



# 2013 Neighborhoods, USA: Minneapolis, MN

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The Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department works to strengthen the quality of life in Minneapolis through vigorous community participation, resident involvement in neighborhood and community organizations, and supporting clearly defined links between the City, City services, neighborhood and community organizations.



Nexus Community Partners is a non-profit community building intermediary working in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Reaching deep into communities, primarily communities of color within a local geographic area, to connect people to opportunities and ensure their participation in and benefit from decisions that affect them. Nexus also connects local efforts to broader regional initiatives and opportunities to ensure more integrated and sustainable change. We support community engagement and asset building strategies that build more engaged and powerful communities.



Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC) is the neighborhood organization which represents residents in central Minneapolis, including part of downtown and the area where the conference was held. The mission of Citizens for a Loring Park Community is to cultivate continuing leadership and help a diverse neighborhood realize a more harmonious, thriving, and beautiful community.



The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), oversees one of the premier park systems in the United States. Its picturesque lakes, neighborhood parks, recreation centers and diversified programming have made the park system an important component of what makes Minneapolis a great place to live, play and work.

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*“Find your neighborhoods strengths instead of ‘needs’.”*

- Conference Participant

*“We have the knowledge and skills within ourselves and community to make our place loveable.”*

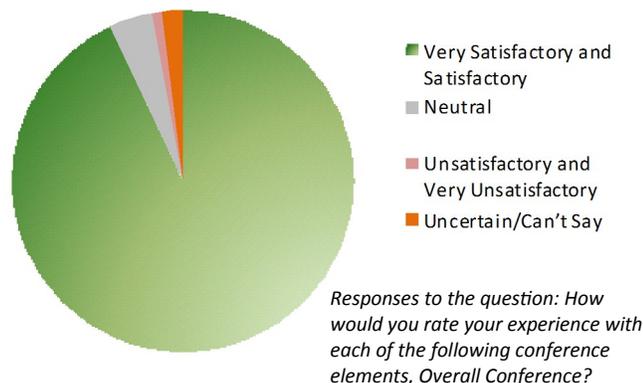
- Conference Participant

## Conference Highlights and Feedback

Minneapolis proved it was indeed “Better Together - Strong Neighborhoods, Strong City” when we hosted the 2013 Neighborhoods, USA conference. This 38<sup>th</sup> annual conference was attended by 607 individuals dedicated to making their neighborhoods better.

This year’s conference met our goals of providing a clear and relevant conference theme by featuring nationally-renowned keynote speakers Majora Carter, Peter Kageyama and John McKnight. Each delivered inspiring insights to why the issue of improving neighborhoods is important to making our cities stronger. Pre-conference workshops were offered to those who arrived early. Our Wednesday evening Opening Celebration was hosted at the Nicollet Island Pavilion and featured entertainment from the Little Thunderbirds Drum and Dance Troupe, The Steeles and Minnesota Sports Team mascots. The Minneapolis Conference themes of Strategic **Collaboration, Equity** Movement and **Innovation** with engagement were woven throughout Thursday and Friday activities which included 9 conference tracks, more than 50 workshops, 12 Neighborhood Pride tours and a Neighborhood Celebration held at Minnehaha Falls. The Neighborhood of the Year Awards were also presented, as well as the Best Neighborhood Program of the Year Awards. The conference wrapped up on Saturday with a Neighborhoods USA General Membership meeting and also provided some attendees the opportunity to participate in a post-conference workshop on collaboration and open source software. Though the planning process was interrupted with a transition from one partner to another, the handoff from Citizens for a Loring Park Community to Nexus Community Partners was smooth and we were able to provide excellent content, planned in an abbreviated timeframe.

Conference Overall



### Conference Highlights:

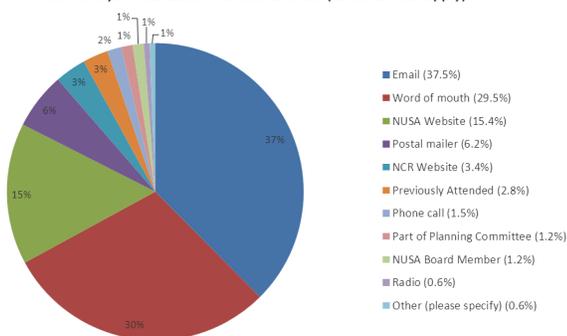
**Neighborhood Pride Tours**—The tours were a way for participants to actually SEE our city and an opportunity for us to showcase our neighborhoods and projects. These tours were a great way to highlight different parts of our city through emersion and participation by taking people from their seats to the streets.

**Local Partnerships Strengthened**—Established relationships were strengthened with the participation of community members and local organizations who served as an integral link in building a dynamic program. Radio station KMOJ and students from the Minneapolis Public Schools added even greater diversity to the spirit of the event and list of attendees.

**Highlighting Success**—Created a common ground for building and recognizing community assets by showcasing our work and the work of others in the areas of equity, diversity and inclusion.

**Racial Equity**—Setting the stage for Cultural communities and neighborhoods to be able to merge vision and values for change by elevating the profile of racial equity as the superior community development model.

How did you hear about this conference? (Check all that apply)



## Conference Highlights: By the Numbers...

### Volunteers

- \* 31 volunteers
- \* 256 volunteer hours
- \* 64 volunteer Shifts

### Conference Fast Facts

### Registration

#### 607 Registrants

##### Representing:

- ⇒ More than 300 organizations
- ⇒ 35 Minneapolis Neighborhoods
- ⇒ 20 Cities and towns in Minnesota
- ⇒ 33 US States
- ⇒ Japan, Canada, South Africa, The Netherlands
- ⇒ More than half attending their first NUSA Conference
- ⇒ Fewer than 25 no shows
- ⇒ 35 youth participants

- ◇ \$78,880 raised from foundation and corporate donations
- ◇ 217 overall conference evaluations received
- ◇ 35 Exhibit hall participants
- ◇ 3 pre-conference workshops
- ◇ 99 workshop applications submitted
- ◇ 57 workshops presented
- ◇ 1,070 workshop survey responses received
- ◇ 19: Average # of survey responses per workshop
- ◇ 45: Average # of preconference workshop registrants
- ◇ 5 Workshop cancelations
- ◇ 1 post conference Hack-a-thon

## Themes and Objectives

### Collaboration, Innovation, Equity

#### Strategic Collaboration

*Minneapolis has a well-developed and funded engagement network*

- 87 neighborhoods, 71 neighborhood organizations in Minneapolis.
- Over 400 local community-based organizations.
- Broad and diverse population.
- Strong government, corporate and philanthropic support.
- Over 20 years of vibrant neighborhood development.
- \$250 million invested to implement neighborhood plans over the past 20 years.

*"I'm not alone about how I feel about my neighborhood, things look great with all of us working together."*

- Conference Participant

#### Innovation with Engagement

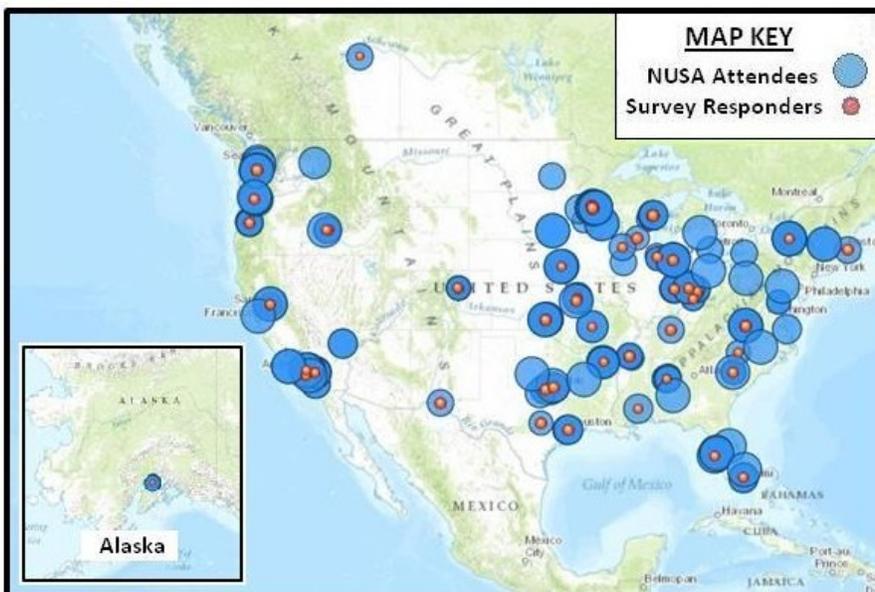
*The region provides an array of opportunities for learning and translating theory into practice*

- Latino Engagement Task Force—Resident led task force that is shaping a policy agenda for the Latino community (locally and nationally).
- Native American MOU—A formally established agreement of collaboration that shapes needs and outcomes for the Native community.
- Community Connections Conference—A hands on learning environment for practitioners within the diversity, equity and inclusion movement.

#### Equity Movement

*The Twin Cities is home to a robust equity movement*

- EquityNowTC—A diverse group of passionate people that are working together to achieve equity for the Twin Cities region and beyond.
- BluePrint for Equity—A city wide strategic effort focused on creating equity within City government and local neighborhoods.



During and after the conference, evaluations were made available to participants to give feedback on their experience at the event. The map to the left shows where in the United States participants traveled from as well as the location of the survey respondents. The locations where the responses came from was generally representative of the overall conference population.

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## Neighborhood Pride Tours and Planning Committee



*"We are lucky in Minneapolis to have such a strong relationship between city government and residents. I've learned that many neighborhood organizations are not funded by their city at all. Thank you, Minneapolis, for being a city I am proud to call home."*

- Conference Participant

### Neighborhood Pride Tours

- Tour 1** — Past Meets Future on St. Paul's Eastside
- Tour 2** — Then and Now, the Heart of Minneapolis – Minneapolis Riverfront
- Tour 3** — Juxtaposition Arts
- Tour 4** — Arts Building of the Northeast Arts District
- Tour 5** — Midtown Greenway Tour
- Tour 6** — Minneapolis/St. Paul Cooperative Movement
- Tour 7** — American Indian Cultural Corridor
- Tour 8** — Art and Eat Street
- Tour 9** — Lake Street: Commercial Corridor for 16 Neighborhoods
- Tour 10** — Partnering for Positive Change in Phillips
- Tour 11** — The Force Behind the Change
- Tour 12** — Central Corridor LRT Stops for Us Tour



## Thank you!

### Conference Planning Committee Members

Akhmiri Sekr-Ra	V.J. Smith	Jennifer Ringold	Diane Moe	Ela Rausch
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Natonia Johnson	Say Yang	Kevin Barnes	Elena Gaarder	Shane Stenzel
Amy Kettnew	Madonna Carr	Juan Linares	Sasha Jensen	Diane Wanner
Jana Metge	Michael McLaughlin	Brad Pass	Carol Pass	Repa Mekha
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## Delegations

*“On a national level we can all work together to build stronger communities.”*

- Conference Participant

NUSA 2013 was proud to host groups from all over the world and from many different types of organizations. By opening the event to the diversity neighborhoods offer, the event was an even greater success than it would have been otherwise. We asked several local participants to describe their experiences with the various delegations and have included them here.

### Youth Engagement Efforts

In an effort to support youth engagement in the NUSA conference in a meaningful way, the City of Minneapolis' Neighborhood and Community Relations Department, City Council Member John Quincy, the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board, the Minneapolis Public Schools, the Minneapolis City-Wide Student Government, and the Minneapolis Youth Congress all collaborated on designing curriculum that supported approximately 35 Minneapolis High School students in participating in the conference on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The purpose of the youth engagement was to support the development of future community leaders and encourage more youth participation in our community engagement process. A particular emphasis was made to personalize the connection with community leaders and the youth participants. It was important for the students to be as much a part of the conference as other attendees, but in a way that was interesting and relevant.

To accomplish this, the Minneapolis Public Schools and the Youth Coordinating Board developed a curriculum designed to include youth in the actual workshops, but in a format designed specifically for them. The curriculum included attending a couple of the conference general assembly sessions, attendance at one of the morning workshops (supported by a brief training on how conference workshops operate), a “speed engagement” session with several community leaders, a discussion with City Council member John Quincy, and a direct conversation with one of the conference keynote speakers – Majora Carter.

A special thank you is deserved to all the partners who participated in putting this together. The process went extremely well. All the partners brought their particular skills and support to this effort and stayed focused on the intended outcome. Also, a thank you to CM John Quincy for his office's financial support of this effort.

- David Rubedor, Director, Neighborhood and Community Relations



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## Delegations *Continued*

### Japan Association for Community Policy

Five participants from Japan attended Minneapolis' NUSA conference. The group presented a workshop entitled Towards Green Communities. One member of the delegation, Tazuko Ouchi, is no stranger to NUSA, having attended multiple NUSA conferences, as well as previously working with past NUSA president Elton Gatewood, and having visited Minneapolis and NRP staff in the late 2000s.

Ouchi arrived for the conference early after having made Facebook contact with other attendees. She dined with NUSA board members and toured Minneapolis with NCR staffers. Ouchi presented staffers with an *obi* in appreciation of NCR's hospitality.

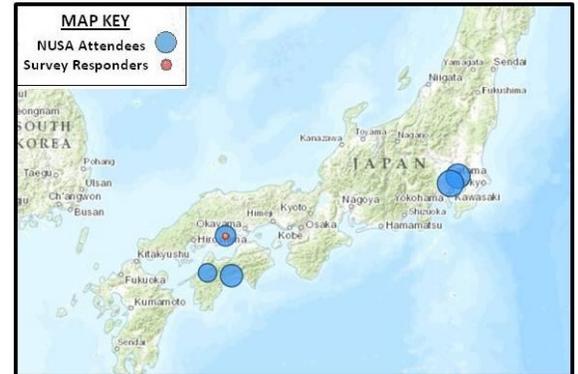
It's clear that past positive contacts and the ability for continued electronic communication have encouraged both Ouchi's attendance and those of her colleagues – all this despite Ouchi's her online comment about the NUSA host-city: "Minneapolis is cold..."

Stacy Sorenson, Neighborhood Specialist, Neighborhood and Community Relations Department

### South African Department of Agriculture

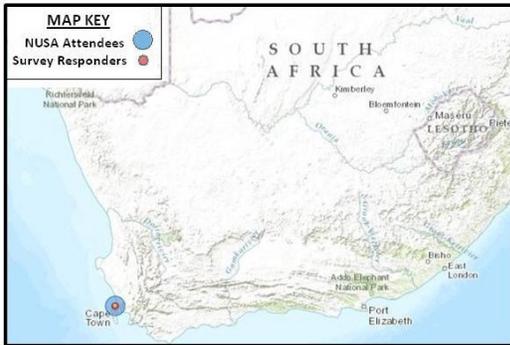
Guests from the South Africa Department of Agricultural also attended the 2013 NUSA conference. They were interested in learning about local community food systems, with a special interest in Aquaponics and community engagement efforts. The surrounding areas of the city of Cape Town, South Africa are experiencing a high level of economic disparities due to inadequate employment opportunities for their residents. Food systems are high priority as a possible way to create employment opportunities while assisting residents with a way to grow and sell healthy foods within their own market that would help eliminate current disparities.

Community engagement is of interest as the South Africa government is looking at new ways to build civic capacity of its residents in shaping and building on community. Currently their community building approach is a top down government approach which hasn't increased nor expanded the capacity of residents within surrounding areas. The NUSA conference provided insights to what resident lead community transformation supported and partnered with by government could look like.



