1,112,097.41	
Grand Total	164	\$1,499,659.61	

\$2.8 million in Program Income

Neighborhood home loan programs generate income as loans from past years are repaid. In 2015, nearly \$2.8 million in program income was returned to the City. Neighborhood organizations reinvest this program income by supplementing existing NRP home improvement programs, starting new home improvement programs, or funding other priorities.

Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization

“We conducted our 6th Annual Curb Appeal Lottery this year. With over 15 applicants, we had the most applicants this year out of any other... This was also the first year that our Accessible Homes grant has been available, which led to a volunteer led project to build an accessibility ramp for a family with a disabled child who would not have been able to afford it otherwise.”

East Phillips Improvement Coalition

"A second major highlight of 2015 was the beginning of the implementation of EPIC's almost lost East Phillips Infill Campaign (the first rendition of the EPIC acronym) the neighborhood's plan to continue filling our many vacant lots with affordable new single family homes."



Northeast Park Neighborhood Association

"NEPNA re-established a home improvement matching grant program in 2015 in response to requests from neighborhood residents."

Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association

"There was a resident who did not quite qualify for a home repair loan so GMHC contacted the board to review the case and provide a vote in order to consider this individual. Through careful review of the case and thoughtful discussion, SENA ruled the individual was able to access the home loan."

Northside Residents Redevelopment Council

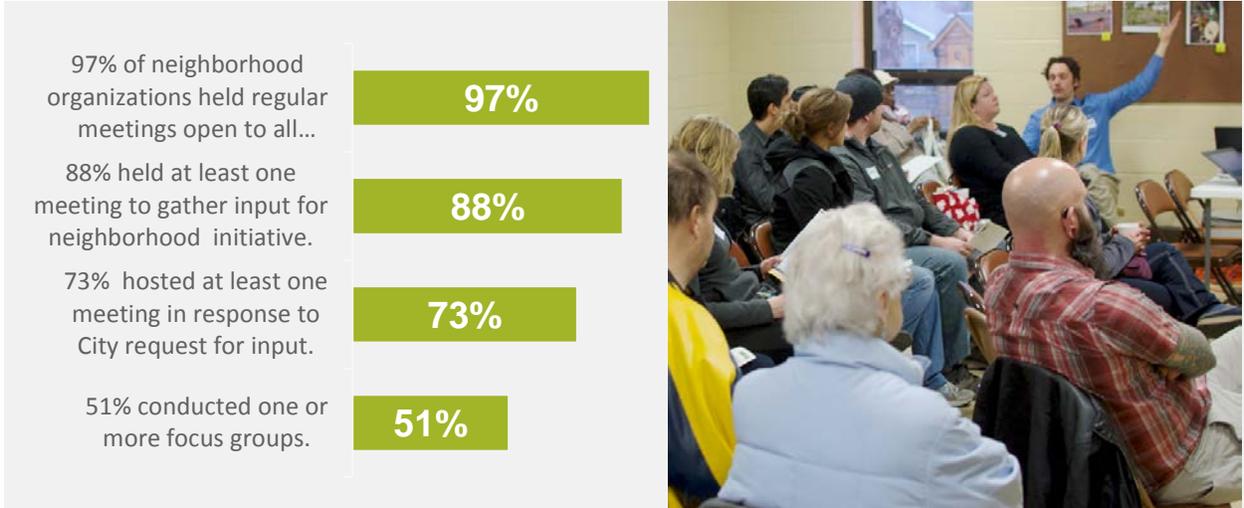
"NRRC worked with Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, a local architect, and residents to map out a preliminary plan to upgrade the playground at Lincoln school in North Minneapolis. The work has received significant momentum and this partnership has just received a second grant to complete feasibility studies summer of 2016. Our plan is to transform the Lincoln playground from an "it will do" location to state of the art, destination park."

Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association

"Lynnhurst Gives was an event solely focused on giving neighbors the opportunity to gather, meet Board members, ask questions and meet each other, all while gathering donations of books and warm winter gear for local organizations."

Membership Meetings and Focus Groups

Meetings are the basic element of neighborhood work, where residents get together to discuss issues and plan their work. Many neighborhood organizations are exploring new formats and more open venues. These changes have resulted in more opportunities for diverse participation and inclusion.



Beltrami Neighborhood Council

“The BNC hosted community meetings regarding construction of a single-family home on city-owned property, proposed multi-family housing development, crime & safety (joint with MPD) and several community listening sessions regarding Beltrami Park.”

