



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Libraries, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee

Agenda

Thursday, February 8, 2024

9:30 AM

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

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A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

D. Items of Business

1. Briefing and Introduction on the Department of Neighborhoods

Supporting
Documents: [Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion

Presenter: Sam Read, and Jenifer Chao, Director, Department of
Neighborhoods

E. Adjournment



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Briefing and Introduction on the Department of Neighborhoods

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods

Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods
Committee Presentation

February 8, 2024

Presented by:

Director Jenifer Chao

Deputy Director Sam Read



Seattle
Neighborhoods



**DON IS THE HEART
OF THE CITY**

We were created to build and sustain resilient relationships with community.



WHO WE ARE

We provide resources and opportunities that help Seattle residents build strong communities, receive equitable access to government, and improve their quality of life.

NORTH STAR GOALS

Goal 1:

Put race and equity at the center of all decisions and actions.



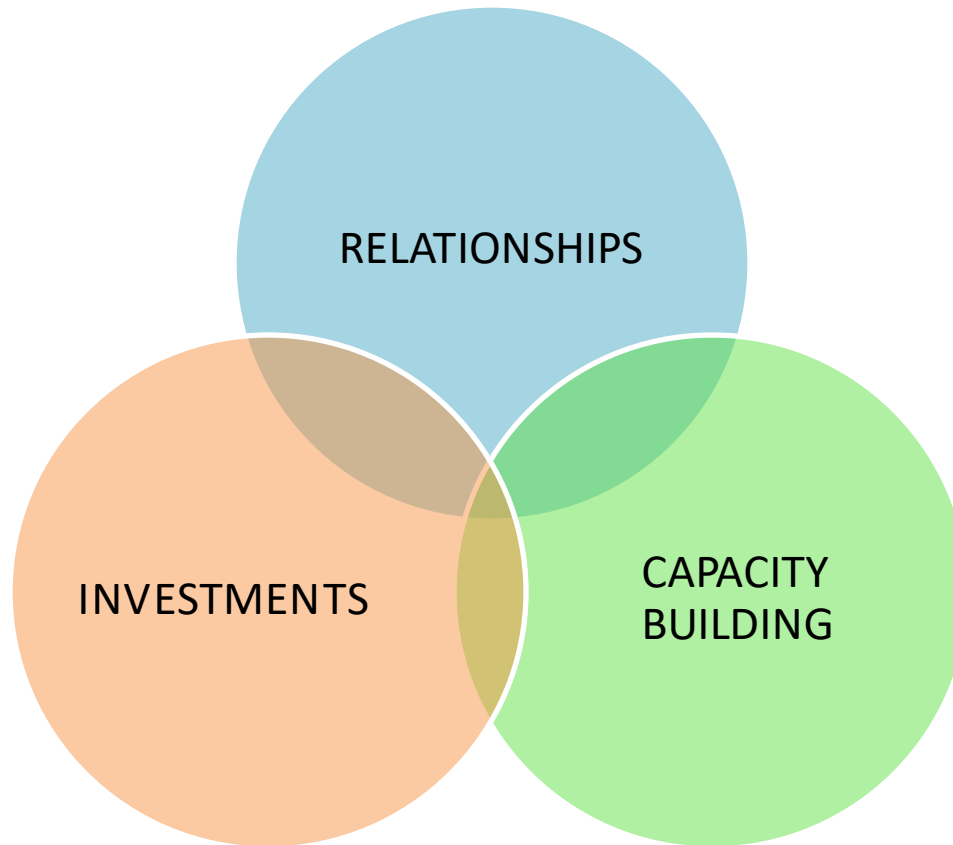
Goal 2:

Invest in the power of community to forge their own solutions.



DON's CORE VALUES

Connected in Humanity & Centered in Relationships



DON's CORE VALUES

RELATIONSHIPS

Cultivating and sustaining resilient relationships is embedded in everything we do. It's what allows us to build trust and connections and ensure that all communities have voice, inclusion, and influence in City programs and projects.



DON's CORE VALUES

INVESTMENTS

We invest in people, community-driven projects, public spaces, creative innovation, and community advocacy to create systemic change for communities who have experienced histories of harm.



DON's CORE VALUES

CAPACITY BUILDING

Our investments and relationships are designed to build community capacity so that individuals, organizations, and communities grow into their power to shape, influence, and transform their city.





DON PROGRAMS & SERVICES

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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Community Grants

- Neighborhood Matching Fund
 - *Budget: \$3,252,351*
- Food Equity Fund
 - *Budget: \$2,886,675*



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Strategic Partnerships

- Community Liaisons
 - *Budget: \$779,371*
- Outreach & Engagement Advisors
 - *Budget: \$887,047*



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Civic Engagement

- People's Academy for Community Engagement
 - Budget: \$148,796
- Indigenous Advisory Council
 - Budget: \$174,516
- Community Involvement Commission
- Seattle Renters' Commission
- Seattle Youth Commission



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Community Engagement Coordinators
 - *Budget: \$722,664*
- Community Safety
 - *Budget: \$965,429*





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- P-Patch Community Gardening
 - *Budget: \$807,820*
- Historic Preservation
 - *Budget: \$859,962*
- Major Institutions & Schools
 - *Budget: \$213,383*



COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

- Chinatown International District (CID) Community Capacity Building
 - *Budget: \$428,821*
(\$300,000 is one-time funding)
- Payroll Expense Tax Oversight Committee
 - *Budget: \$315,157*
(\$100,000 is one-time funding)



COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

- Generational Wealth
 - *Budget is one-time funding; program transitioning to OED.*





WHERE WE ARE HEADED

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Community Connections

Expand our Civic Engagement program to prioritize building community connections, leading with Seattle's Indigenous and urban Native communities.

Partnering with Philanthropy

Build a strong internal data system and cultivate partnerships between the City and private philanthropy that maximize the wealth of our region in service of creating equity.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND DATA

In 2024, DON will be investing in a department-wide data and evaluation program, which will:

- Define program success and how it connects to our overarching values.
- Create common metrics to identify where our investments demonstrate strongest returns.
- Clearly communicate our value and impact to both internal and external stakeholders.



IN THE WORDS OF COMMUNITY

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“DON is holding critical space for Coast Salish and urban Native tribal members to come together to build policies that will impact Indigenous people citywide for the better. This is possible because of the strong relationships and reciprocal care modeled by DON staff, who reflect our served communities and bring their lived experiences to inform their work.”

- Asia Tail, Indigenous Advisory Council

IN THE WORDS OF COMMUNITY

“You help create capacity within the community so that folks have what they need to get important things done and continue organizing themselves for the long term.”

- Kelvin Dankwa, African American Male Achievement,
Seattle Public Schools

IN THE WORDS OF COMMUNITY

“I have Friedreich’s ataxia. As my disability progresses, my world just gets a little bit smaller. Being part of the P-Patch gardening community has really opened things for me. I feel like I can be a valuable member of this community.”

- Charity Ranger, P-Patch Gardener

IN THE WORDS OF OUR DEPARTMENT PARTNERS

“DON’s value lies in their commitment to centering community and building and sustaining long-term relationships. When SDOT partners with DON, we feel like we can show up as one city and lean on their relationships, knowledge, and connections to begin moving a project forward.”

- Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)

IN THE WORDS OF OUR DEPARTMENT PARTNERS

“Our partnership with DON helps our team see things from a broader community perspective. DON is a great connector, leveraging their relationships with community groups and other City departments to make sure SPU projects exemplify a One Seattle approach.”

- Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)

THANK YOU! Any Questions?



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