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## Delegations *Continued*



### South African Department of Agriculture (Continued)

As part of our outreach, we visited a number of locations in and around Minneapolis, including connecting with community advocate Melvin Giles of the St. Anthony Aurora community in St. Paul to tour 5 local community gardens, learn about community involvement with ownership, management, food sharing, cultural significance, garden disputes and land acquisition in establishing and maintaining their community gardens. We

toured the historical Rondo community and learned of its culture, history and visited the Golden Thyme coffee shop of Selby Ave where we learned more history and made connections with other community residents.

The Minneapolis Farmers Market on Lyndale and Glenwood Ave showed a range of services, products and system in general as a comparative analysis of the South Africa Farmers Market and a market system where their residents can sell local grown foods and exchange services. This was also an opportunity to expand the current farmers market in South Africa by including the selling of plant/ vegetable seeds and other products. The ethnic, cultural, economic and age diversity were additional take aways for our guests given that the farmers market located within the Cape City area caters to its middle class population. We were accompanied by Nelima Sitati-Munene of Harrison Neighborhood Association.

We toured local community gardens within North Minneapolis, discussed neighborhood demographics, local and surrounding developments and community engagement efforts, visited the local coffee shop Ave Eatery and attended an African Diaspora community event held at New Salem church. Statewide residents from the African Diaspora were present discussing ways to collaborate, share culture among one another and build on a more united MN African community. Our South Africa guests spoke to the crowd sharing their culture, their experience in MN, their connection to the same need for more unity, and their appreciation for being received and accepted at the venue.

We also visited a local Aquaponics project owned and managed by a local MN business. This project was of special interest to our guest as it offered the opportunity to grow vegetables and fish at the same time. We spent two hours touring this site and discussing the Aquaponics system and how it may work within South Africa.

Finally, we were invited to the home of Nelima's home for dinner with her Kenyan family. We spent 3-4 hours over dinner, conversation about Africa, America, Culture, Tribes and much more. It was a great connection between many different African people which our guest enjoyed.

- Kenya McKnight, NCEC Commissioner

*"Very friendly conference, very inclusive, well put together. I'm constantly surprised at all that is included in your registration. Great job Minnesota!! thank you ever so much! see everyone in Eugene.*

*The booklet program guide was a great and easy to read reference."*

- Conference Participant

## Digital Footprint

### Documenting Neighborhoods

Beth Peloff and I conducted a "Documenting Neighborhoods" pre-conference workshop that was attended by over 30 people. Part of the workshop involved setting attendees up so that they could contribute video of the conference with their smart phones directly to a NUSA 2013 YouTube page.

During the conference, 33 short videos were submitted by these "Conference Correspondents." These videos consisted of personal introductions, shots from the Pride Tours and other conference events, and reflections on the conference experience. We connected regularly to some of the more active correspondents to see how they were doing and make sure some events got coverage.

We also shot video during the conference, covering the keynote speeches, the youth leadership group, some of the larger conference events, and two of the Pride Tours. Interviews were conducted with conference attendees, keynote speakers, and NUSA Board Members. The video we shot and the video shot by the Conference Correspondents was edited into four reports and a conference wrap up video. The wrap up video was screened at the Saturday morning event.

During the conference we had a table at the exhibition hall from where we set up a laptop edit station to work on these pieces while the conference was going on. The pieces we edited were posted on the web site that Green Jeans Media set up, as well as the Twin Cities Daily Planet. One of the videos was the headline story for the Daily Planet on Saturday morning. Each of those videos has had between 100 and 200 views so far. We are excited to have contributed videos which will be a permanent and vivid record of the conference experience.

- John Akre, Green Jeans Media

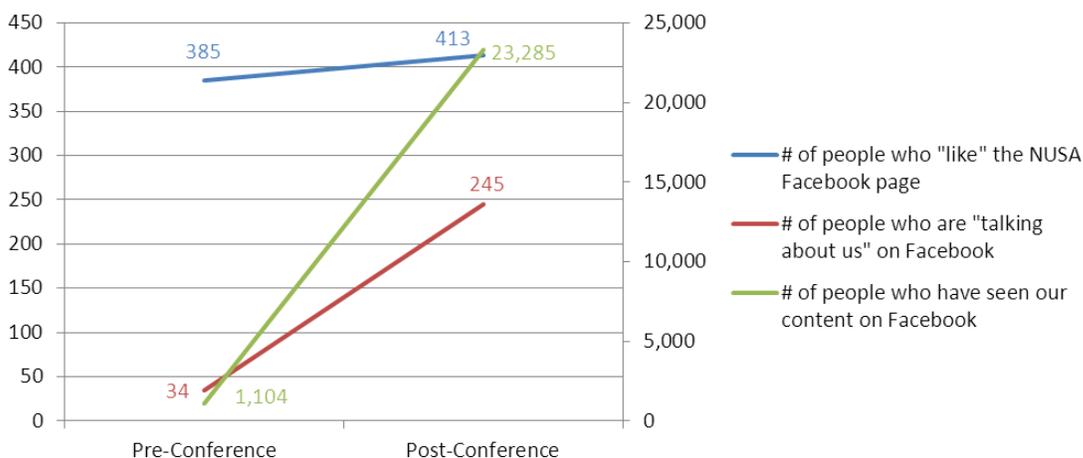
### NUSA Lights up Social Media

NUSA saw a tremendous increase in social media activity before, during and after the 2013 conference.

During the conference, its reach on Facebook increased a whopping 2009 percent and the number of people

following @NUSAConference on Twitter nearly tripled. From live-tweeting to posting videos and pictures on Facebook, more people than ever before were sharing information related to the NUSA conference on their social media vehicles and exposing the organization to tens of thousands of people who may never have heard about the organization previously.

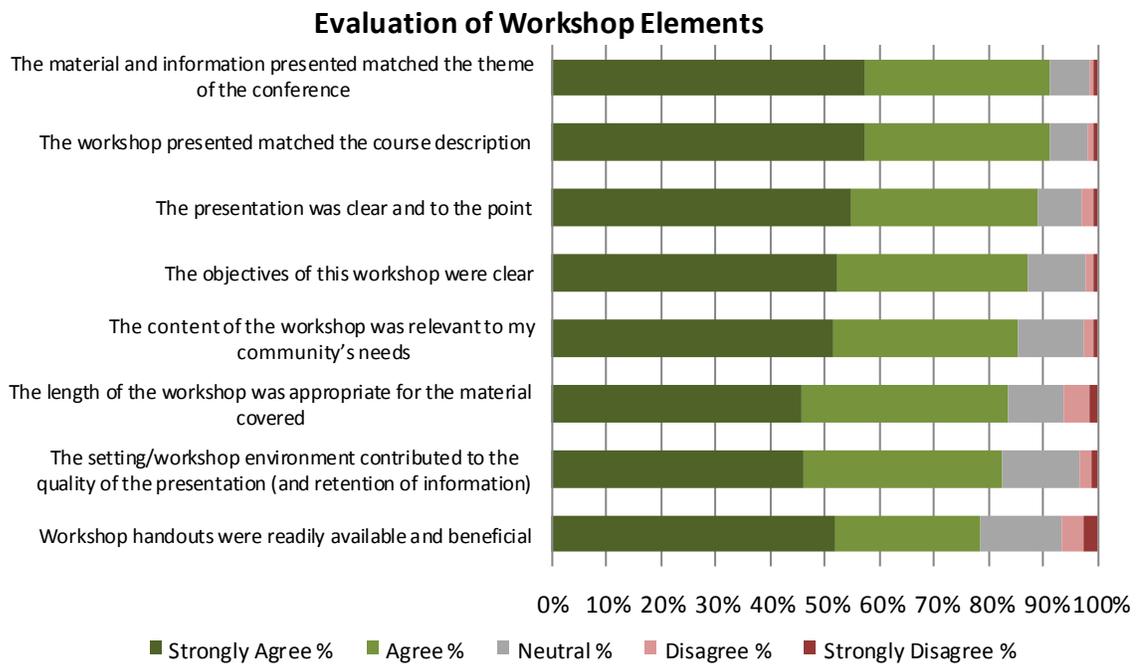
**Social Media Response to NUSA**



## Workshops

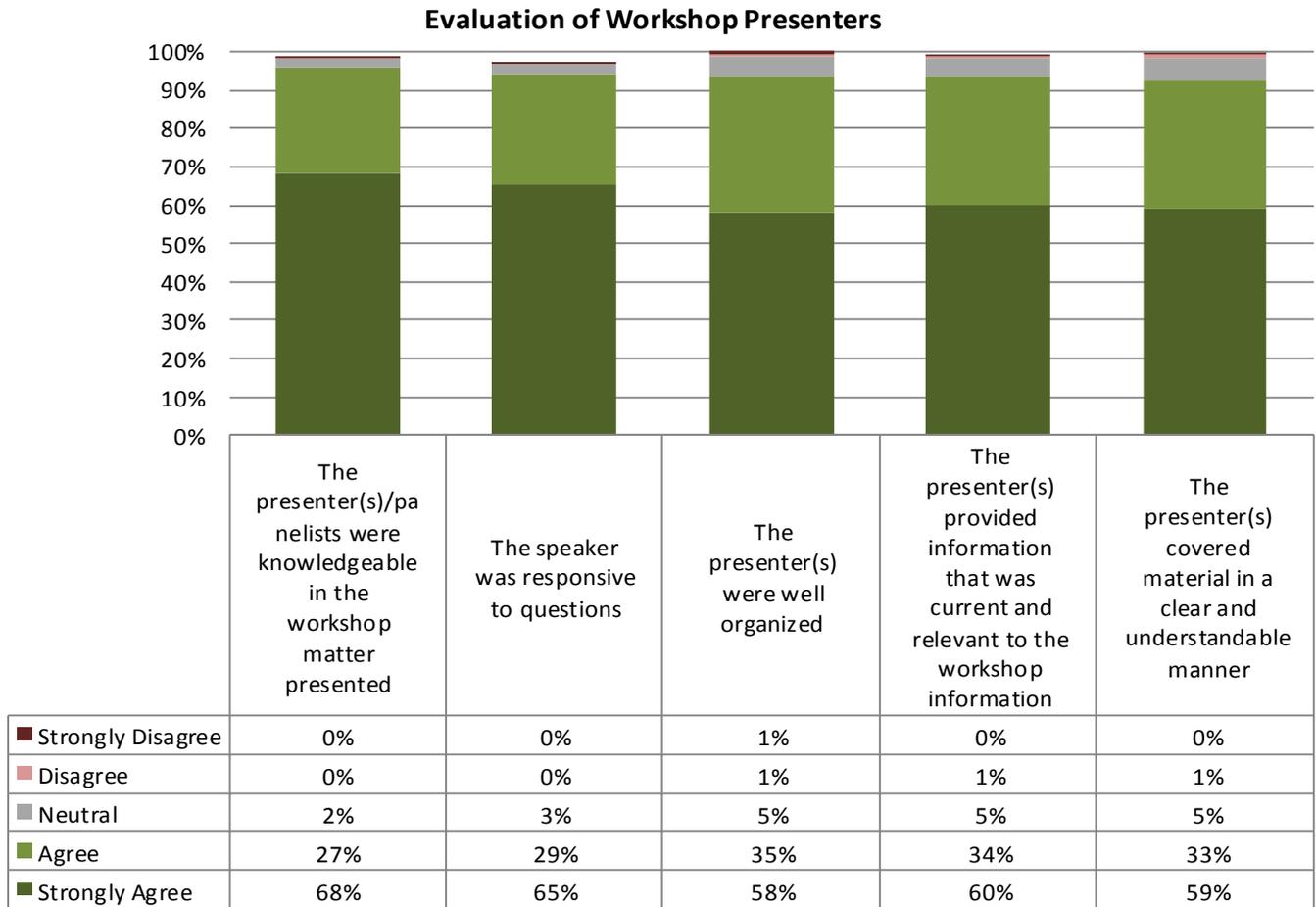
Workshops were held on Thursday and Friday during the conference and were categorized into one of nine (9) tracks. Participants were asked to respond to evaluations for each of the workshops they attended. Prior to the conference, the average workshop had 45 people preregistered to attend with a range of 11 to 74 registrants per workshop. Rooms were set up to hold 74 participants and most rooms were full for each workshop.

Overall, workshops saw high levels of satisfaction from the survey respondents. In general participants felt that the description in the registration booklet and program matched the actual presentation well, although there were some workshops that received comments stating the opposite.



Evaluation of General Workshop Items	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The material and information presented matched the theme of the conference	599	356	77	6	9
The workshop presented matched the course description	606	357	72	13	9
The presentation was clear and to the point	574	357	82	22	10
The objectives of this workshop were clear	548	367	110	14	10
The content of the workshop was relevant to my community's needs	537	351	125	19	9
The length of the workshop was appropriate for the material covered	473	394	106	47	18
The setting/workshop environment contributed to the quality of the presentation (and retention of information)	479	379	147	22	13
Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial	525	266	152	39	28

## Workshops



Handouts and the setting of the workshops were areas where participants thought that workshops could be improved upon. Respondents felt that handouts weren't readily available in many of the presentations. One of the workshops gave their material on a thumb drive and the participants seemed very happy about this option. A recurring theme in the feedback section was wanting to have a way to access the information after the conference. Providing a way for participants to interact post conference would likely be highly utilized. Suggestions include having a common area for these participants to list their contact information, for workshop presenters to upload their presentations and/or contact information for further follow up as well as a place for online discussion of material and experiences from the conference.

### Key Workshop Recommendations:

#### *Presenter Recommendations*

- Provide handouts and contact information electronically, in hard copy or both.
- Stand up in front of the group during workshop sessions.
- Allow time for questions while moderating workshops so that one person or set of questions doesn't take the presentation off course.

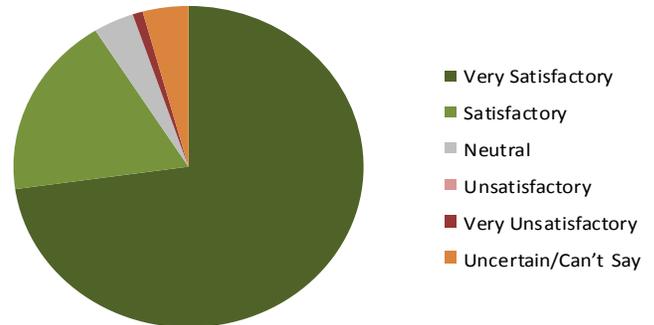
## Keynote Speakers

### Majora Carter Eco-entrepreneur

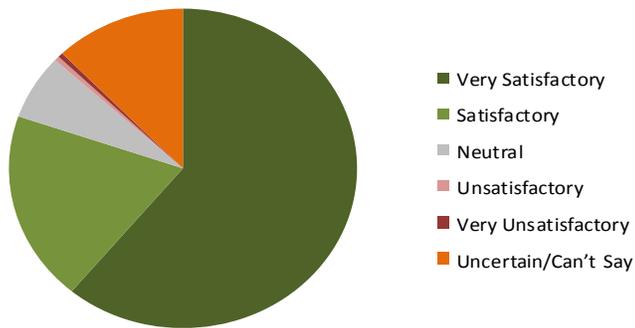
**“I believe that you shouldn’t have to leave your neighborhood to live in a better one.”**

Majora Carter is an internationally renowned urban revitalization strategy consultant, real estate developer, and Peabody Award winning broadcaster. She is responsible for the creation and successful implementation of numerous green-infrastructure projects, policies, and job training and placement systems.

Majora Carter



John McKnight



### John McKnight Co-director, Asset-Based Community Development Institute, Northwestern University

John McKnight is Co-Director of the Asset-Based Community Development Institute and Professor Emeritus of Communications Studies and Education and Social Policy at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. For more than four decades at the University his research is focused on social service delivery systems, health policy, community organization, neighborhood policy and the incorporation of labeled people into community life.