Waite Park Community Council

“With our topic forum meetings, we have begun posting the audio of these meetings. This available audio gives access to meetings to our neighbors who may not otherwise have had the opportunity to attend.”

Bancroft Neighborhood Association

“Since moving away from stuffy meetings, we’ve increased engagement with residents that have not previously been involved. One example of this was a meeting around a house in the neighborhood that residents were concerned about. Some wanted it torn down while others wanted it saved. Working with City staff, we met at the house and did a walk-through while board members and staff engaged face-to-face with concerned residents.”

Kenny Neighborhood Association

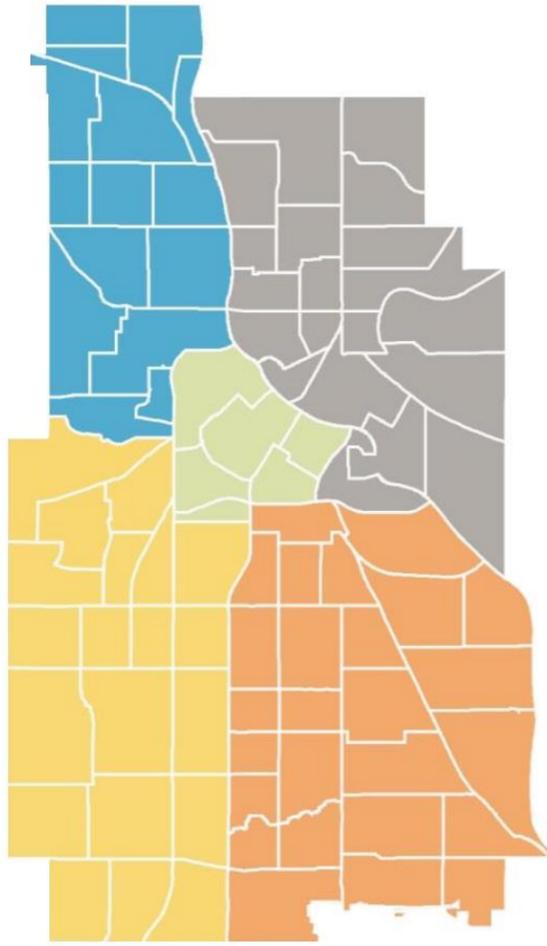
“At the KNA Annual Meeting in April, we had small groups that generated potential priorities for our three new committees: Beautification and Green Space, Community Engagement and Transportation and Traffic. When then held follow-up meetings, in conjunction with our monthly meetings, for each of the three areas to start determining the feasibility of the priorities and which ones we could reasonably accomplish.”

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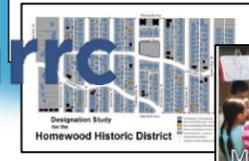
Vibrant and Engaging Neighborhoods

With City of Minneapolis support, neighborhood groups engage residents and other stakeholders in a wide variety of efforts, events and discussions aimed at improving the quality of life in our communities. Here is just a sampling from throughout the city.



Near North & Camden

- Shingle Creek – Adaptive Bike ADA Initiative
- Lind Bohanon – Ice Cream Social
- Victory – Penn/44th/Osseo Improvements Plan
- Webber Camden – Renovation of Sculpture Garden At 42nd and Lyndale Ave North
- Cleveland – Bike Giveaway
- Cleveland – Block Parties and Door Knocking
- Folwell – North Minneapolis Greenway Engagement
- McKinley – West Broadway Farmers Market
- Jordan Area Community Council – Housing Partnership With Twin Cities Habitat
- Hawthorne – Eco Village Impact on Home Values
- Hawthorne – Winter Warmth Event
- Near North Willard Hay – Lincoln School Playground
- Near North Willard Hay – Organizational Development
- Heritage Park – Neighborhood Priority Plan
- Harrison – Transit Access and Outreach



