

**Phillips West Neighborhood Organization
Community Participation Program
2011 Annual Report**

Intended audience: Your Community Participation Program annual report is primarily intended to inform the NCR Department, the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) and the public about your Community Participation Program activities. You may also want to use your annual report to NCR as a way to inform others about your work, including funders, other neighborhood organizations, City departments and the City Council. If your organization produces a separate report for your annual meeting, you may also want to include it as supplemental material.

Contents: At a minimum, your annual report should address the following:

1. Accomplishments

The Phillips West Neighborhood had many accomplishments in 2011 including: Monthly Phillips West Community Meetings that took place the 1st Thursday of each month and had an average attendance of 30 people and garnered 34 new members, 5 successful Annual Events including; National Night Out (we had roughly 1,500 participants and boasted the largest NNO celebration in the City), Senior Safety Pride Day (we had 300+ participants and provided outreach, health screenings, blood pressure checks, entertainment), Spring Clean Up (we had 110 participants complete a block by block litter pick up filling two garbage trucks with trash just for the 42 blocks of Phillips West); Fall Clean Sweep (we did with all 4 Phillips Neighborhoods and filled 8 truckloads of trash then provided a free luncheon for 500+ participants), Peavey Park Celebration (1st ever Peavey Park Celebration to highlight the park and make neighbors feel safe at the park a variety of activities and information was provided we had about 1,000 participants), we also served as Fiscal Agent for the Midtown Safety Center (the center serves thousands of residents annually and provides a place for residents to file police reports, seek domestic abuse advocates, get information on criminals and safety trainings PWNO raised \$57,000 from individual contributors to pay for operation of the Center), Peavey Park Redesign Project (working on implantation with Ventura Village), 2615 Park Avenue Rain Garden Project (had to put project on hold due to site cleanup due to environmental contamination plan on implementing soon), worked with the City and residents to implement a stop light at 27th & Park Avenue will be implemented in July 2012. Several other accomplishments, committees, and projects were implemented this is just a highlight.

2. 2011 CPP Submission

Phillips West carried out all activities from our 2011 submission with the exception of a non-profit analysis which the Board opted not to do. Everything worked out well but it is challenging with only one neighborhood staff to implement everything. Although the Board of Directors and Community Members help they are unpaid volunteers and their time is limited so those restrictions make it difficult to do more and a lack of financial resources makes it hard to complete everything we would wish to do in terms of housing projects and developments.

3. *Stakeholder Involvement*

We involved under-represented communities by reaching out to the main ethnic groups in PW by translated communications, senior outreach (PW has a high proportion of seniors), through the police department at the Midtown Safety Center and to women in the neighborhood. PWNO has no trouble getting a diverse group to attend events and festivals but it has been a challenge to get under-represented groups to participate on an on-going basis.

Please also provide the following:

- A. How many people currently serve on your board: 6 Are there vacancies: yes 1
- B. Approximately how many individuals have participated in committee meetings in the last year: 30 per month
- C. How many people attended your annual meeting:72
- D. How many households regularly receive your publications: 500 per month
- E. Approximately how many people participate in other activities of the organization: 5,000 plus

4. *Financial Reports*

Please provide an income and expense report for your organization for the year. (Please include all funding sources): 990 attached.

In addition to your annual report, please take time to describe your interactions with City departments and other jurisdictions.

1. *Impact*

What interactions occupied a major part of your time? What worked well, what could be improved: interactions with Center for Energy & Environment related to the Phillips West Housing Programs took a lot of time so did interactions with City Council & Police. The transition of NRP to NCR was really confusing and the submission of payment requests especially when NRP closed we were doing everything through Bob Cooper at CPED now NCR I think?

2. *City Communications – effectiveness*

Is the information that you receive from the City understandable and useful?
Yes.

3. *City Communications – timeliness*

Do you receive adequate notice of City activities in your neighborhood? If not, did your organization inform somebody at the City of this? Did the City respond in a positive manner? Please explain.
Yes.

4. *City Departments*

How can City departments improve the way in which they function in your neighborhood?

Commercial Event Application Process for National Night Out. I have to apply for a Commercial Event Application every single year for National Night Out so there is really no communication that takes place with NNO Department and Public Works because I have to register for both yet pay a fee to do Commercial Event and Public Works does not think they should do no parking signs or anything they would typically do with a Commercial Event because they think it's a NNO event that doesn't require anything from them.

5. *City Assistance*

How can the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department improve the assistance it provides to your organization as a citizen participation group?
Maybe we should do a monthly lunch or social time with our representative so we get to know each other better.

6. *Other comments?*