### Peter Kageyama Author “For the Love of the Cities”

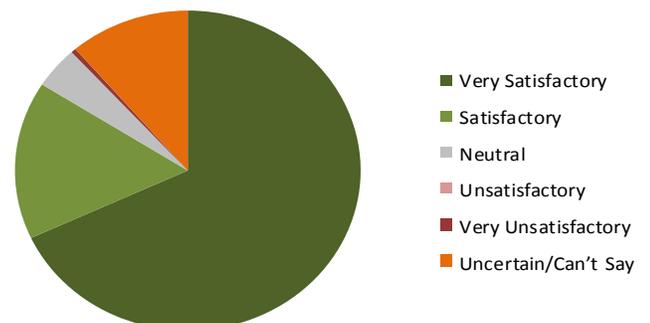
**“When we love something, we go above and beyond, we forgive shortcomings and we fight for it. We need more people to fall in love with their cities. “**

Peter Kageyama is a community and economic development consultant based in St. Petersburg, FL. He looks at what makes cities lovable and what motivates citizens to do extraordinary things for their places. Peter speaks about how we can turn peoples’ emotional engagement with their place into tangible action and uses that excitement and energy as a much needed community development resource.

“While I did pick up several amazing pieces of information while attending NUSA, for me Peter Kageyama's workshop was THE BEST! Peter talked about how the LOVE of one's place can sprout a sense of pride throughout a community that in turn, make the place better. I would love to start a city love campaign for our city. Not only will it spread pride throughout the community but it also focuses on the positive attributes that our city has.”

- Conference Participant

Peter Kageyama



## 2013 Neighborhoods, USA Award Recipients

Each year Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) Board of Directors recognizes organizations and individuals for their work on the neighborhood level, the 2013 recipient of these awards are outlined below.

Recognizing outstanding programs implemented to improve neighborhoods community wide by a governmental entity, business, non-profit or corporation.

### ***Neighborhood of the Year Award Grand Prize***

**First Place: Harlow Neighbors - Eugene, Oregon**

Project: Feed Hope

Feed Hope is a neighbor led initiative to meet the nutritional needs of students during school breaks that normally rely on programs for breakfast and lunch. In 2012, neighborhood leaders and community partners completed two sessions, Spring and Winter break, of the Feed Hope Project.

Contact: Jennifer Yeh - Harlow Neighbors, Chair

Email: jenniferyeh@gmail.com

### **BEST NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM AWARDS**

**First Place: City of Garland - Garland, Texas**

Project: Garland Neighborhood Management Academy - City of Garland, Texas

*The academy equips community partners to take charge of their neighborhood experience and to participate in decision-making affecting their quality of life. Participants explore city services, leadership, organizing, and social capital concepts. GNMA participants move from residents to EMPOWERED residents, equipped to realize neighborhood vision & goals.*

Contact: Felisa Conner, City of Garland, TX Neighborhood Vitality Manager

Email: fconner@garlandtx.gov

**Second Place: City of Green Bay – Green Bay, Wisconsin**

Project: Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council

*The Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council supports the formation of Neighborhood Associations (37 to date), fosters leadership development, provides operating and competitive project grants, funds crime prevention activities, commissions public art, brings grass roots and civic leaders together monthly, and is replicable in your community!*

Contact: Noel Halvorsen - NeighborWorks Green Bay, Executive Director

Email: noel@nwgreenbay.org

**Third Place: City Prosecutors Office - Long Beach, California**

Project: Gang Prevention Strategy

*In Long Beach, police and prosecutors have developed a three-part strategy that suppresses gang violence, creates community partnerships, and keeps at-risk kids in school. Combining new technology with a neighborhood - based approach, the Gang Prevention Strategy could become a model for prosecutors across the nation.*

Contact: Doug Haubert— City of Long Beach, City Prosecutor

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### NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE YEAR AWARDS

#### **Social Revitalization/Neighborliness Single Neighborhood Category**

**1st Place: Harlow Neighbors - Eugene, Oregon**

Project: Feed Hope

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Contact: Jennifer Yeh, Harlow Neighbors - Chair

Email: jenniferyeh@gmail.com

**Second Place: Milpas Community Association - Santa Barbara, California**

Project: Milpas Holiday Lights and Parade

*A neighborhood that has long suffered from urban decay decides to take back its streets, create a positive new neighborhood identity, and pull everyone together to create new and uplifting celebrations and traditions.*

Contact: Sharon Byrne, Executive Director - Milpas Community Association

Email: sharon@mcasb.org

**Third Place: Birdcage Heights Neighborhood Association - Citrus Heights, California**

Project: Inaugural Earth Day

*How to put together a project that can be used as a fund raiser or as a free event designed to bring together the community, while providing education and business opportunities, includes control processes, publicity techniques and organization.*

Contact: Bob Pitrovec, Birdcage Heights Neighborhood Association

Email: bobkat2691@sbcglobal.net

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### NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE YEAR AWARDS CONTINUED

Recognizing outstanding programs implemented to improve neighborhoods community wide by a governmental entity, business, non-profit or corporation.

#### **Multi Neighborhood—Partnerships**

**First Place: Fairmount Neighborhood Association - Fort Worth, Texas**

Project: Back to School

*Fairmount Neighborhood developed a back to school project creating an inclusive event for children of all ages and socio-economic group giving them a sense of community. Event was also a great way to support our local schools by encouraging enthusiasm about the new semester.*

Contact: Brenda Howell, Director of Promotions – Fairmount Neighborhood Association

Email: brendahowell56@gmail.com

**Second Place: Eugene Neighbors, Inc. - Eugene, Oregon**

Project: SCROL – Santa Clara River Road Outreach & Learning Project

*A tangle of perplexing issues have been bedeviling two Eugene, Oregon neighborhoods for decades. The two joined together in a unique and creative outreach to proactively seek acceptable solutions to these problems.*

Contact: Jerry Finigan, Chair of SCRROL leadership team

Email: jerfinigan@comcast.net

#### **Physical Revitalization—Single Neighborhood**

**First Place: Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association - Columbia, South Carolina**

Project: Annual Historic Elmwood Park Tour of Homes and Gardens

*The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Historic Elmwood Park Tour of Homes & Gardens is a one-day tour of homes/gardens run completely by residents/volunteers. What began as a way to attract potential homeowners and highlight how homes could be restored has grown into a feature event for Columbia.*

Presenters: Chris Segars, Grants Professional - City Managers Office

Email: cmsegars@columbiasc.net

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### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER AWARDS

Created in 2011 to highlight the importance of what a vital communication tool a newsletter can be and it's contribution to a neighborhood's overall success. The competition features two divisions: Printed and Electronic. Newsletter entries are evaluated individually and awarded points based on criteria that included layout, consistency, content, relevance and overall appearance.

#### Electronic Format

AWARD LEVEL	ORGANIZATION NAME	CITY & STATE
GOLD	Richland Hills Homeowners Association	Albuquerque, NM
SILVER	Madison County Master Gardeners	Anderson, IN

#### Print Format

AWARD LEVEL	ORGANIZATION NAME	CITY & STATE
GOLD	California Heights Neighborhood Association	Long Beach, CA
GOLD	Community City Enterprise	Commerce City, CO
GOLD	Lyndale Neighborhood Association	Minneapolis, MN
GOLD	Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association	Minneapolis, MN
GOLD	Fairmount Neighborhood Association	Fort Worth, TX
GOLD	Richmond Beach Community Association	Shoreline, WA
SILVER	Neighborhood Partners of Rock Island	Rock Island, IL
SILVER	Willmore City Heritage Association	Long Beach, CA
SILVER	Oakhurst Neighborhood Association	Fort Worth, TX
SILVER	Westbury Civic Club	Houston, TX

### WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOODS AWARD

Created in 2010 to recognize individuals whose work mirrors the mission of Neighborhoods, USA: (1) to build and strengthen neighborhoods; (2) to encourage neighborhood involvement in the decision-making process in local government; and (3) to promote productive communication and collaboration among neighborhoods, local governments and the public and private sectors.

#### **Richard Whipple, Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

A former board member of NUSA, Whipple serves the organization as its technical advisor to NUSA conference host cities. Whipple was nominated by a large contingent of members for his work with NUSA and for being a key and integral part of the Florida Neighborhoods Conference.

## Lessons Learned and Recommendations

The 2013 Minneapolis NUSA conference was a great success. Conference participants found their experience to be positive and impactful. Still, even with a very successful conference, there are opportunities to learn from the experience to support better and more inspiring conferences in the future.

The following recommendations are intended to support the NUSA board and future NUSA host cities and the City of Minneapolis, Neighborhood and Community Relations Department in learning from this experience to design and support an even better conference. These recommendations are based on the conference evaluations submitted by participants as well as discussions with the conference partners, organizers and the City's Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission.

### Recommendations for Host City

#### Workshops:

- Room set up should allow for varied uses, including group discussion.
- Always have sound amplification.
- Ensure soundproofing between rooms to reduce distractions from outside events and workshops.
- Provide a minimum of 2 workshop monitors per room who can also act as workshop moderators.
- Limit late workshop submissions as they result in low attendance.
- Assign a VIP handler for keynote speakers for better workshop set up.
- Provide voluntary training for workshop presenters, onsite and/or online.
- Provide more time between workshops, or reduce the overall number of workshops, to accommodate networking and down time.

#### Pride Tours

- Recognize route limitations and bus size.
- Provide complete descriptions of pride tours, including physical requirements.
- Provide detailed guidance to tour guides for consistency.

*“Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done! :)”*

- Conference Participant

#### Overall

- Provide time during the conference when nothing is scheduled to foster networking.
- Actively include the local community and neighborhood participants.
- Consider State law when planning to ensure compliance.
- Provide a more central location for the exhibit hall.
- Begin volunteer outreach well in advance of the event and provide a strong base of information and resources for volunteers.
- Encourage post-conference interaction by offering an optional exchange of contact information.
- Provide specific guidance to the photographer, including working to ensure that those who do not want their picture taken have their wishes honored, possibly by adding a sticker to the nametag.
- Keep conference events in a compact venue for good event flow.
- Anticipate that attendance levels will fluctuate from conference element to conference element.
- Events at the beginning and end are often victim to other factors, such as travel and energy levels.
- Encourage networking between attendees with similar interests by providing time to network and share program experiences.
- Provide wi-fi access.
- Instruct the master of ceremonies to be more directive at getting the crowd's attention.
- Plan to have the fiscal partner present at the registration table or nearby. (This was very helpful in 2013).
- Respect each participant by keeping any religious activities out of the primary event format.

## Lessons Learned and Recommendations *Continued*

*“More pre-conference (1 year in advance) educating of host city neighborhood groups on what type of projects/ presentations have been done in the past for workshops and submitted for awards.”*

- Conference Participant

### **Recommendations for NUSA**

*Conference Format and Content—Participants had a powerful experience at the event and extremely positive feedback afterward. Some ways to increase participation and reduce negative responses include:*

- Allowing for greater flexibility and latitude by reducing restrictions, such as conference content and format on the local event host.
- Prioritizing content over NUSA fundraising to provide an program which will strengthen and increase participation at future events.
- Clearly defining and communicate priorities to the host city.
- Providing a more robust written conference planning timeline.

- During the RFP process, being selective and allow the host city to fill in gaps to attain goals and themes.
- Adjusting the timing of the event to encompass a non-holiday weekend date so as to increase attendance, particularly with youth.
- Avoiding over programming by offering time for networking and down time.
- Recognizing the capabilities of the host city and the limited value of a national partner to the local community.
- Reducing restrictions and provide the host city the latitude to run its own conference and add value by bringing in national voices.

*Fundraising and Finances—As currently structured, the financial burden to the host city is significant. The national organization, NUSA, can provide assistance to reduce this burden by:*

- Assisting with grant proposals and fundraising by providing background information about NUSA, the conference, its impact and other pertinent information.
- Reaching out to past national sponsors to continue their support of this annual event.
- Establishing a scholarship system more in line with state law, which does not allow for a government entity to pay for individual membership to a private organization.
- Streamlining the registration system to allow for different attendee types (i.e. students, presenters, early or late registration, etc.).
- Eliminating the requirement that workshop presenters pay to attend the conference if the only reason they are attending the conference is to present. This requirement caused collateral damage in our community.

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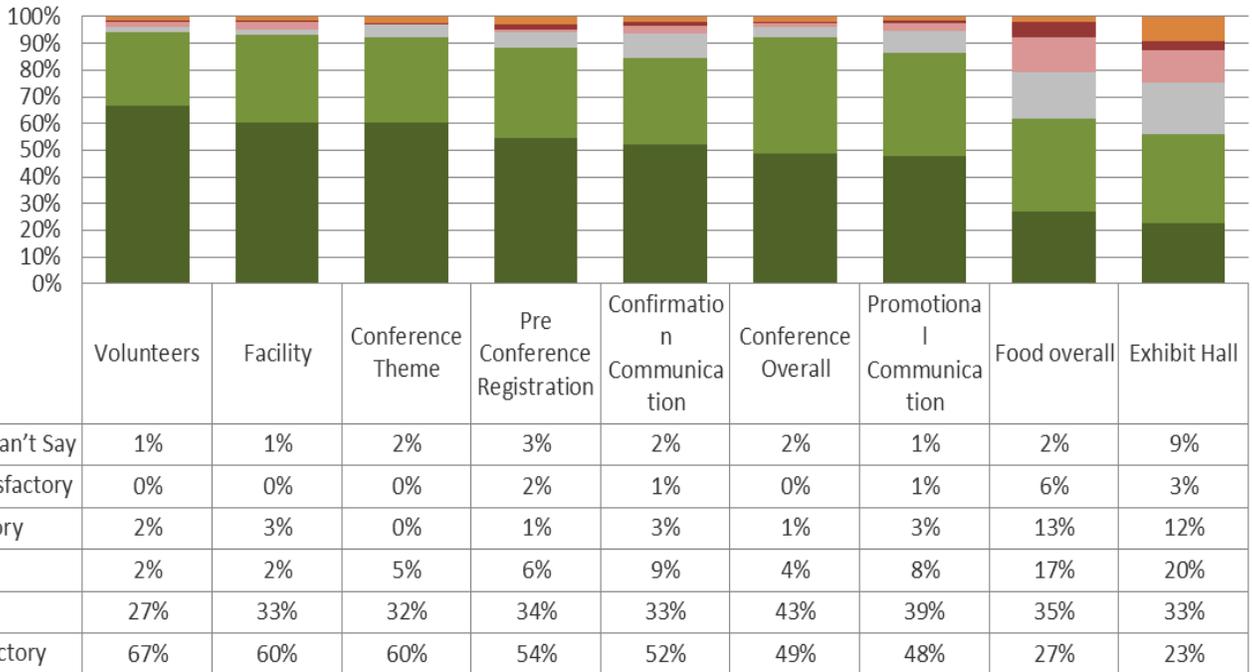
# Neighborhoods, USA 2013 Overall

Raw data from overall conference survey.

Source for all of the following information was collected between May 30 and June 17, 2013 via electronic survey gathering.

Surveys were also available on site in paper form and several were collected prior to the end of the conference. For paper surveys, responses were left as intact as possible, inclusive of spelling and grammatical errors. Where handwriting was illegible that is noted.

