



**Seattle Public Utilities & Neighborhoods Committee
Department of Neighborhoods Director's Report
Tuesday, January 14, 2014**

PRESENTATION OUTLINE:

I. DON Program Overview & Looking Forward: (20 minutes)

Historic Preservation: is 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.

In 2014: Major bodies of work

- Update the South Lake Union (SLU) survey & inventory (a Council request and add in 2013 mid-year budget) and will follow-up with an analysis of potential incentives for historic properties in SLU.
- Updates to the Georgetown and University Park survey & inventory in anticipation of research on a conservation district model to possibly implement. This work item was a 2014 Council budget addition.
- Continue review of school properties that are being considered as part of the Building Excellence program.

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.

- Retirement of Steve Louie late last year. Laurie Ames joins the program.
- New NDC assignments:
 - South Team Region:
 - Ed Pottharst
 - Jenny Frankl
 - Yun Pitre
 - Central Team Region:
 - Laurie Ames
 - Stan Lock
 - Tim Durkan
 - North Team Region:
 - Thomas Whittemore
 - Christa Dumpys
 - Karen Ko





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Public Outreach & Engagement Program: As a city, we value the wonderful diversity of races, cultures, gender identities, sexual orientations, and socio-economic status that represent the people in our neighborhoods and business districts. This program supports and carries out the city's outreach and engagement efforts in a manner that is respectful and culturally appropriate.

- Community Development Projects and Neighborhood Planning and Outreach
 - Neighborhood Planning/Community Development outreach is focused on engaging the community in implementation of the 23rd Ave Action Plan, transitioning the Advisory Council Team (ACT) and action team leadership.
 - Neighborhood Planning Outreach/Community Development Project outreach scheduled for 2014 includes:
 - 23rd Ave Union/Cherry/Jackson
 - Delridge
 - Little Saigon
 - Public Outreach & Engagement Liaisons (POELs) outreach activities includes:
 - Department of Planning & Development's (DPD) Seattle 2035 Comprehensive Plan update.
 - Outreach support for the Neighborhood Planning outreach/Community Development outreach projects listed above.
 - Additional recruitment of culturally competent community-based consultants (POELs) to meet the growing departmental requests for outreach and engagement services.
- **People's Academy for Community Engagement (PACE):** 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 when empowering neighborhoods in Seattle, especially underrepresented communities.
 - The 2013/2014 class of 26 participants is halfway through the leadership program.
 - 4 of the 8 sessions are completed; participants currently working on community projects.
 - PACE is hosting two seminars open to all community members, topics to be covered in 2014; Networking (February) and Social Media (March).



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- **Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF):** The 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.
 - \$500,000 increase in 2014 budget for Neighborhood Matching Fund awards.
 - Small Sparks awarded year-round.
 - Three rounds of Small & Simple Projects Fund awards
 - Deadlines: February 3, June 2, and October 6
 - One round of Large Projects Fund in 2014; attendance required at one of six mandatory workshops scheduled in February, March and April. The application deadline is May 5.
 - Hiring of three NMF Project Managers in the 1st Quarter of 2014: 1 position added in the 2014 Budget; 2 others to be filled as a result of retirement and transfer to another DON program.
- **P-Patch/Community Gardening Program:** The P-Patch Community Gardening Program is made up of community managed open spaces. Gardeners, individually and collectively, use small plots of land to grow organic food, flowers, fruits, and herbs.

Each garden is different and their amenities may include picnic areas, benches, art, flower gardens, educational signage, sustainability demonstrations and children's gardens. Presently there are 85 P-Patch community gardens, 2850 plots, and 6248 gardeners.

- Complete new levy funded gardens at Licton Springs, Beacon Food Forest, Maa nyei lai ndeic, and Horiuchi and Judkins P-Patch expansion.
- Complete implementation of Phase I of plot downsizing by end of January and work with remaining gardeners for Phase II.
- Research and develop P-Patch Neighborhood-Based Outreach Strategies that are inclusive of under-served populations.
- Develop and implement new P-Patch web-based database.
- Implement Seattle Farms pilot project, the development of three parcels of municipally owned land for commercial agriculture, (in conjunction with the Food Action Plan).