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Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

Neighborhoods work better when they work together

RNO Ordinance Committee

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INC RNO Committee to:

Examine and review the RNO Ordinance and recommend possible improvements and recommend ways in which the inclusivity and effectiveness of Denver Registered Neighborhood Organizations can be improved.

Key Concerns Identified to Address

- Representativeness & Inclusiveness of RNOs
- Additional types of notices needed
- Improving registration process
- Increasing transparency of city & agency communications
- Technical and/or financial assistance for RNOs to improve communication methods with residents and city government

Recommended Key Amendments to RNO Ordinance

- Sec. 12-91. – Legislative intent. Add: and furthers its ethnic and socio-economic composition and ensure that all assessments are conducted in a manner which includes the health and well-being of the neighborhood which they represent.
- Sec. 12-93. – Eligibility Standards. Subsection (a)(6) adjacent neighborhood organizations may overlap, however, prior notice shall be required prior to registration.
- Sec. 12-94. – Registration. RNOs may register at anytime during a calendar year with renewal in January or July.
- Sec. 12-95. - Duties of community planning and development. Add (5) Develop open data platform.
- Sec. 12-96. – Notification. Additional notifications required by city agencies.
- Sec. 12-97. – Public hearings. Transparency and disclosure required. Additional requirements strongly recommended, i.e., authority to present, descriptive process for reaching decision, including full disclosure of weight to be given testimony for all hearings.

Other Topics

- RNOs need to communicate better with religious groups, businesses, civic and environmental groups and climate change organizations.
- Financial assistance should be provided for printing to conduct outreach by RNOs.
- RNOs require training on computer applications and up-to-date technology.
- RNOs need to be provided with space in public buildings and outdoor parks for dissemination of RNO communications.

RNO Information Sheet for Positions

RNO Position Information Sheet (DRAFT INC FORMAT PROPOSAL)

The City of Denver requires the following information in order to give appropriate consideration to any Registered Neighborhood Organization position. Without this information, the City may give little to no weight to a Registered Neighborhood Organization's position.

About Your Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO)

Organization Name _____
RNO Boundaries _____

RNO General Purpose (pick one that best describes)

- General Neighborhood Advocacy
- Homeowner's Association (HOA)
- Business-Focused Organization (e.g. BID, GID, Chamber, etc.)
- Other (please describe): _____
- Topic-Specific Focus (e.g. parks)
- Coalition of RNOs

RNO intends to represent (pick all that apply)

- All residents within boundaries
- All businesses within boundaries
- Other (please describe): _____

Mission Statement (if any) _____

How many households are in the organization's boundaries? _____
How many businesses or commercial properties are in the organization's boundaries? _____
What is the basis for determining membership of the RNO?

About Your RNO

About Your Organization's Position

Subject _____

General position (*please attach position statement and any supporting materials*)

How was the subject and information about it shared with the residents and businesses in the area?
What portion of the community was reached?

Was there a meeting held or other forum where various perspectives were invited or encouraged?

- How was the area informed about the meeting? _____
- Was it open to all? _____

What was the nature of the meeting where the position was taken? (e.g. a general membership meeting, a meeting of the board, of a membership subcommittee, etc.)?

When and where was this meeting held? _____

- *Attach a copy of the minutes from the meeting detailing outreach to members, residents, businesses and property owners in the area represented.*

What was the deliberative decision-making process used to reach this position?

If there was a vote, what was the result of the vote (votes for/against/abstaining)?

Please attach position statement and any supporting materials

About Your RNO's Position