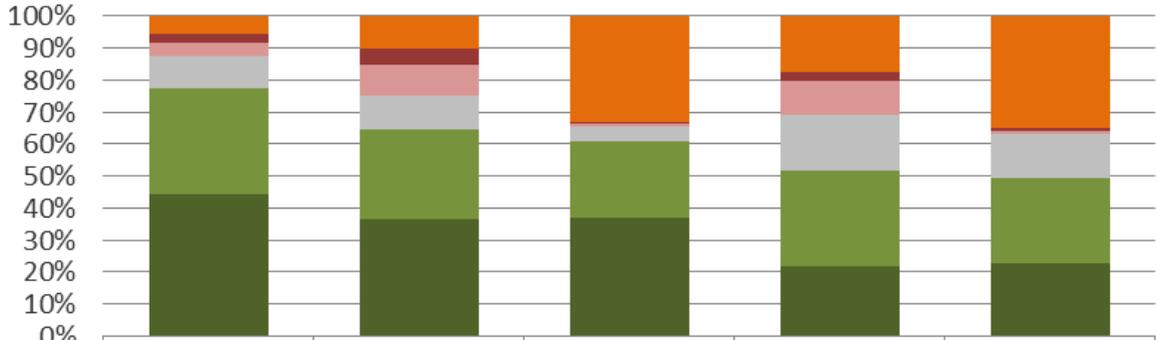
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**Question 2: How would you rate your experience with each of the following conference elements on Wednesday May 22?**

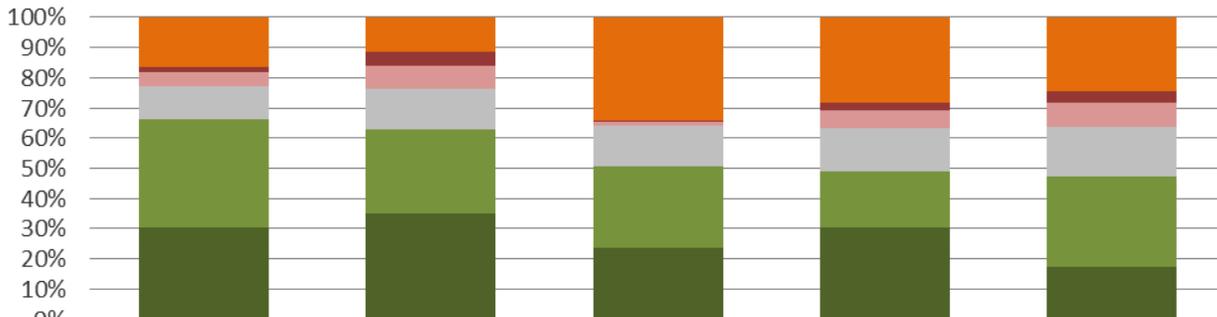


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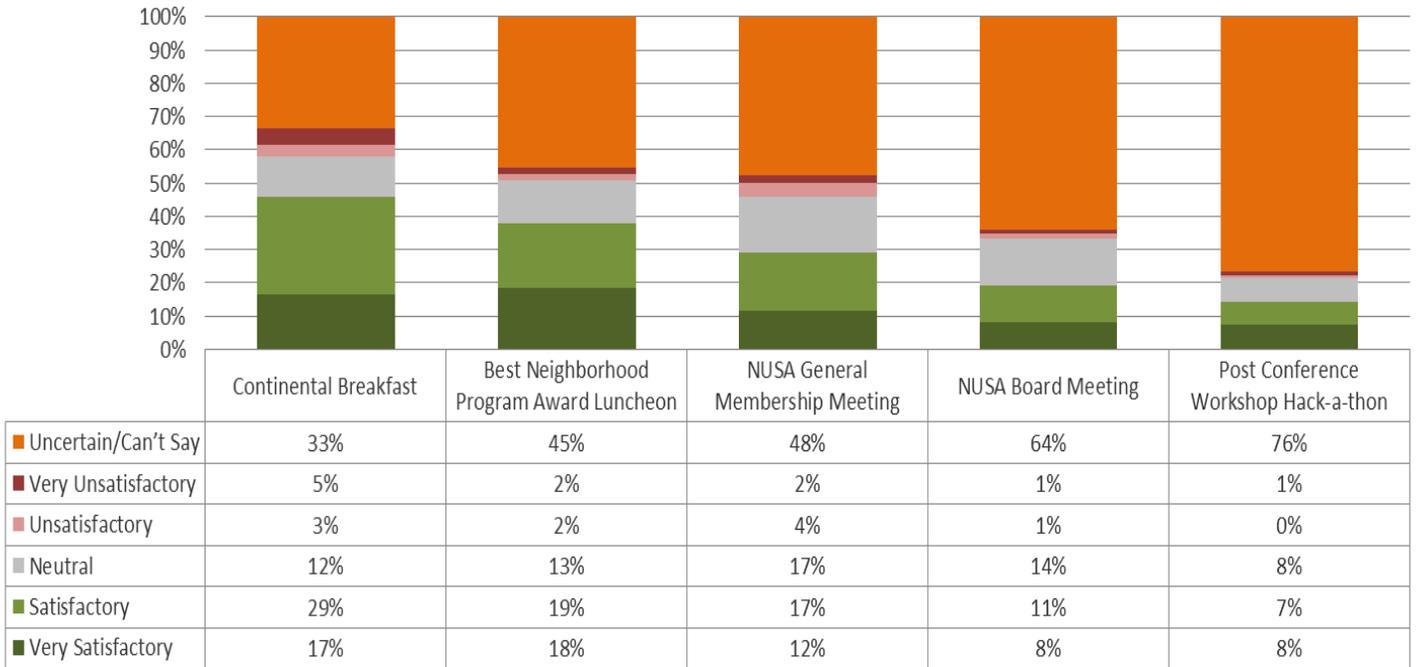
	Keynote Luncheon	Opening Breakfast	On-Site Registration	Exhibit Hall	Neighborhood of the Year judging
Uncertain/Can't Say	6%	10%	33%	17%	35%
Very Unsatisfactory	3%	5%	0%	3%	1%
Unsatisfactory	4%	9%	1%	11%	1%
Neutral	10%	11%	4%	17%	14%
Satisfactory	33%	28%	24%	30%	27%
Very Satisfactory	44%	37%	37%	22%	23%

**Question 4: How would you rate your experience with each of the following conference elements on Friday May 24?**

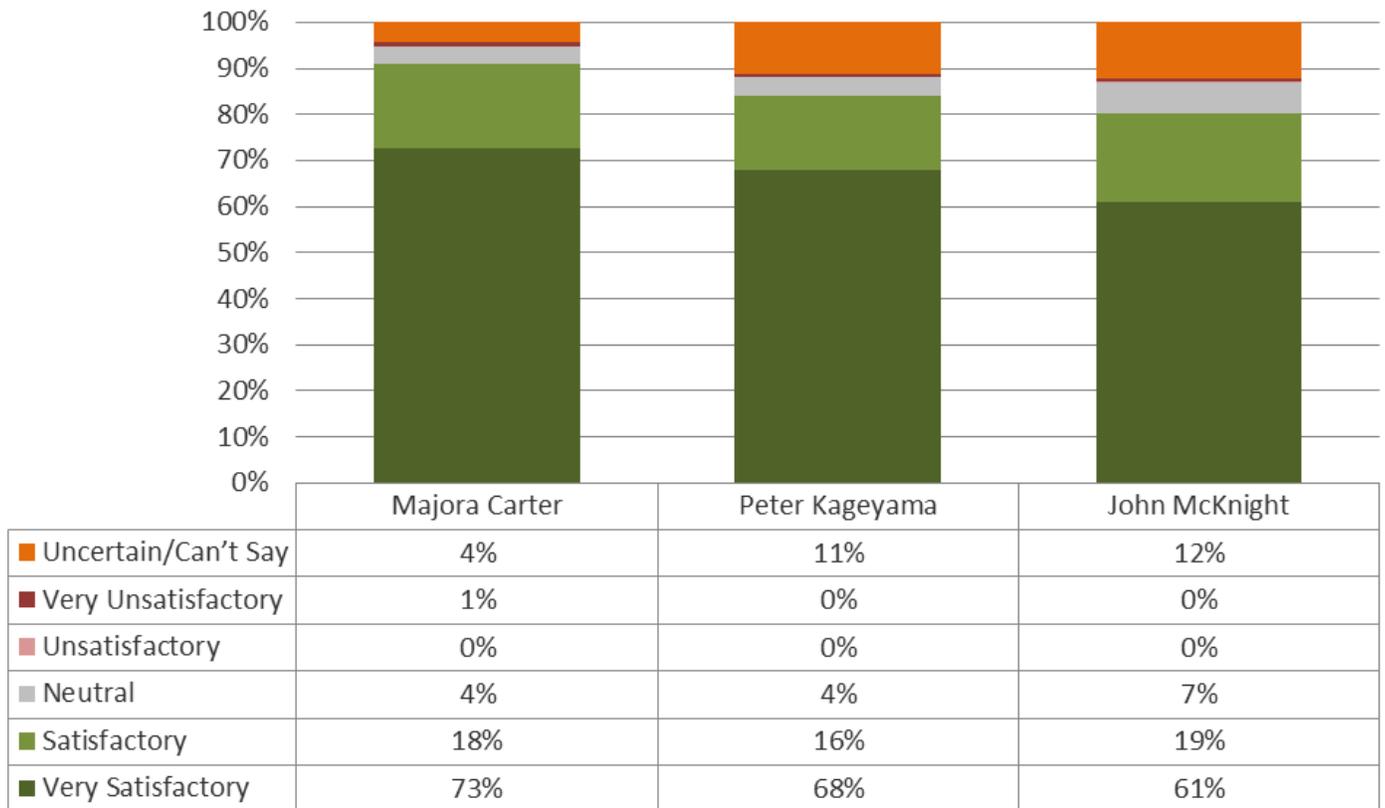


	Neighborhood of the Year Awards Luncheon	Keynote Breakfast	Best Neighborhood Program Award Judging	Minnehaha Falls Neighborhood Celebration	Exhibit Hall
Uncertain/Can't Say	16%	11%	34%	28%	24%
Very Unsatisfactory	2%	5%	0%	3%	4%
Unsatisfactory	5%	8%	1%	6%	8%
Neutral	11%	14%	14%	15%	16%
Satisfactory	36%	28%	27%	18%	30%
Very Satisfactory	31%	35%	23%	31%	17%

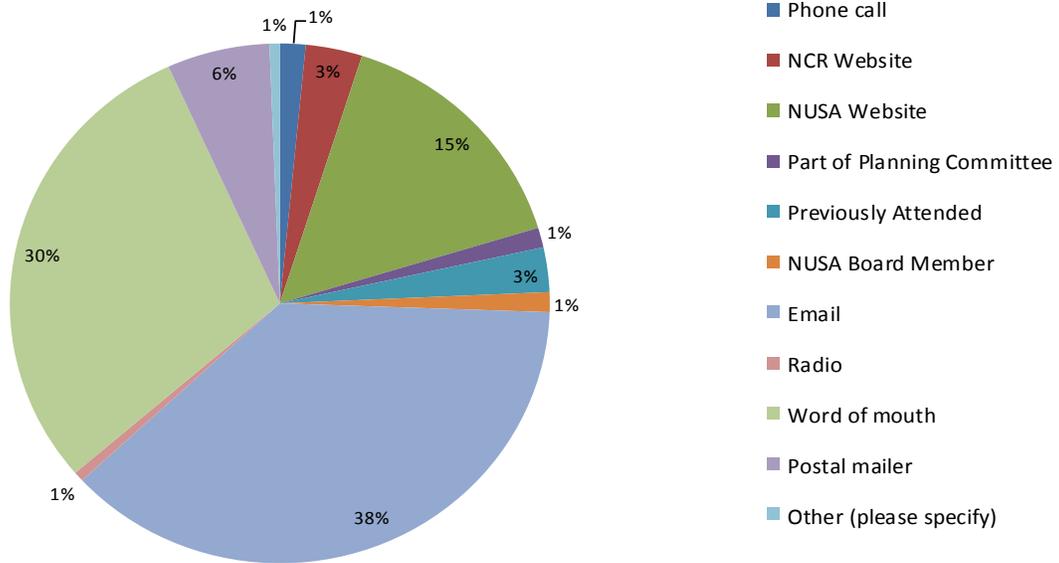
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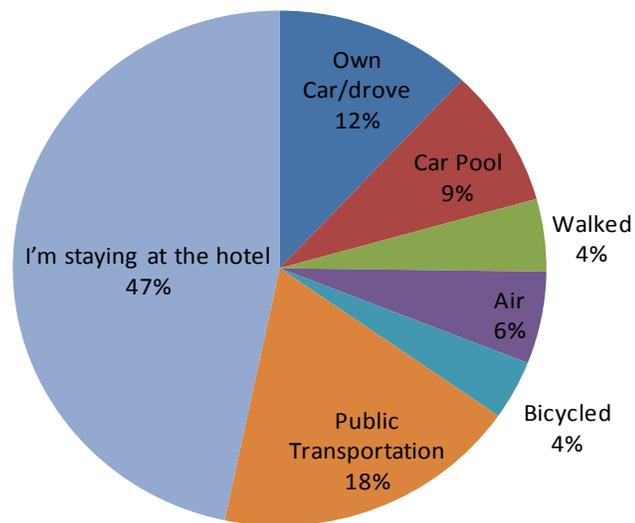
**How would you rate your experience with each of the Keynote speakers?**



**How did you hear about this conference? (Check all that apply)**



**How did you arrive at the conference today? (check all that apply)**



<p>Board members should mingle more during meals and not sit together,  Put City &amp; state on name badges  Very little time between workshops to visit exhibit hall (but the exhibit hall was less than impressive)  Poll attendees at the conference to see where they'd like the conference to be in the future,  Post winners (neighborhoods &amp; conference info) on the website immediately following the conference.  Post slides on screen for winners of NOTY - there was so much chatter, we couldn't hear.</p>
<p>Need to have more youth programming.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Go glocal!</li> <li>2. Set up the local organizers global network!</li> <li>3. Make a full day topic out of poverty &amp; prejudice prevention</li> </ol>
<p>very well organized, thank you!</p>
<p>Over all the workshop was very informative.</p>
<p>BRING SOMETHING POSITIVE (FOR EX. - "AN OPEN MIND"); AND YOU WILL CERTAINLY LEAVE WITH SOMETHING POSITIVE - "AN OPEN MIND, WITH MORE POSITIVE INFORMATION" THAT IS PERSONALLY BENEFICIAL AND GREAT FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD..... AND SOME!!!</p>
<p>Very loud chorale groups are not ideal for luncheon, as it precludes any conversation at the tables.</p>
<p>buffet would have been great for breakfast  meeting rooms worked well  layout of workshop details was hard to find. Should have been by day/time, not track</p>
<p>Too much going on at all times. No time to network and share ideas.</p>
<p>Any way to have local folks sign up for workshops with out needing to sign up for food? \$200 was a little steep for some folks I know to attend.</p>
<p>Longer and fewer workshops where there is more interaction to learn from other experiences</p>
<p>The only comment I would have is in regard to V.J. Smith's workshop. A woman from the audience asked why it is that most volunteers are white women. This was after V.J. Smith announced the most likely order of people stepping up to volunteer in communities is 1) white women 2) white men 3) black women 4) black men. I found it rather offensive to hear his response, being "they have more disposable income and have more time on their hands." I'm sure this is the case with some white women. Me, being one, don't have a lot of disposable income and don't have a lot of time on my hands. I just happen to be a strong fundraiser and can offer my talents in ways that don't have anything to do with my personal schedule or my income. I didn't want to make a big deal out of it, but just felt that this was an inappropriate generalization.</p>
<p>This was my first conference and I enjoyed it very much.</p>
<p>The segue between the native culture and the convention theme seemed missing or very incoherent -- though I found it interesting.</p>
<p>NCR staff did a fantastic job</p>
<p>Pros:  The keynote speakers and field trips were excellent, engaging and most memorable!  The hotels venue and location was good fit for the conference.  Cons:  It was too many workshops and I wished some repeated instead of having to choose just one at that time slot.  Name tags could have been better with attendees city and organization printed on them.  Suggestions:  Would have liked to have a break out or a meet &amp; greet with other government (i.e. city &amp; county staff) attendees to network and share program experiences. Maybe a speed networking workshop where everyone has 3-minutes to introduce themselves, trade cards, and then switch to the next person.</p>
<p>Do to my work load, I could not attend all day, each day but I did attend 3 seminars which I chose carefully based on the work of my n'hood -- 2 on n'hood sustainability the other on involving immigrants. The seminar descriptions sounded better than what was delivered. In all cases the content was okay but not highly informative, either too elementary or too personal. The Inv. Imm. case studies presented were very interesting and the Mong &amp; Lao presenters were good. But the Q &amp; A led by the primary presenter offered no insight.</p>
<p>The music at the Thursday lunch was too loud and too long.</p>
<p>I enjoyed the conference. It exceeded my expectations.</p>

1. List of workshops in onsite materials should have workshop # - we registered by workshop # yet booklet has listing by track.
2. Add not applicable to options for evaluation eg for person who did not attend
3. add "vegan" as meal option - hotel did not understand about complementary protein (beans & grain) - vegetables alone do not provide adequate protein. I brought by own protein, consequently.
4. Many people on Friday night did not understand we were to provide our own dinner
5. incorrect information in booklet fun facts - can not swim in all seven lakes. no swimming allowed in Lake of the Isles.
6. Confusing conference booklet - some people did not understand speaker at breakfast on Thursday.
7. Suggestion in dev historic presentation & subjects in neighborhood (illegible) Seward Milwaukee Ave. national register district, old highland on line walking tour, Nicollet Island etc. & Lake street Museum of streets by Lake Street Council.
8. Thursday entertainment too loud for hearing health at lunch.
9. Have intro and advanced tracks for some topics, such as facilitation
10. Have breakouts - such as best practices.

