



**Seattle Public Utilities & Neighborhoods Committee
Department of Neighborhoods Director's Report
Friday, September 11, 2015**

DIRECTOR'S PRESENTATION

I. What's Happening in DON: (15 minutes)

New Bodies of Work at DON

- Community access and engagement in city services and processes, along community leader development
- City Accelerator project on civic engagement
- Participatory Budgeting for Youth program, along with Seattle Youth Commission
- Outreach and community process for HALA recommendations.

Historic Preservation: Responsible for the designation and protection of more than 400 historic structures, sites, objects, and vessels, as well as eight historic districts. By involving residents in maintaining high standards for rehabilitation and new construction, the program allows them to recognize and keep the quality, character, and uniqueness of their neighborhoods.

- The Landmarks Preservation Board nominated the Gaslight Inn on Capitol Hill and the designation meeting is scheduled for October 7.
- The Sand Point Naval Air Station landmark district legislation was adopted by Council earlier this week making this the eighth landmark district in the City.

P-Patch Community Gardening Program: Manages and promotes community –stewarded open spaces for organic urban agriculture to individuals and groups. Gardeners, individually and collectively, use small plots of land to grow organic food, flowers, fruits, and herbs. There are 90 P-Patch community gardens, 3125 ploholders, and 6875 gardeners.





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- The hot weather meant a bountiful season this year for our P-Patch program and their Giving Gardens. Gardener donations have been high this year. P-Patch will have a final number of donated pounds by the end of the year; we believe it will be a banner year for donations.

Major Institutions and Schools: Responsible for providing support to our Citizen Advisory Committees and Standing Advisory Committees for hospitals, colleges and universities. Program also convenes Departure Committees and School Use Advisory Committees for Seattle Schools.

- Maureen Sheehan, Major Institutions and Schools Coordinator joined DON in July. Steve Sheppard retired on August 11.
- Convened Swedish First Hill Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) to review the design of two new buildings on the First Hill campus.
- Continue to convene departure committees as a part of the BEX program; the next upcoming departure committee is scheduled for September 15 for Loyal Heights School.

Neighborhood District Coordinators (NDCs): Work to bring city government closer to communities across Seattle. They serve as a resource and liaison, and help to encourage and assist all community members to make contributions in their communities.

- South Team NDCs are supporting the upcoming Mayor's Find It, Fix It Community Walk in Hillman City. Upcoming walks are scheduled for Delridge (10/3) and Bitter Lake (10/31).
- NDCs from the Central and North Teams are providing outreach and engagement support for upcoming Seattle Summer Parkways events in the Central Area on Sept. 12 and in Ballard on Sept. 19. NDCs will host DON tables at each of the events and solicit feedback about issues and opportunities from each of the neighborhoods.



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Public Outreach & Engagement Program: Supports and carries out the city's outreach and engagement efforts in a manner that is respectful and culturally appropriate to historically underrepresented communities.

- Only in Seattle: Public Outreach and Engagement Liaisons (POELs) are providing support to four of OED's Only in Seattle-awarded business districts and will host convenings in Lake City (9/15), University District (9/22), Capitol Hill (10/5), and Hillman City (10/13).
- Accessible Mount Baker: POELs are providing outreach and engagement support for SDOT's upcoming Accessible Mount Baker meeting (10/1).

People's Academy for Community Engagement (PACE): Launched in 2012 as a civic leadership development program that builds the skills of emerging leaders who are newly engaged in the community and who would like to be more effective in empowering neighborhoods, especially underrepresented communities.

- PACE Orientation for the 2015-16 cohort group is September 17. The cohort group consists of 26 diverse emerging leaders.

Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF): Provides matching dollars for projects that feature a high level of community participation and self-help. The beneficiaries of any proposed project are involved with shaping and implementing the project. Every award is matched by neighborhood or community resources, such as volunteer labor, donated materials, donated professional services, or cash.

- October 5 is the deadline for the third and final round of the 2015 Small & Simple Projects Fund.