Calhoun Isles & Southwest

- Bryn Mawr – Bryn Mawr Meadows Engagement
- Lowry Hill – Major Construction Updates
- Cedar Isles Dean – Cedar Lake South Beach
- East Isles – Green Team Events
- Lowry Hill East – Newsletter Start-Up
- Whittier – Exploring the Value of Ethnic and Cultural Investments
- West Calhoun – W Lake Multi-Modal Transp. Study
- East Calhoun – Organic Cherry Tree Project
- CARAG – Bryant Square park Mosaic Mural Project
- Lyndale – Renters' Rights Group, Mpls Renters Coalition
- Linden Hills – Nice Neighbors Day Volunteer Event
- East Harriet – Closing the Gap and RecQuest Meetings
- Kingfield – Empty Bowls, PorchFest, and Open Streets
- Fulton – 50th Street Visioning Collaboration
- Lynnhurst – Lynnhurst Gives Events
- Tangletown – 2nd Green Day, Solar Energy Forum
- Armatage – Joint Neighborhood Home Fix-It Fund
- Kenny – Summer Festival and Kickball Tournament
- Windom – Board Retreat and Training Events



TAKE THE SURVEY

Downtown

- North Loop – North Loop Park Committee
- Downtown East West – Land Use Committee
- Loring Park – 1730 Clifton Redevelopment
- Elliot Park – Redevelopment of Kraus Anderson Block
- Elliot Park – Highway Noise Analysis
- Stevens Square – Door Knocking Campaign



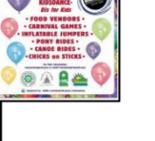
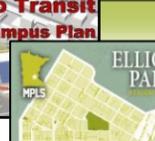
Northeast & Southeast

- Columbia Park – Holiday Dotmocracy Party
- Waite Park – Home Safety and Security Forum
- Marshall Terrace – Bike Facility Lanes
- Holland – Small Area Plan Adoption
- Audubon Park – NE Middle School Raingarden
- Bottineau – Shoreline Stabilization Efforts
- Windom Park – Northeast Renters Forums
- Sheridan – Tenants Rights Forums
- Logan Park – Conservation District Impact Study
- Northeast Park – Park Field and Site Improvements
- St. Anthony West – Small Area Plan
- St. Anthony East – Bike Rack Funding for Businesses
- Beltrami – Beltrami Park History Project
- Nicollet Is. East Bank – Oil Trains Safety
- Marcy Holmes – Neighborhood as Muse Project
- Southeast Como – Como Blueprint
- Cedar Riverside – Cedar Commons
- Cedar Riverside – Bluff Street Park
- Prospect Park – Organization Identity Update



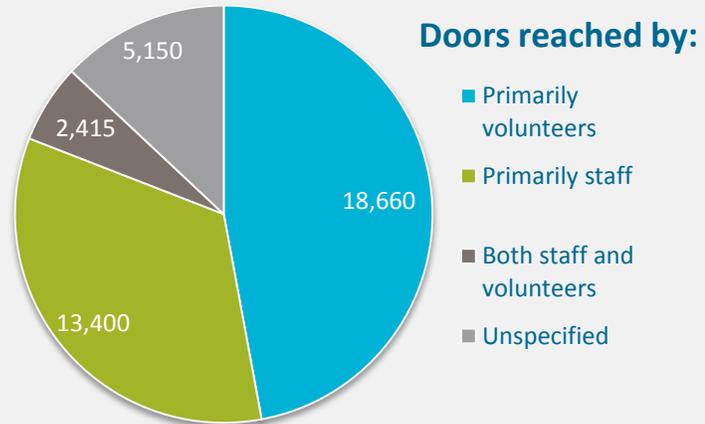
Phillips, Powderhorn, Longfellow & Nokomis

- Ventura Village – Urban Farm Project
- Seward – King's Fair Biennial Festival (1500 attendees)
- Phillips West – Midtown Safety Center Financial Support
- Midtown Phillips – Park and Soccer Field Access
- East Phillips – Collaboration with Little Earth
- Central – Plant-Grow-Share Program
- Corcoran – Corcoran Park Engagement Efforts
- Longfellow – Shoveling Network, Committee Coord.
- Bryant – Food Access, Access to Jobs, Gentrification
- Bancroft – 1115 E. 40th Street Redevelopment
- Standish Ericsson – Connections Mural Project
- Hale Page Diamond Lake – Triangle Park Upgrade
- Nokomis East – Bossen outreach



Community Outreach

Neighborhood organizations reached almost 40,000 households in 2015 through door-to-door outreach such as door-knocking and flyering. Most outreach was carried out by volunteers.



Stevens Square Community Organization

“Last year through various means we were able to door knock every household in the neighborhood. Now we are able to have a monthly and yearly schedule to ensure every household is door-knocked every other year. It should be noted that the average stay for residents of Stevens Square is 18 months.”