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#### No Suggestion

exhibit hall was too hard to find.  
 appreciated pre- and post conference activities.  
 liked downtown and neighborhood location.  
 would like opportunity to attend 2 NPT.  
 make workshop materials available electronically.  
 hotel rate made attendance possible.  
 Bus transportation to closing ceremony not frequent enough.  
 continue to have breakout sessions with keynotes. really enjoyed.  
 need other type of opportunity to learn about neighborhood of the year nominees.  
 missed having snacks during workshops.  
 like hotel and conference in the same place.

food- portions need to be bigger and no iceberg lettuce  
 religion -conference very uncomfortable at times. religions agendas not always made clear, more attention given to diet choices than religious preferences, insufficient respect for diversity and personal choice in religious matters, hymn sung in large group setting (very inappropriate) repeated christian prayer without even asking if this was appropriate or comfortable for participants.

I would hope that more can be done in the future to market this wonderful event using variety of media to expand its reach. thank you and see you next year!

there is no evaluation for the pride tours, which, once again, was the highlight of the conference.

hotel common area not conducive for meet and greet.

registration was confusing online. workshops were great but some of them should be prepared for questions and feedback on the topics they are presenting.

Thank you for a great conference.

less music, great theme!

Entertainment should be at a volume that allows talking unless the assumption is a performance. sound system not adequate.

Evaluation of general conference: theme was good, but it didn't seem present in conference. it didn't seem to direct decisions a programming

Music was loud.

Better transportation from the airport to the hotel.

Very friendly conference, very inclusive, well put together. I'm constantly surprised at all that is included in your registration. Great job Minnesota!! thank you ever so much! see everyone in Eugene.

The booklet program guide was a great and easy to read reference.

Exhibit hall --more vendors

promotional communication --loved social media

On-site registration --friendly

Opening celebration on nicollet island --very fun, great mixer

see you next year

we are lucky in Minneapolis to have such a strong relationship between city government and residents. I've learned that many neighborhood organizations are not funded by their city at all. thank you, Minneapolis, for being a city I am proud to call home.

better breakfast that's all :(  
Opening celebration on nicollet island --Awesome

to many good sections at the same time!

Too much going on during lunch. I think it should be a time for decompression and networking

the Native American involvement might have been a little over played

could not find exhibit hall for two days. could not find where to sign up for prizes. alumni party was little and not well attended needs more umph, prizes. had a blast over all looking forward to next year.

The exhibit hall could have been much better, it was like an orphan of the conference. I really expected more Minneapolis neighborhood participation.

More time to network, less programming at meals

Board may want to carefully review any resolutions for appropriateness before bringing before the general membership. Board shouldn't allow a member to take over the podium!

Late Spring impacted outdoor events unfortunately. MC did excellent job as did City staff.

share all presenters handouts- make them available online. Make the main brochure more clear / easy to follow. include writing pages (blank pages) in main brochure.  
make all neighborhood of the year presentations available better sharing of information.

friday, May 24 Neighborhood of the year Awards Luncheon on --Food

Some free time to enjoy the city as well.

if possible, once we pre-register for the conference, quit sending "last call" emails -got to be a tad irritating, but better too much than not enough :)  
too much info, too many choice, but cant complain about that!  
\*maybe a special gathering for "newbies" &/ or solo participants who came alone

Saturday May 25 --did not attend

Food menu rolls, hot, toast eggs, potato other

Continental Breakfast - We aren't exposed to many cultures in my state. Thank you for sharing small samples of different cultures.  
NUSA General Membership meeting - Hoped to attend but airport shuttle came much to early.  
Your colorful conference program was phenomenal. It told us everything we needed to know in short, hard (non-tearing) pages.

Make the closing and opening parties events that are planned by professional event planners.

Workshops selections were "too academic," and "did not provide well-rounded practical information" that can be used by everyday residents.  
Most workshops were conducted by local and regional presenters, and "did not offer a diverse and national perspective" on the subject.  
Future workshops "should include national and multi-presenters". This will allow attendees to become aware of new and innovative approaches that are being implemented in different parts of the contry on the same or similar topics.

Keynote speakers all had to 'talk over' the crowd who was still visiting as they were eating. A suggestion would be to let people eat, then do the keynote. Also,you tried to do too much at each of the meals... Indian drumming, dancers, etc., while good in moderation was way overdone.

The Conference was great, and TOTALLY loaded with excellant workshops and lots of great information. I loved the speakers and the entertainment. But you went constantly. There wasn't hardly time to even go to the restroom!! . (exercise,Bfast,2wkshps,lunch,2wkshps,party/tour/diner,bed) There wasn't even any time to reallly visit the exhibit hall.  
When I did go there was no one in there.  
I would have liked to see some "free" time to explore the city or shop.  
I played "hooky" from one workshop to go to the sculpter gardens, something I really wanted to see. Our plane came in on Wed. & left Sat afternoon. We barely had time to catch our flight after the luncheon.  
The worst part was I lost my quilt whiile I was there. (a lap size one that I use when I'm on my scooter and in the VERY COLD Conference Rooms!! (and Church)

plan for folks that have food allergies.

(eligible) like the tours spelled (eligible) more than some walking when you walk one hr that is not some walking that is for someone who is in shape.

the election was up-to-date-and on time.  
Food: healthy

The conference was hosted with hospitality. the musical entertainment was exceptionally meaningful and energizing.

<p>Having two different levels identified for workshops tracks  -one level being for neighborhood organizers  -one level being for city employees</p>
<p>review resolution process a resolution is a written motion as it stands. before what resolution is undesired for and its relationship to bylaws. Consider removing parliamentarian as elected office and use certified parliament</p>
<p>I loved the conference overall was excellent. I didn't like the food served at all, but i ate it anyways.</p>
<p>*some sessions tried to do too much in the time period and, thus, were rushed and superficial. A couple of others we all process/experiential and were lacking useful substance. Some created lists but won't be saved/published -a loss.  **board meeting: y'all need training in parliamenting procedures</p>
<p>workshop rooms were too cold!  exhibit hall --difficult to find  Food overall: breakfast -NO; lunch -YES</p>
<p>you do amazing things with scarce resources! suggest guiding caterer on veggie meal -in future, -weren't bad, just not very nourishing (if meat is subtracted, need to add a protein source) should not be more expensive -beans, cheese and eggs are stock in any kitchen.  city of minneapolis was impressive --welcome and entertainment were excellent. Loved meeting local officials and staff.  Thanks for content --rich conference</p>
<p>The opening night at Nicollet Island Pavilion was great. The Steeles, the Native Dancers, the food all were fantastic. A very proud showing for Minneapolis. The keynote speakers were all very good, it would have been nice to have a second break out session to glean a little more information from them for more people.  Breakfast at the Hyatt was not great. It would have been nice to perhaps have a snack between breakfast and lunch as breakfast was not satisfying.</p>
<p>Was extremely impressed by the organisation and the conference offering</p>
<p>Friday night reception background music was too loud. Exhibit was too far from action.</p>
<p>Marvelous Conference</p>
<p>The workshops in some cases should have been longer</p>
<p>need better vegan choices</p>
<p>a little bit more of a formal program schedule at the evening events and opening kick off. I never did hear from anyone from Minneapolis. Otherwise (eligible) very well organized conference (eligible) and hospitality.</p>
<p>show slides / videos of winning neighborhood projects. and don't have music so loud that no one can talk to eachother, but overall excellent workshops and topics!</p>
<p>too many emails prior to conference. I had already registered so asking me to register every day was annoying.  most useful information came from cities of the same size.</p>
<p>please program in at least 30 min of no activity on stage during meals so we can network with our table mates. the non-stop, loud music &amp; constant stage presentations made this impossible.</p>
<p>The registration process was so frustrating. I have never had to pay to present at a conference. Then I had to sign people up for meals and workshops. they could not be attending, which can't be helpful for you planning. The workshops I attended were good, but most of my interactions (eligible) things that didn't work or I couldn't take advantage of. I realize attendees are most of your focus, but at least considering what presenters might need or modifying that you ask from them could be helpful.</p>
<p>There were some significant changes from the original brochure  The food was vegans has been disappointing. All of the vegans are very frustrated.</p>
<p>Excellent conference!  Music was GREAT!!</p>
<p>Music/presentations during lunch were obnoxious and intrusive. Leave a little time for people to talk.</p>
<p>I did not like the room set up. The rooms were very small and the seating arrangements were more for lecture style business meetings. The conference host did a wonderful job keeping everyone engaged and the topics / workshops were excellent. The food selection was less than was expected.</p>
<p>I have attended several NUSA Conferences and the food at Mn. Conference was the worse I hope it is better next year and I also hope the exhibits are better. Every event with food left a lots to be desired.</p>
<p>God bless one and all! Keep up the good work!</p>
<p>I was not able to make as many sessions as I had hoped, because of unexpected work responsibilities.  I thought the registration booklet was someone difficult to manage with all the differing tracks. I did a lot of flipping back and forth. Maybe a booklet with a two page spread with all option listed and a page where more information could be found might be helpful. Just a thought.</p>

The keynote speakers could hardly be heard over the clatter and talking. I was embarrassed by the rudeness. The conference folks should have done a better job of creating a respectful place for the guest speakers. Particularly offended by the woman from Xcel Energy - couldn't hear one word and she was one of the sponsors!! Terrible. Things went on too long - esp. first morning.

The overall conference was just great. The hotel and the city was beautiful. The different meals from breakfast to lunch left me hungry. The meals seemed to cater to dieters. Eating healthy is just fine with me, but a meat, such as baked fish & chicken and two vegetables can be some healthy choices too. When one is paying \$200.00 to \$300.00 to attend a conference, I was expecting a little more in food choices & at least one hot meal. The weather was kind of cool and a soup would have been great. Maybe the food choices had something to do with the budget and that I do understand. Over all, a great job Minneapolis. I'm looking forward to the next conference. Thanks.

Excellent keynote speakers. Food quality was just not that great. Overall I think you did an amazing job!

Food was not enough or good. Food was much better last year in 2012.

the food needs improvement and religious issues clarified. Some of the religious(christian)stuff was uncomfortable and intrusive. I felt the multiculturalism was particularly poorly represented around this issue.

Minneapolis is a great town. Good job.

Thank you for a wonderful time. I learned a lot and enjoyed myself.

Good work everyone, wow!!

Most breakout sessions were too long, some were too short, it would be good to have varied lengths. A lot of the breakout sessions were repetitive in topic, but a few I attended were really stellar. I met a huge number of local neighborhood organizers, we need more opportunities to come together locally, but I probably won't attend in another city in the future.

It would have been more convenient to receive a confirmation and schedule before the conference began.

The registration was horrible the 8 different tracks didn't really work. I wanted to see everything that was available at each time period when I registered. I had to keep going back and forth from the descriptions to the titles to the registration form.

Also, I would do buffet style meals instead of served meals. I was only there Thursday but I would have like time at meals to talk to people and there really wasn't much time available.

Finally, we had a table in the exhibit hall and I felt like the exhibit hall was not promoted enough.

Nusa was wonderful and hope we get to go next year

As a first time visit to Minneapolis, I was somewhat disappointed in my neighborhood tour "The Force Behind the Change" I expected to see a neighborhood or neighborhoods. Instead, I was involved in holding up signs and being involved in an on the street active picket line. I also felt that the hotel had nothing to offer other than the conference. No type of entertainment other than the conference.

Indianapolis IN NUSA 2012 hosted a good food menu experience. Healthy eating and all foods were delicious and applicable.

a) I was surprised at the religious tone of some of the meeting events -- it seemed out of place to me.

b) Combining speakers & performers with lunch did not work -- few were listening and it was hard to carry on a conversation at the tables -- I suggest that lunch be used a social time, especially to meet people from other parts of the country -- perhaps drawing table assignments by lot on entry to encourage mixing

Loved NUSA 2013!

No

Great job! Enjoyed the Lake St. tour. All the keynote speakers were excellent.

Thank you for all the work that went into making this conference happen.

Thank you so much! I took so much away from this conference. I will say, though, that some of the workshops were not as they had been described in the registration materials. Some of them were more workshops on specific programs or organizations and not about the topic previously identified. Other workshops were so helpful, though.

The workshops I attended were all set up in the same lecture format way. I would have preferred to be in a setting where participants could have faced each other. However, the shape/size of the rooms probably didn't allow for this. Presenters were knowledgeable but often made the same mistakes... speaking from a corner of the room, often behind a table/laptop and focused on Power Points that rarely added to the conversation. I saw these mistakes enough, it made me wonder if some pre-training/video/tips would be useful. In some cases, I felt hungry for the nuts and bolts training as opposed to testimonials. For example, learning different techniques for facilitating a community conversation with hands on experience/role playing - as opposed to just talking about the value of it. I heard many comments about how well organized the conference was and I agree. I thought the organizers did a great job of representing Minneapolis. I would encourage thinking about having zero-waste events. I would also encourage thinking about how to better connect participants online where they could share information, ask questions, discuss the conference etc. I learned a lot from just talking to people and it made me think that there should be a searchable archive of ideas.

Why was Community Celebration and Place, Elders Wisdom, Children's song, not in program? Why was John McKnight, not listed as keynote speaker at breakfast in Conference at a glance. Booklet was very confusing. Exhibit hall should have had programming and book signing as planned, to entice folks over to it and advertised in the program booklet! Why was Loring Park tour not advertised or in online registration? As a walking tour, it was no cost to city to plan and they were supposed to be a host neighborhood, so why not promoted?

more networking time

Guy who ran neighborhood competitions was totally inflexible and hostile.

While Majora's keynote address at the luncheon was great, her workshop was less than satisfactory. Recommend having her drill down on her work so people can learn more from her experiences. Also, the pre-workshop with the Alliance for Sustainability was not helpful. It was more about them promoting their work and environmental policies/programs than how to apply the ABCD approach. It was not worth the extra money it cost for me to fly in early and have an extra night stay at the hotel. Pre-workshops need to have significant value.

The Hack-A-Thon was not discussed or opportunity to sign up was not apparent.

1/3 of the entertainment at Minnehaha Park was excellent.

I think registration could have shared more about the Link and how to use it prior to coming to MN.

