

Neighborhood Engagement Process Update

The Neighborhood Engagement Process (NEP) was established as a process to collect community input on the elements that can be integrated in the update of the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO). It has been a fast-paced spring and we are gearing up for an eventful summer! Since Phase III of the Neighborhood Engagement Process (NEP) was reinvigorated in March with the hiring of ONC Manager Angelo Metzgar. In recent months, there have been some essential infrastructural supports built to assist the project and ongoing outreach to inform the process.

Throughout this spring, the NEP team has been busy developing choice dialogue protocols and preparing to integrate traditional dialogue processes augmented by technology. Information from the capacity assessment survey was utilized to support the development of equitable outreach plans to each neighborhood association. Additionally, we purchased and tested an automated polling system (“clickers”) and laptop computers so that each dialogue facilitator can document NEP conversations with neighborhood association leaders and others in the community.

As the summer approaches, we completed test dialogues and training of the NEP facilitation team. We have received final approval to add members to our outreach and engagement team who will help ramp up the frequency and depth of outreach to schedule and conduct the Choice Dialogue conversations. As such, we would like to formally welcome to our team Dr. Rudy Garcia, Jamie Welles, Barbara Garcia, Antonio Maestas, and Lara Bryson. This group of facilitators is reaching out to set up the dialogues initially with 50-60 of the newer, emerging neighborhood associations to deepen our engagement. While that is occurring, outreach to schedule the remaining test dialogue sessions is being scheduled with the Huning Castle Neighborhood Association, SR Marmon Neighborhood Association, and West Park Neighborhood Association.

If you want to know more about the facilitators, you can access their bios at: <http://www.cabq.gov/office-of-neighborhood-coordination/neighborhood-engagement-process>. They will be working diligently throughout the late spring, summer and into the early fall to coordinate choice dialogues and to capture community input data that will support the City Council in their process to rewrite the NARO. To ensure that your neighborhood association can be reached by the NEP team; please make sure that your contact information (*email, phone & address*) are up to date with the Office of Neighborhood Coordination. Please submit updated contact information to Dalaina Carmona at: dlcarmona@cabq.gov or onc@cabq.gov