East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association

“Volunteers distributed annual meeting and neighborhood block party door hangers to all East Harriet residences promoting the meeting agenda which included a strategy change vote and park commissioners available for a Q&A on an important issue affecting the neighborhood park recreation center.”

Concerned Citizens for Marshall Terrace

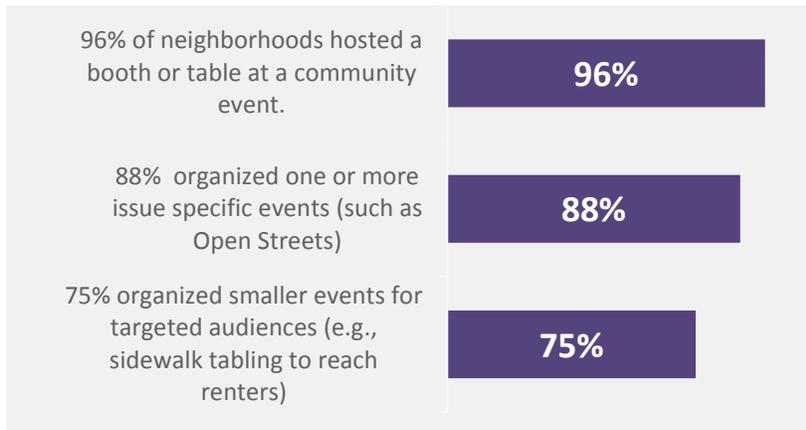
“We personally delivery newsletter every month door to door. We are also working on creating a welcome packet for the new residents that allows them to be welcomed into the neighborhood and invite them to meetings and events.”

Cleveland Neighborhood Association

“Utilizing our Summer Step-Up students to do door knocking, we knocked all 1350 Housing Units in Cleveland and left flyers when no one was home.”

Community Events and Tabling

Neighborhood organizations throughout Minneapolis host a wide range of community events, providing a forum for neighbors to learn more about their community and to share ideas.



Southeast Como Improvement Association

“Our signature fall event – the Como Cookout – continues to draw from all members of the community and has been running around 800-900 participants. Timed to be able to include the returning student body, it offers tabling to other relevant organization and agencies.”

Jordan Area Community Council

“In the summer of 2015, JACC facilitated pop up events to gather surveys regarding the city implementing a greenway in north Minneapolis. JACC implemented a new strategy of creative placemaking as a method to engage residents and collaborated with new partners, Juxtaposition, Jerry Gamble Boys and Girls Club, etc.”

Bottineau Neighborhood Association

“The Mississippi River water quality and shoreline rehabilitation resulted in a combined effort of over 980 volunteer hours rooting out buckthorn and planting native species of trees, shrubs and grasses on shoreline and Heron Island with the help of a MWMO grant.”

Calhoun Area Residents Action Group

“CARAG organizes many events over the year including the Chilly Chili Fest, Earth Day Clean Up, Super Sale, Bryant Square Park Concert Series Kick Off, Plant Swap & Pollinator Event, Garden Tour, Kids of CARAG Car Wash, Movie in the Park, Annual Meeting, Fall Neighborhood Clean Up, and Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting. Each event draws different demographic groups based on the nature of each event.”

Phillips West Neighborhood Organization

"We host 5 Annual Events along with Monthly Community Meetings. This includes 2 Clean Sweep Events, National Night Out, Winter Social & Senior Pride Day. Those collectively get thousands of participants and allow residents and opportunity to get information about Community Resources and interact with neighbors they otherwise wouldn't interact with."

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Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association

"Through our Events, particularly Phillips Clean Sweep and the Midtown Phillips Festival, we have family involvement through block clubs and youth involvement through our partnership with youth organizations, cultural organizations, and Faith based Organizations."

Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association

"In 2015, Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) began to further programmatic changes to establish relationships with Latino residents within the community. This work was informed by PPNA's Latino Advisory Committee along with the association's most recent strategic plan developed with oversight from the Aurora Consulting firm. The Appetite for Leadership program reached over twenty Latino families in a series of trainings that focused on healthy eating, exposure to community resources and community partners."

Ventura Village

"The VV Wellness & Gardening Committee Urban Farm Project continues to be very successful because we partner with a number of organizations to maintain the garden and to help educate those who participated and those who were interested. Food from the garden was given to volunteers and to Waite House to use to help feed neighborhood residents. Waite House feeds approximately 11,000 meals per year. A detailed informational document is included with this report. This project received a 2014 Minneapolis Public Health Week LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH HERO Award. We expanded to a second location in 2015."

Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association

"A major accomplishment was adoption of the Holland Small Area Plan by the City of Minneapolis in March 2015. Final adoption was achieved after over a year of process and development that included significant engagement with and integration of input from a wide range of Holland stakeholders. Final adoption of the SAP into the City Comprehensive Plan has allowed HNIA to both market to investors and guide development in a way that is already contributing to creating the community we have envisioned."

Oversight, Training and Other Support

NCR routinely arranges audit services for neighborhood organizations to ensure better oversight, protect public assets and neighborhood organization boards, and provide confidence that public funds are used appropriately. Audit services include organizational audits, financial reviews, Agreed Upon Procedures, and assisting neighborhood organizations with required financial filings.

NCR also offers training and reviews policy documents aimed at helping neighborhood organization boards become better stewards of neighborhood resources.

Audit Services in 2015:

Audits	7
Financial Reviews	4
Agreed Upon Procedures	4
Required Financial Filings	46
Other audit services:	16



Training and support provided by NCR staff in 2015:



280	New board members elected in 2015
9	Nine Neighborhood Board Trainings
3	Neighborhood Strategic Planning Sessions
2	Neighborhoods 101 Trainings

Sheridan Neighborhood Organization

“Our city NCR contact Stacy Sorenson has time and again gone above and beyond in assisting our neighborhood with questions about our programs. She is outstanding in her knowledge and interactions with SNO.”

West Calhoun Neighborhood Council

“WCNC also regularly communicates with its NCR Specialist Jack Whitehurst... He is always willing to provide input and advice. He is very diplomatic and thoughtful with his responses. He has attended several WCNC Board meetings over the past 12 months. WCNC looks forward to continuing the good relationship with Jack in 2016 and beyond.”

Prospect Park Association

“Michelle Chavez has been amazing to work with. She has clear directions and feedback for our organization, and has helped us through some tricky diplomatic situations.”

Neighborhood Organization Highlights

Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association

“SCNA Sponsors New Adaptive Bike in Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of ADA. SCNA heard about the Camden Care Center’s need for improved health of its residents and increased participation in the community! In celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the American Disability Act, SCNA reached out and partnered with Camden Care Center this year and presented them a three-wheeled accessible bike so residents could get involved in the community and our annual Tour de Camden event. The Camden Care Center is a local facility with nearly 100 residents that have been able to utilize the bike along with their staff to increase their engagement of residents and staff for their year-long health.”



Lyndale Neighborhood Association

“The year 2015 was really the year of renters’ rights for Lyndale. Through organizing and outreach conducted by both our community organizers and Women’s Leadership Program participants, LNA learned that there were many housing issues in our neighborhood... a strong theme of discriminatory practices became evident... The biggest victory however is that tenants now had protection from being evicted because of speaking out.”

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East Isles Residents Association

“EIRA has continued to search for ways to engage our renters and young professionals. An extremely successful Green Team Committee continues to bring together East Isles residents: home owners, renters, singles and families-to learn, connect, have fun, and act in ways that benefit our community.”

Folwell Neighborhood Association

“Resource Fair and Ice Cream Social is an annual event in June that brings valuable resources to a social event setting in Folwell Park. In 2015 3200 people attended and there were 29 resource tables.”

Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association

“One major highlight off 2015 was the start-up of our newsletter. In the past, the Wedge Newspaper was very popular but unsustainable. With the reintroduction of a smaller newsletter, we have been able to recap, promote and inform residents of issues and events. This newsletter is mailed to each resident thereby reaching our high renter population”

Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association

“SENA received a \$54,250 grant from The Minnesota State Arts Board for the Connections Mural Project. This was a joint project with Artist Greta McLain, Minneapolis Public Schools, and Corcoran Neighborhood Organization to create a huge mural on the south side of Folwell School, Performing Arts Magnet. Because of Ms. McLain’s unique method of painting the mural in sections on fabric and then attaching it to the building, a maximum number of people throughout the neighborhood were allowed to participate. Working sessions at Corcoran and Sibley parks, Nokomis Healthy Seniors, The Midtown Farmer’s Market and Roosevelt High School’s Mosaic Festival, as well as in the classrooms of Folwell School, were conducted over the course of the spring and early summer. This project signaled the beginning of stronger connections between Folwell and the neighborhood.