I found it to be an excellent means of transportation to the hotel and back to the airport. But I had to figure it out on my own.

Thank you very much for many.

Too much music especially with its loudness;

LOVED the neighborhood pride tours

Great location

Be clear with signage and volunteer training to make certain people know where the Exhibition Hall is. I missed it.

This was my first time, and I really enjoyed it. Great job!

Improve the exhibit hall

I think this conference set the tone for the conferences to come. I've attended 8 consecutive conferences and I still haven't determined if this was #1 or #2 but it was exceptional. I did have someone make a suggestion that it would be nice if the general membership meeting could be moved to the middle of the conference since it always seems to be high drama. They said "it's a shame that the conference was so high energy and that's the note everyone had to leave on." I agree!!

It was a blessing, how we came together to share information on the importance of building our neighborhood.

There weren't enough time periods for the sessions to accommodate them all. If there had been at least four time periods each day, I would have attended many more sessions. I would have been willing to start the day much earlier to squeeze in another session period.

none

The publications stated for Thursday a breakfast but no keynote was listed and the time was 7:30-9:00pm. Assumed it was a continental breakfast with socializing, but missed it all together as the keynote wasn't listed.

It is extremely difficult to network and talk at the table during lunch when music is playing loud and singing. I don't mind a speaker during lunch, but maybe give at least half an hour to get people settled.

I attended a class where the co-presenters were a married couple and brought their young son with to the class. This was extremely unprofessional and very distracting to say the least. The presenter/mother nursed her child in front of the entire room.

Thank you!

The Exhibit Hall had great stuff and should be in a more prominent location. I spoke with vendors and they mentioned their traffic volume was very low.

better food at all conference events

More pre-conference (1 year in advance) educating of host city neighborhood groups on what type of projects/presentations have been done in the past for workshops and submitted for awards.

food choices were awful!

Did not enjoy Achieving Equitable Neighborhood Change Workshop. It was not what was described and two of the three speakers were not within topic. I was disappointed with workshop.

Exhibit hall might not be the best forum for this type of conference - consider hands-on alternatives. The tour I took (cooperatives) was great!

The number of pre-conference emails that were sent out was overkill (and that's the polite word! :D). It clogged my inbox and the result was that I didn't read any of them.

It was VERY difficult and frustrating to hear what was going on during the meals, and especially frustrating that I couldn't hear the keynotes very well. It would be nice to separate those out, and let mealtime be used for networking and processing what we learned in sessions with other people.

# Neighborhoods, USA 2013 Workshop Evaluations

Raw data from workshop evaluation surveys.

Source for all of the following information was collected at the conference on paper surveys distributed and collected in the workshop rooms. Some respondents returned their surveys to the main registration desk for inclusion, all paper evaluations collected are included here.

Responses were left as intact as possible, inclusive of spelling and grammatical errors. Where handwriting was illegible that is noted.

# Workshop Tracks

Conference workshop tracks were established to help guide the participant to attending workshops that were most relevant to their interests. Many of the workshops could have easily fallen into more than one of the following tracks but assignments were based on the most applicable description for each workshop.

## **Track 1: Developing Action Steps for Sustainability**

*Leaders and volunteers from neighborhoods, congregations, schools, businesses and government merging resources and thoughts together to support different environmental programs/policies that engage the community around green infrastructure, clean energy models, green building design, storm water management, climate change planning, tree canopy and air quality.*

## **Track 2: Using Collaborative Partnerships that Reshape Neighborhood Success**

*Residents, neighborhood and community organizations, public and private sector organizations integrating data collection, GIS mapping, resident and stakeholder assets that drive design, financing, and implementation of diverse neighborhood initiatives while multiplying overall neighborhood impact, participation and inclusion.*

## **Track 3: Building a Creative Economy**

*Residents and other stakeholders building and empowering communities through the formation of cooperatives, creative economic sectors, business incubators, art districts, and urban agriculture initiatives; organically taking advantage of emerging neighborhood and local opportunities of innovation and necessity to create a more level economic playing field for diverse communities.*

## **Track 4: Forging Safe and Engaged Communities**

*Demonstrate community-based crime prevention strategies supported by multiple stakeholders that foster enhanced safety and livability while reducing overall neighborhood crime. In addition, highlight programs that model effective collective-community response in planning, coordination, and implementation and recover to assist neighborhoods beyond natural disaster.*

# Workshop Tracks Continued

## **Track 5:** Pursuing Healthier Lifestyles

*Learn about partnerships between communities, universities, and health care organizations that support healthier lifestyles. Initiatives such as biking and walking; locally grown food; and alternative approaches to personal and community health care from across the country will be highlighted, with an emphasis on exploring cultural health Initiatives which broaden awareness and access.*

## **Track 6:** Partnering with Youth to Expand Leadership

*Learn about innovative youth-led, youth designed and youth run programs and the strategic partnerships they used to develop and sustain their project or programs. Emphasis is on creative partnerships, funding, and telling the stories of how ideas were formed and implemented.*

## **Track 7:** Redefining Neighborhood Stabilization

*Neighborhoods leading on the ground efforts for promoting economic revitalization through innovative foreclosure prevention, housing development and rehab, commercial corridor development, transit oriented development, multi-modal transportation, anchor institutions, financial education, and wealth building; implementing best practices for economic growth and protecting neighborhood assets.*

## **Track 8:** Organizing for Social Justice and Change

*Neighborhoods across the country are organizing using different styles and methods to support social justice and change about inclusion and diversity. Methods ranging from faith-based, issue oriented, asset-mapping, among others, are focused on impactful social change.*

## **Track 9:** Creating Community Media – Going Viral with Local Impact

*Building and sustaining community driven media movements that tap into the vast world of technology and communication. Solving and communicating complex neighborhood issues through newsletters.*

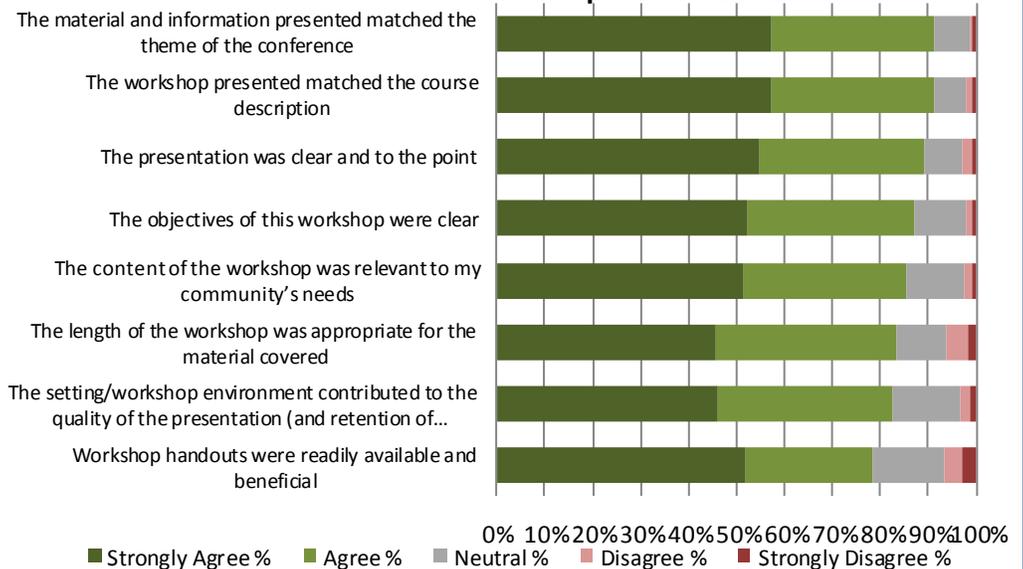
# Workshop Evaluation Summary

Workshops were held on Thursday and Friday during the conference and were categorized into one of nine (9) tracks. Participants were asked to respond to evaluations for each of the workshops they attended. Prior to the conference, the average workshop had 45 people preregistered to attend with a range of 11 to 74 registrants per workshop. Rooms were set up to hold 74 participants and most rooms were full for each workshop.

Overall, workshops saw high levels of satisfaction from the survey respondents. In general participants felt that the description in the registration booklet and program matched the actual presentation well, although there were some workshops that received comments stating the opposite.

# of survey responses: 1,070  
 # of Workshops: 57  
 Average # of survey responses per workshop: 19  
 Average # of preconference workshop registrants: 45  
 Strongest response: "The presenter(s) covered the material in a clear and understandable manner"  
 Weakest response: "Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial"

## Evaluation of Workshop Elements

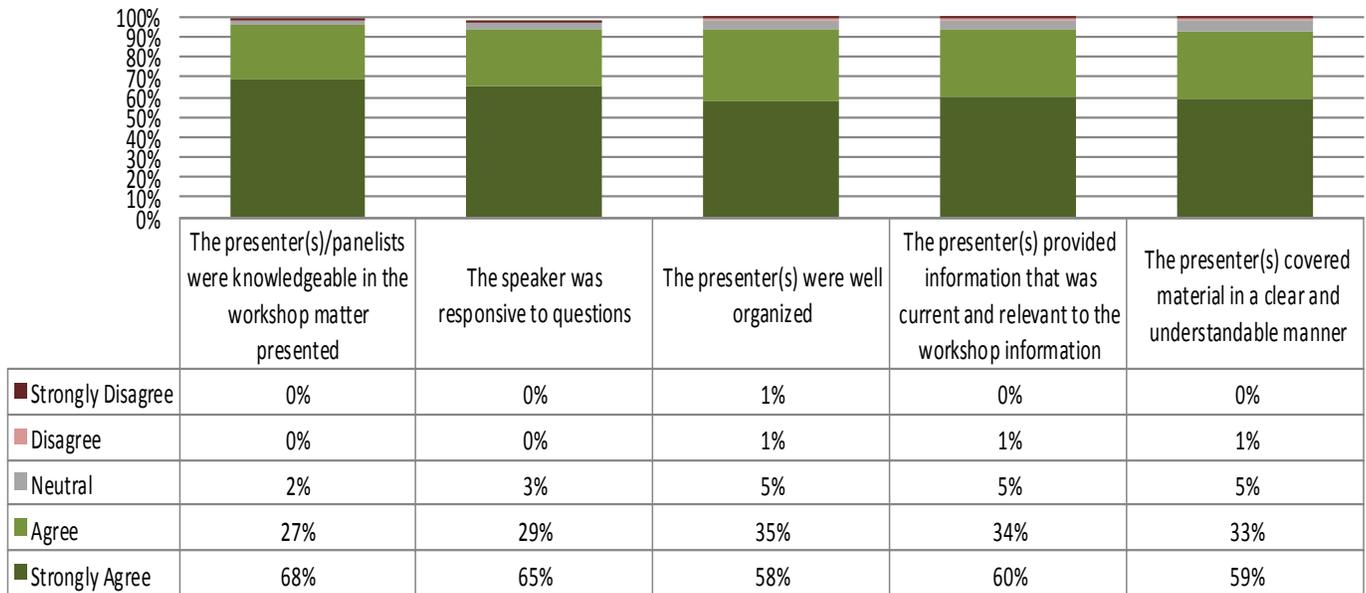


## Evaluation of General Workshop Items

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The material and information presented matched the theme of the conference	599	356	77	6	9
The workshop presented matched the course description	606	357	72	13	9
The presentation was clear and to the point	574	357	82	22	10
The objectives of this workshop were clear	548	367	110	14	10
The content of the workshop was relevant to my community's needs	537	351	125	19	9
The length of the workshop was appropriate for the material covered	473	394	106	47	18
The setting/workshop environment contributed to the quality of the presentation (and retention of information)	479	379	147	22	13
Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial	525	266	152	39	28

# Workshop Evaluation Summary

## Evaluation of Workshop Presenters



Handouts and the setting of the workshops were areas where participants thought that the workshops could be improved upon. Respondents felt that handouts weren't readily available in many of the presentations. One of the workshops gave their material on a thumb drive and the participants seemed very happy about this option. A recurring theme in the feedback section was wanting to have a way to access the information after the conference. Providing a way for participants to interact post conference would likely be highly utilized. Suggestions include having a common area for these participants to list their contact information, for workshop presenters to upload their presentations and/or contact information for further follow up as well as a place for online discussion of material and experiences from the conference.

### Key Workshop Recommendations:

#### Presenter Recommendations

- Provide handouts and contact information electronically, in hard copy or both.
- Stand up in front of the group during workshop sessions.
- Allow time for questions while moderating workshops so that one person or set of questions doesn't take the presentation off course.

# Accelerating Neighborhood Sustainability Initiatives

“Accelerate 77,” is a multi-year project to expand environmental sustainability activities within communities across Chicago. Its goal is to increase the role and positive impact of local communities in realizing objectives of the Chicago Climate Action Plan. It is supported by an alliance of organizations that are working to build resilient communities within the city. The Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA) is its organizing sponsor. The objectives of this workshop is to share insights about (a) creating an environment for peer-to-peer learning among communities to expand local sustainability initiatives, (b) organizing an effective partnership between communities, nonprofit organizations, and universities, and (c) coordinating civic engagement with a large team of multi-generational interns and volunteers.

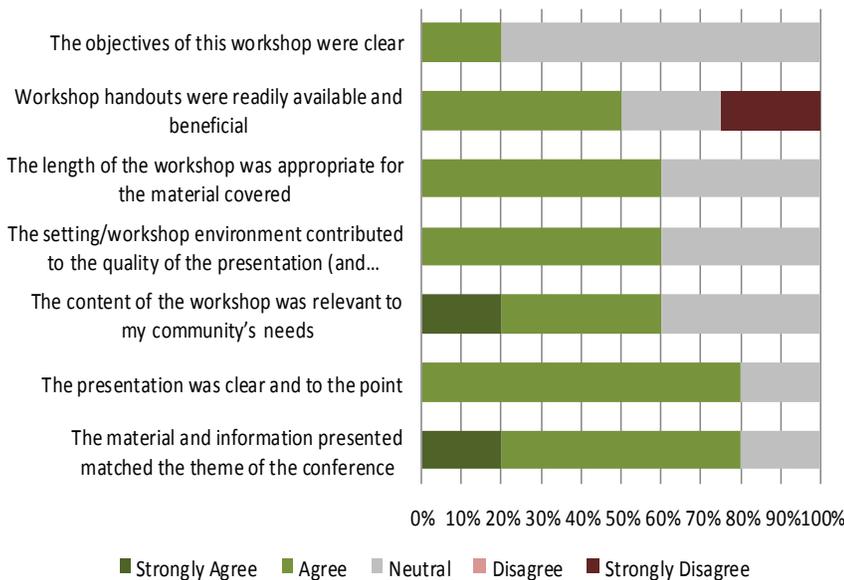
**Presenters:**

Nina Walls, Resilient Communities Program Director, Institute of Cultural Affairs

Kathy McGrane, ICA Associate

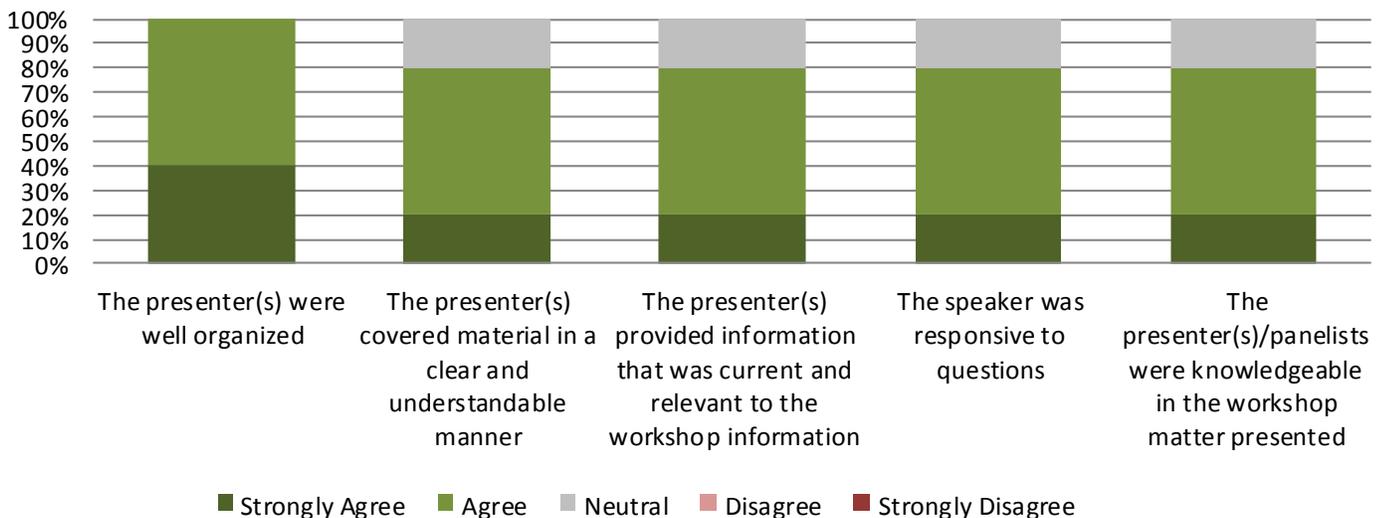
Eva Yakutis, Community Development Consultant

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



# Preconference registrants: 36  
 # of survey respondents: 5  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: “The presenters were well organized.”  
 Weakest response: “The objectives of this workshop were clear” and “Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial.”

