

**East Portland Action Plan
Civic Engagement Subcommittee Meeting**

Oct 20, 2018

Meeting began at 6:32 pm.

Attendees: lore wintergreen, Layla Assem, Galena Nekrasova, Zinah Mudhafar, Natalya Sobolevskaya, Adriana Govea, Kadiatu Kamara, and Ashley Lopez.

Natalya welcomed everyone and each attendee introduced themselves.

Next month's (December 18th) meeting:

Facilitator: Layla

Notes: Frieda

Food: Zinah

General EPAP Report: Adriana and Galena

Advocacy Planning for Strategic Priorities:

D: Engage ethnic communities in neighborhood activities; provide overhead funding for translation/language services to remove barriers and improve messaging and invitations.

Natalya read a message from Claire Adamsick who was unable to attend the meeting. Claire's message said that Office of Equity and Human Rights, Civic Life and other bureaus would be meeting on November 29th to discuss the funding for translation/language services. Layla will invite Claire to the next meeting.

F: Educate first-time homeowners to require environmental hazard assessments on property to be purchased

There was a discussion of how to get the education and where will it be. Lore and Adriana will be meeting with Portland Housing Bureau regarding adding education on environmental hazards to first-time home owners' education done by such groups as Habitat for Humanity, Proud Ground, African American Homeowners Alliance, etc. At the October meeting Frieda said someone should attend the Housing Sub-committee meeting to get input. Adriana said she would attend. The next meeting will be on December 10th.

Dinamica: Natalya led the dinamica.

Update on Community Health Worker (CHW) Training

Galena provided an update on the CHW training for the Russian community. Galina thanked Zinah for her excellent advice. Natalya and Galena reported they have already had three meetings with Multnomah County. They announced on their website that there will be a Russian training. They were told they have 8 people on their steering committee. Galina said 3 people had called and one called Teresa. The Russian people are asking what benefit they'll get from the training. They want examples of how other groups have benefitted. Zinah said some Syrians have applied for work for Multnomah County and in Salem since they have been certified. Adriana said most of the training she attended was in English and some Vietnamese. Adriana

said she got a job as assistant at David Douglas Pharmacy and Cindy has a part-time job. Zinah said the training is very important.

Galena said it is hard to work with the Russian community because it is very large (30,000). They have advertised on the Slavic radio also. Teresa Canepos gave them her contact information and said to have those with questions to contact her. Galena said their meeting is planned for December 4th. Natalya and Galena did some work and chose some people who could be on the steering committee. Lore said Multnomah County sent her a flyer and should distribute it. She suggested reaching out to their church to find others for the committee. Lore distributed a copy of the flyer in English. Natalya said our committee could give advice to Multnomah County.

Natalya said she had to pay \$1000 for the training since this program was not available for her. She said those that have taken the program can work at the SUN program, Latino Network, IRCO, etc. Once you take the training you get emails for other related training. Natalya said we need to explain to people how the program works. She said the outreach works need to be paid. Adriana noted that Pei-ru Wong and Teresa Canpeos gave Adriana's training and the rest were volunteers. Galena appreciates Adriana's input. She said they would need the flyer in Russian to put in the Russian newspaper. They are waiting for the Russian translation now so they don't miss the deadline for the paper. Lore said she would send an email on the urgency of the Russian translation.

Zinah suggested they should try to get 18-20 year olds that are studying, that maybe they can work and study at the same time.

G: Expand community non-profit home repair and rehabilitation assistance programs to cover a greater number of households.

Natalya spoke of discontinuing the non-profit home repair and rehabilitation assistance program priority because she has changed jobs and no longer works on this program.

Planning for lore's absence:

Lore said she has been with EPAP for 9-1/2 years. When Cameron was hired she had planned to work training him before she retired, but he was fired. She explained how many hours she was working which exceeded what she was paid for. Lore said we need younger people to take over. Galena said in the Soviet university they spoke of what y our role would be in history. She said the Slavic community started working in East Portland because of lore.

Lore said this committee needed to have co-chairs like the other sub-committees. There was a discussion of the October meeting. It was said Arlene, Winta and others from the Operation committee thought their decision they presented would be accepted. Our committee did not agree.

It was suggested that Frieda might co-chair. It was suggested the co-chair doesn't have to facilitate or take notes. Lore suggested Frieda might agree with taking notes, but wasn't sure she had the capacity to be co-chair. Zinah said even if you leave your job you could still

volunteer as a member of our committee. We spent time reminiscing about how lore has helped so many people in East county to feel welcomed and integrate them into EPAP and discussed how she helped and taught us. But in the end we wanted her to be happy. No final decisions were made.

Announcements:

Ashley announced she was going to have her students from an ESL class at Midland Library participate to plant trees for Friends of Trees on Jan 26th from 8:45am-1pm. Others are invited to participate. The participants will plant trees and then come back to Midland Library to have lunch together.

Zinah suggested taking a group shot with lore at the next meeting, but it was decided to take one at this meeting.

Next Meeting December 18, 2018 at 6:30pm at the EPNO office.

Adjourned 8:30pm.