



City of Saint Paul, Minnesota

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Activity Update – May 2017

Vision

The City of Saint Paul empowers residents to be engaged in shaping a city government that serves the whole community.

Guiding Intention

The Community Engagement Coordinator champions public involvement in the planning and oversight of city government services.

What is “public involvement”?

The intentional inclusion by the government of all interested or affected people in a problem-solving or decision-making process

Values

- ☐ *Prioritize racial equity/address intersecting identities*
- ☐ *Foster collaboration*
- ☐ *Influence healthy dialogue habits*

Work Areas

1. *Public Involvement Consultation For City Staff*
 - Serving as public involvement advisor on CIB and Citywide Hiring Committee project teams
 - Providing *ad hoc* consultation to city staff considering roll out of public involvement activities across the city
 - Consulting with departments considering new public involvement programming
 - Serving as relationship broker for city staff looking to connect with district councils on relevant issues
 - Serving as Foundations of Racial Equity training facilitator
2. *Technical Assistance For Community Partners*
 - Inventorying current needs; focus on organizational management concerns of district council staff and volunteers, city process navigation for all residents
 - Contacting regional service providers for technical assistance options, costs
 - Exploring leadership promotion opportunities for traditionally under-represented groups
 - Identifying services offered in peer cities
3. *Public Involvement Systems Development*
 - Researching engagement programming in other cities, including traveling with district council Community Engagement Research Project
 - Providing logistical support for district council racial equity planning project
 - Staffing Legislative Advisory Committee on Poverty; includes consideration of social, political marginalization in systems of poverty
 - Initiated Interdepartmental Public Involvement Workgroup with Mayor’s Office