**Evaluation of workshop presenters**



# Accelerating Neighborhood Sustainability Initiatives

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

I'd like to learn more at top facilitation. I'm also trying to work on connecting people to resources and look forward to learning more about accelerate77

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

The talk about the organization and the mapping tools sparked some interest

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

My small grow was taken over y someone in the groups in a way that wasn't to satisfying for me.

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

Somehow I think the meeting lost focus. It seems like "intentional communities" is a whole separate topic, while mapping and connecting people to resources (ABCD) is more the meat & potatoes information I was seeking.

# Achieving Equitable Neighborhood Change

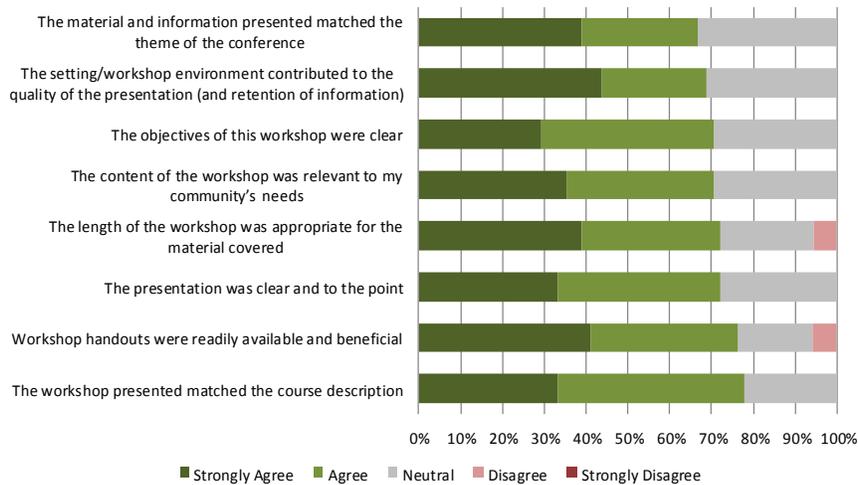
The challenge for community building is this: While visions, plans and committed top leadership are important, even essential, no clear vision, nor detailed plan, nor committed group leaders have the power to bring this image of the future into existence without the continued engagement and involvement of citizens. If our goal is to achieve equitable neighborhood change, we must change the way in which we engage and build community. An alternative future needs the investment of citizens, leaders not in top positions, who are able to work together in ways that creating something new requires. An important aspect of community transformation is to shift the umbrella under which the traditional problem solving, investment, and social and community action now takes place. We cannot simply be about investments in the physical and economic capital of a neighborhood. We must invest in the restoration, experience and vitality of community.

**Presenters:**

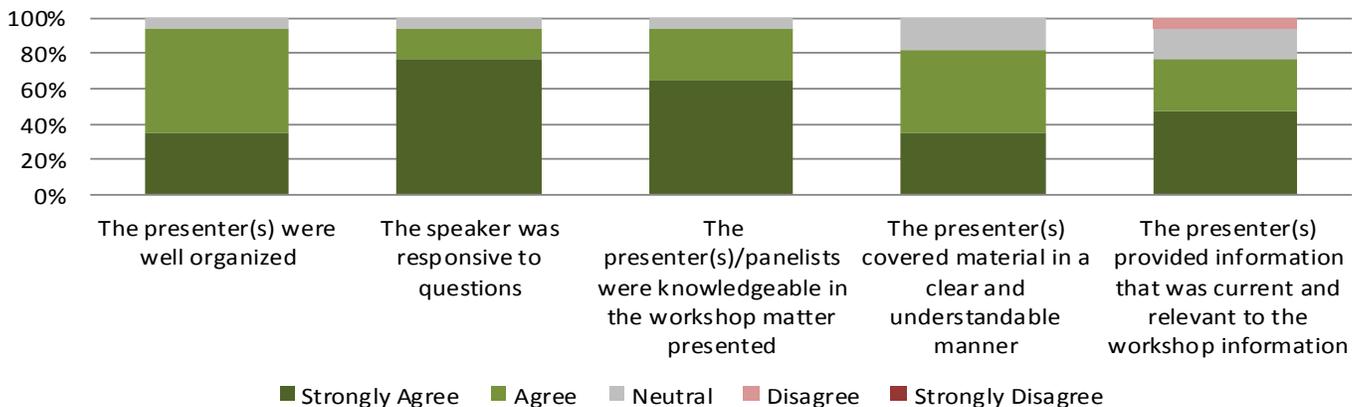
Shannon Jones, Urban Homeworks, Minneapolis, MN  
 Russ Barclay, Urban Homeworks, Minneapolis, MN

# Preconference registrants: 49  
 # of survey respondents: 18  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: The presenter(s) were well organized  
 Weakest response: The presenter(s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop matter presented

Evaluation of general workshop items



Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Achieving Equitable Neighborhood Change

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Continuum of "POD" development - very interesting framework with many layers

none

POD

Belief in community

Power in relationships

What is equitable? Many meanings

What is neighborhood?

Equality - all people have good shoes

Equal - all people have shoes

Organizing skills for rebuilding old neighborhoods

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Map

Opportunity to chew on some challenging topics in a group, learn from US people and from others in the room.

open discussion

Relational

Interaction with the group

POD = Renters v. Owners - Ownership is important

ideas from others

Property rehab information

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

all was useful

Message not clear sometimes

Equitable neighborhood could be explained more

none at this time

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

appreciated that the presenters actively involved the members of the audience

sort of lost focus on "equity" aspect - bring presentation back to that more frequently.

wanted to hear more about the work and outcomes of Homeworks

could be helpful with more exploration of a few clearly defined focuses

more explanation about urban homework's

Excellent conversations!

needed more time

make sure powerpoint equipment is working

# Age Friendly Minneapolis – Creating the framework for age friendly communities

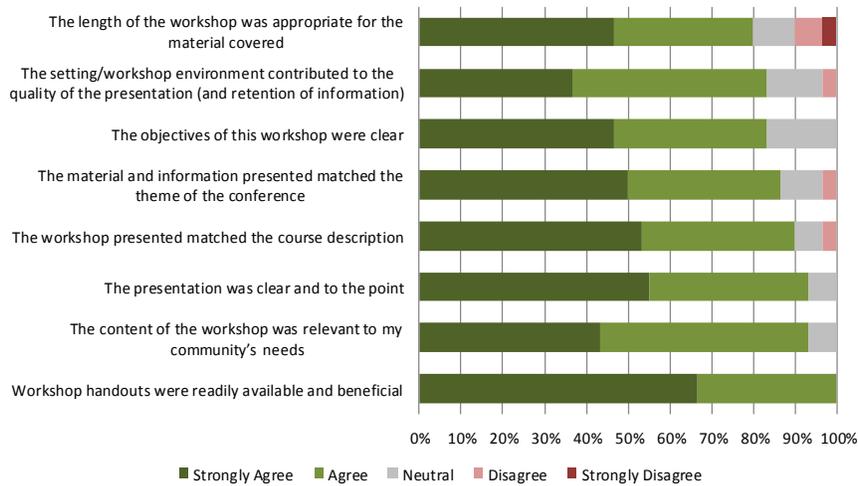
This workshop will highlight nationally recognized local efforts to address the opportunities and challenges that can evolve with an aging demographic. National models such as Communities for a Lifetime, Global Age Friendly Cities and Communities for All Ages will be summarized and how components of each of these models have been used in Minneapolis neighborhoods and other Minnesota cities and counties in their planning processes. The objectives of this workshop will provide tools from the national models, lessons learned and topic areas of research used and the information still needed - to guide planning of an age friendly city, right down to neighborhood level.

**Presenters:**

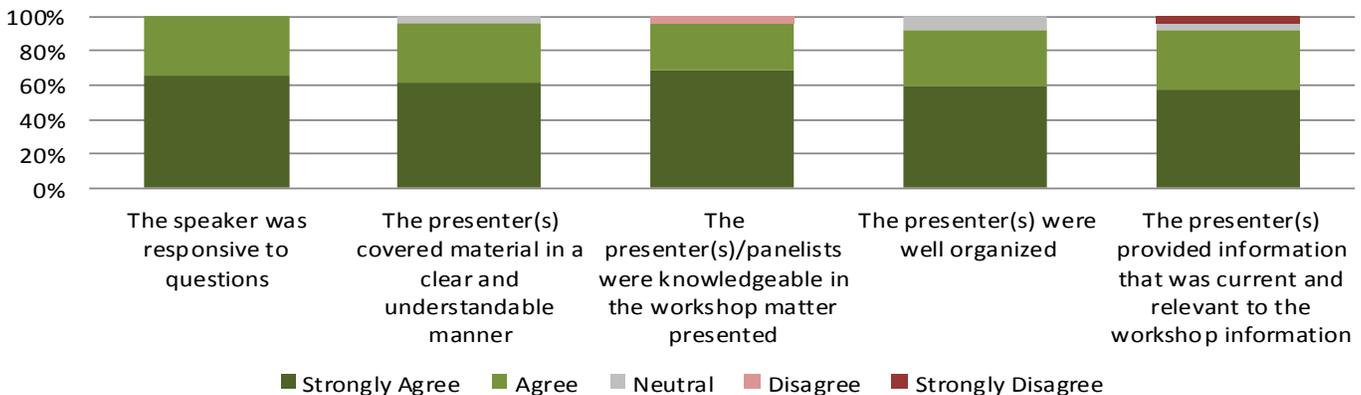
- David Fink, Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Communities for a Lifetime, Minneapolis, MN
- Christina Kendrick, Senior Community Specialist, City of Minneapolis – Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR)
- Lenny Schmitz, Public Health Planner Carver County
- Invited – Representative Heritage Park Neighborhood Association

# Preconference registrants: 39  
 # of survey respondents: 30  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: “Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial” and The speaker was responsive to questions”  
 Weakest response: The presenter(s) provided information that was current and relevant to the workshop information

Evaluation of general workshop items



Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Age Friendly Minneapolis – Creating the framework for age friendly communities

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

As an aging person & knowing who is in my community we aren't alone, as our future continues we can do more together

Build "communities for a lifetime"

Whats good for seniors is good for everyone.  
other resources

Resources available to utilize to start planning for an aging community.

My neighborhood could start a web-based local directory of services needed by seniors, and available to them.

Getting youth and seniors to work together

ideas

lots of resources to (illegible) into

New partnerships & programs

Options & ideas w/in communities

Communities are changing all the time

That we need to be more concerned about our seniors and put a plan of action now to see that we make their life easier

We need a plan

resources & examples of how to proceed

How to plan our community and start the discussion on our aging population

How to start programs for our seniors. How to get them involved & pick their brains on what problems they had in their time.

Transportation

All areas are struggling w/ same issues

Exploring options to sustain the aging community

Best practices

The resource lists were great. Good Carver County presentations - small perspectives are great.

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

All the information links, that can be shared.

How new groups & commissions are addressing this issue

It is very encouraging to see that communities are taking the issue of aging seriously and are planning for the needs of an "older" population

all the information resources & links available.

Aging youth, one day I will be older and hopefully the resources will be there

good resources

All

Applicable - good solutions/ideas & examples

Explain process of aging

All of it was very informative and useful

ideas on what to do in own

same - not having to duplicate efforts

Carver County

# Age Friendly Minneapolis – Creating the framework for age friendly communities

## What part of this workshop was most useful? Why? (Continued)

Resources provided by Christina

Break down of everything very interesting

AAA

obtaining free labor by using students seeking internships

Resources that I can take home

Each presenter brought unique perspectives

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

None. It was all useful

not interactive at all

I thought the workshop was going to be about bridging the gap between youth & older people. Unfortunately, this workshop did not meet my expectations.

None

too many details - Carver County

Mpls

Nothing I had a problem with.

Carver county presentation did not really provide tools or examples relevant to neighborhoods, or how neighborhoods are related to the initiatives. Generally would have appreciated more neighborhood based work - what is possible and successful to be (illegible) by neighborhood organizations.

enjoyed all

too many details in a short period of time

NA

all was good!

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

None, the presenters did a awesome job

The group dialogue/interaction was good. The emphasis on boomers made me uncomfortable.

I know we had a time limit but this workshop could have been a little longer! Need to put a clock in the room so you can be aware of the time!

more grassroots ideas on how can assist aging population

Inadequate amount of time for questions & open discussion

A Syracuse NY representation to speak on health office of aging. Medical solutions - Families can assist (with pay)

less powerpoint, they are a crutch to presentations and can become boring.

Appreciated multiple presenters that shared multiple programs/projects.

Questions from participants were good. But there was a lack of time for more.

## All about NUSA: Running for the NUSA Board

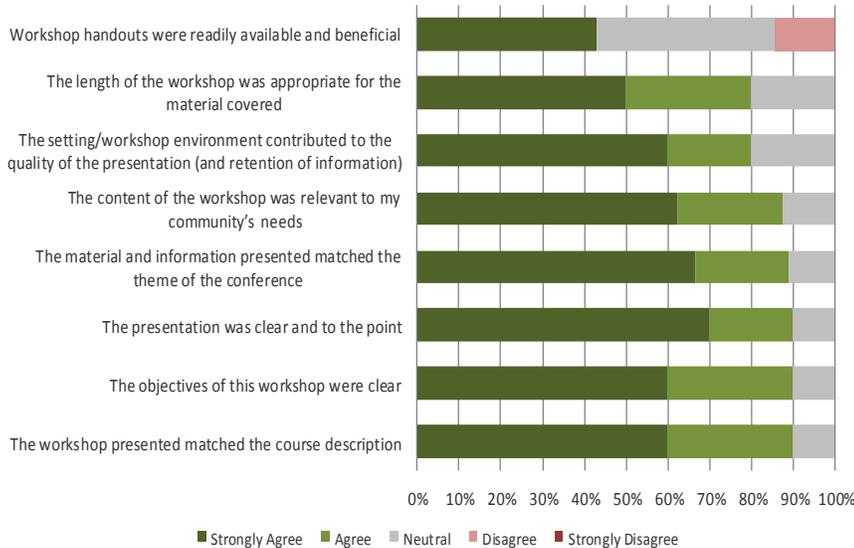
Ever wonder how the spirit and magic of Neighborhoods, USA stays alive? This workshop will present an overview of the NUSA organization and what is involved in joining the volunteer Board. If you have ever thought of being involved in the neighborhood movement on a national level, this is your invitation. This workshop is a prerequisite to running for the NUSA Board.