Additional Outcomes

Longfellow Community Council

“LCC conducted a survey on community priorities to inform the Board in its strategic planning process. We conducted the survey online and at our General Membership meeting to get a broad base of input. We also began the process of developing a Business Support Network (BSN) to aid in a better connection between local businesses and residents. The process continued into 2016 when we also conducted a survey of residents on shopping preferences and other information.”

Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Community Association

“Triangle Park was a large safety hazard in the HPDL neighborhood. These concerns were brought to Park Board members during a period of time that the Park Board was receiving grant money from the Metropolitan Council to update the Nokomis Hiawatha Regional Park Master Plan. Several members of the board served on the Community Advisory Council for the new plan, which ultimately included upgrades to Triangle Park.”



Kingfield Neighborhood Association

“We did door-to-door outreach many times on Nicollet for events or city related issues but we also do outreach on a direct block level every National Night Out. Over 1/2 of the blocks in Kingfield are active on NNO and KFNA encourages proper registration and then bikes to every event.”

Whittier Alliance

“In collaboration with the Preservation Alliance of MN, the Whittier neighborhood was chosen as a pilot neighborhood for their McKnight Foundation grant exploring the historical value and impacts of ethnic and cultural investment in neighborhoods. With more discussion and activity around the reopening of Nicollet Ave and the redevelopment of the 10 acre Kmart-SuperValu site, the Whittier Alliance initiated a series of workshops to gather information and identify neighborhood preferences for use and development of the site.”

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Nokomis East Neighborhood Association

“NENA board members door-knocked a total of 200 households via four neighborhoods to complete the NENA Strategic Planning Survey. Board members reported that this was a mostly positive experience, increasing board buy-in creating a stronger attachment to place.”

Cleveland Neighborhood Association

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Bottineau Neighborhood Association

“Door to door outreach was conducted in the Somali community by volunteers from that community for a neighborhood NNO party comprised of all Sherman and Associates owned buildings. BNA staff provided the flyers and the training for the door knocking. BNA board members flyered most of the neighborhood for the Movies in the Park that BNA funded as part of the efforts to break down barriers between various populations. Sometimes people just need to have a space to enjoy a community activity with each other without a ‘meeting’ agenda.”

East Phillips Improvement Coalition

“EPIC’s Financial and Computer Literacy classes and the Computer Give-Away were tailored to diverse attendees. Each was offered in both English and Spanish. Annual Meeting notice is in Somali and Spanish as are Clean Sweep and festival flyers. Renters and home owners receive these. The Americans with Disabilities Act statement is included in our EPIC Alley newspaper. “



Bryant Neighborhood Organization

“Bryant has a significant Spanish speaking population and BNO has worked to build deep relationships with CANDO (Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization) who has a board with several Spanish speaking residents of Bryant who can work collaboratively on issues.”

Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization

“In 2015 CANDO worked with CURA and the Minneapolis Renters Coalition to better engage renters in the neighborhood and helped inform them of their rights related to occupancy code and housing repairs.”

Longfellow Community Council

“LCC has a long history of strong Boards. We have never had a year (at least since 2007) where we did not have a full Board. We provide Board training every June for Board members elected in April. Our Board training is almost always performed by former/existing Board members in a peer-to-peer context. Our Board of Directors are aware of their responsibilities and bring significant capacity to the organization which we take advantage of on a regular basis. Our records (Board books) document both the progress and the implementation of Board activities. Our meetings are open to the public and our minutes reflect the number of guests we have at each meeting.”

Jordan Area Community Council

“JACC has made an earnest effort to keep its constituencies abreast of these opportunities and any issues, concerns by hosting meetings, small gatherings, using social media, etc. and by participating on planning committees to gather pertinent information i.e Penn Avenue Project, West Broadway transit committee, etc. In 2014, JACC started exploring changing the venue of meetings to increase participation and this strategy has proven to be effective, ensuring that locations are ADA accessible to address the needs of residents with limited or no access to a vehicle and have limited physical mobility.”

Seward Neighborhood Group

“In 2015, Seward decided to work on connections with parents of preschool age children. SNG organized 2 different events held in the Seward Towers for parents of children enrolled in the Seward Childcare Coop and families living in the Seward Towers. They were powerful interactions between the two groups. Most of the parents from Seward Child Care Center had never been inside either of the Seward Towers and the interactions broke down some of their previously held assumptions.”