**Facilitator:**

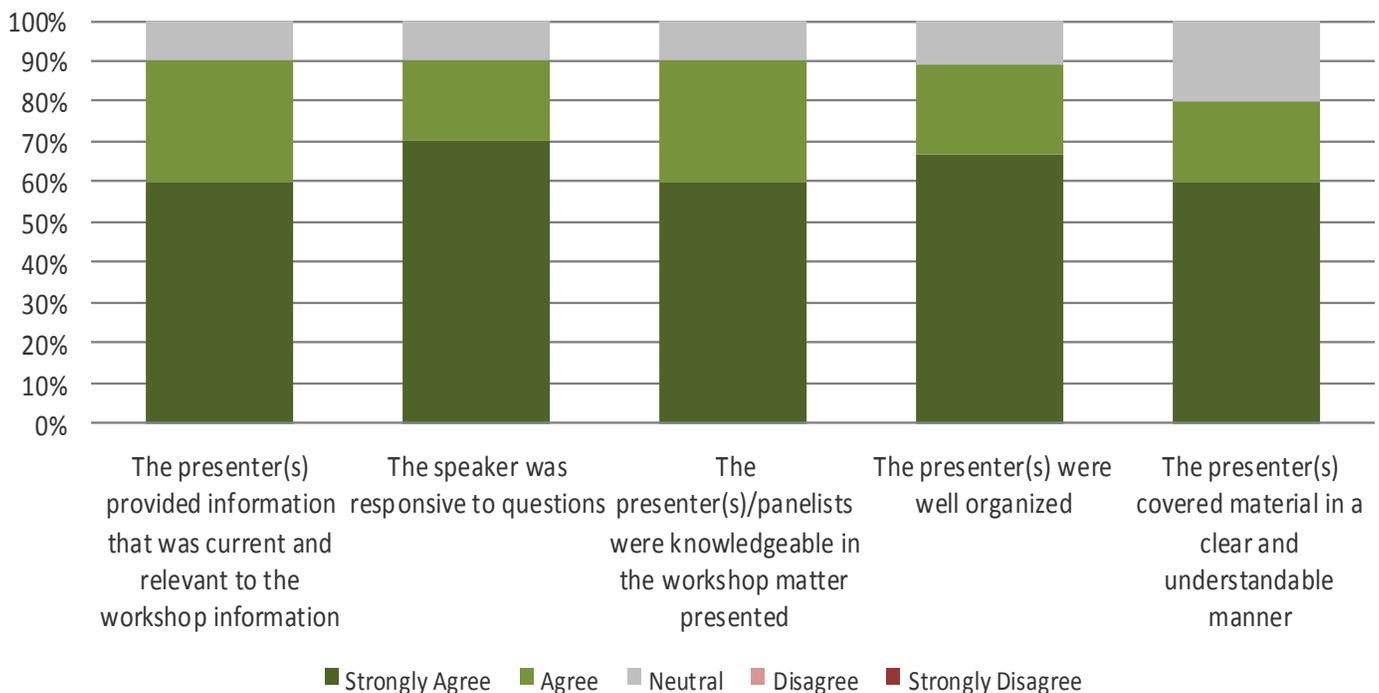
George Lee, NUSA Board Member, Birmingham, AL

# Preconference registrants: 12  
 # of survey respondents: 10  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: The presenter(s) provided information that was current and relevant to the workshop information  
 Weakest response: Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial

Evaluation of general workshop items



Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



## All about NUSA: Running for the NUSA Board

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

General knowledge of board requisites.

participation is possible

NUSA = commitment

Clear understanding of how to run for board

Understanding by-laws

Definitions - Executive members - chair - board members - duties - committees

To importance of financial backing from your organization/city.

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Conversation w/ board members

mechanism for running for the board

Q&A

Q&A

Powerpoint

Function of the board and roles and responsibilities

Running - terms of office - committment

Principles - ethics - objectives - insur - directives, liabilities

Requirements to run for board

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

n/a

n/a

I don't have. Least, because new information - meeting new people - c

None - everything was useful

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

i <heart> NUSA

Have co-facilitators. It's awkward to have board members consistently chiming in v. just co-chairing the entire workshop.

good speaker

well organized presentation

Explaining - insurance liabilities. Keep good characteristics - want people to say come back.

Wonderful workshop - good information

# Artist-led creative placemaking; tools and strategies to use in your neighborhood

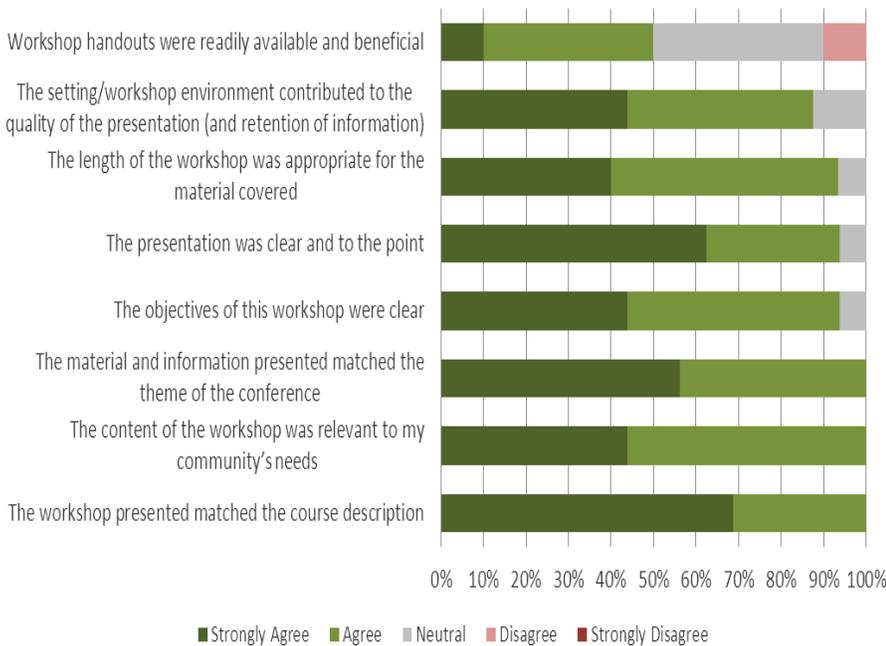
Join us for a hands-on session with practical tools and strategies to adapt to your local circumstances working with local artists in placemaking and community engagement, based on Saint Paul's Irrigate initiative. Learning objectives of this session include: experience and practical training of tools and strategies to train and engage artists; invitation to adapt and use our placemaking presentation; and, understanding power of local artist-led creative placemaking.

**Presenters:**

Jun-Li Wang, Artistic Community Organizer, Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul, MN

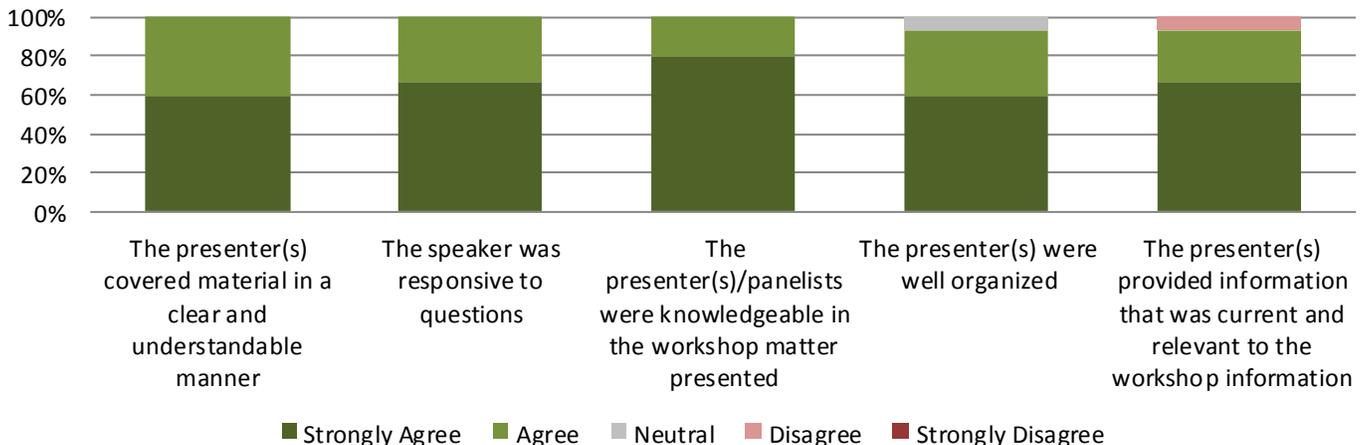
Peter Haakon Thompson, Project Coordinator, Springboard for the Arts

Evaluation of general workshop items



# Preconference registrants: 46  
 # of survey respondents: 16  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The workshop presented matched the course description", "The presenter(s) covered material in a clear and understandable manner" and "The speaker was responsive to questions" and "The presenter(s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop matter presented"  
 Weakest response: Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial

Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Artist-led creative placemaking; tools and strategies to use in your neighborhood

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

start small

Tools for gathering artists in neighborhood & creating more art there

alternative ways to engage neighborhoods including theu observation piece

I need a two-person dog puppet

Observation exercise (also a nice ice-breaker)

Discussion on what other communities are doing to build a sense of place in their neighborhood

The untapped creative resources in your neighborhood

Great ideas and perspectives

utilizing artists to enhance and inform comm devo

the icebreaker exercise

Idea of pairing artists and business owners on economic development challenges.

Ideas that are achievable short term

Expanded possibilities for my neighborhood

The concept of "place making" for art in a neighborhood.

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

the way to think about starting

Length of Q&A section

Concrete art/placemaking example

Activity in the beginning

specific examples of integrating art into community

conceptual framework

Observation exercise. Provides new awareness of surroundings that can be utilized to engage neighbors/community organizations/businesses in creating a stronger sense of place. Most people tend to focus on and complain about the negative. Instead of looking at the positive and building upon it.

Examples in the Power Point demonstration

All parts were useful. Like the "walking around" idea

loved the idea

Slide show examples - got me thinking

The kenetic introduction - getting people's heads into the subject by practicing creative perceiving to introduce the spoken presentation

all of it

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

All was useful

NA

Lack of detail/handouts on resources for those interested in replication - Oh there were some handouts - but you had to ask

nothing comes to mind

none

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

would have been nice to hear from an artist & collaborator

Nice...but couldn't used more "meat"

# Backyard to front porch: How SW Missouri residents took charge of their neighborhood and how you can, too!

The Springfield Neighbor for Neighbor Program is a process of deliberative dialogue that is only possible when neighborhood residents get together, in a safe environment, to openly discuss the effects of poverty on their neighborhood. This is an interactive workshop that will explore different dynamics of the Neighbor for Neighbor Program, a resident-driven pilot project to address neighborhood concerns. Presenters will explain the why, the how, and the benefits of this dialogue-to-action project. Attendees will gain practical knowledge to implement ideas in their own neighborhoods and communities.

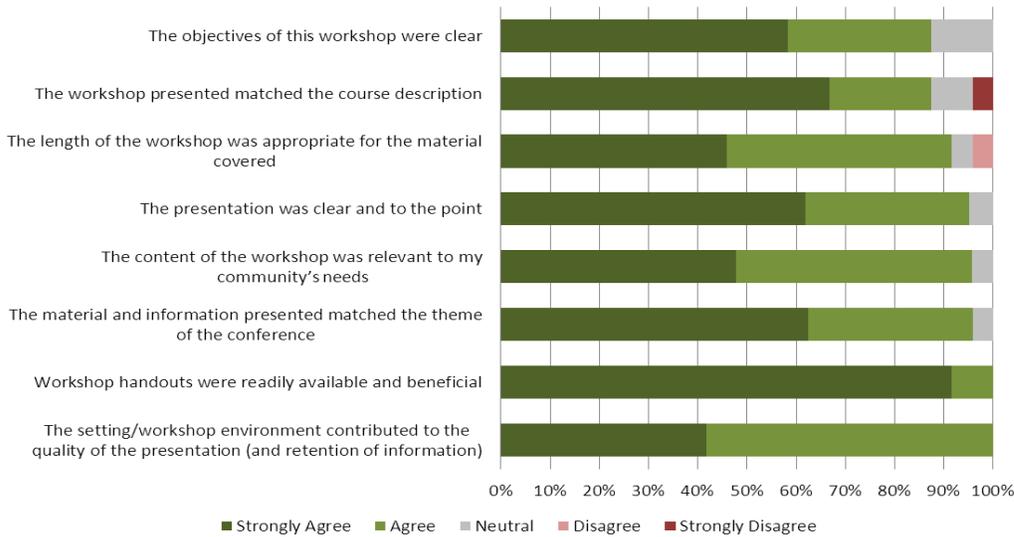
**Presenters:**

Andrew Foell, Community Development Specialist, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Springfield, MO

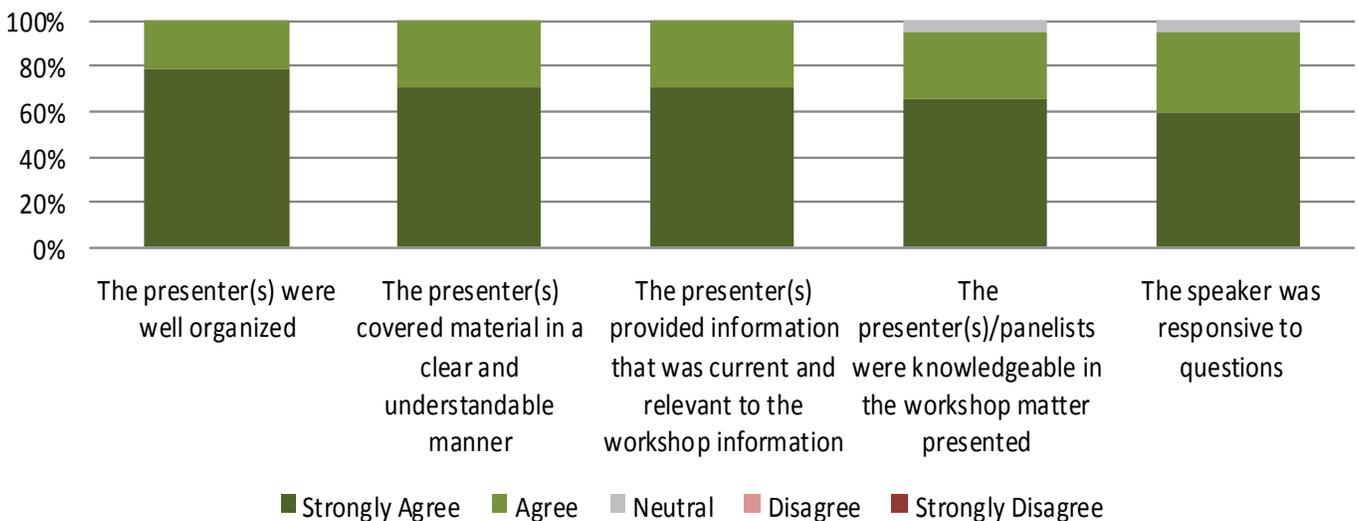
Trent Sims, Director of Community Collaborative Initiative

# Preconference registrants: 52  
 # of survey respondents: 24  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The presenter(s) were well organized", "The presenter(s) covered material in a clear and understandable manner", "The presenter(s) provided information that was current and relevant to the workshop information" and "The setting/workshop environment contributed to the quality of the presentation (and retention of information)"  
 Weakest response: "The objectives of this workshop were clear"

Evaluation of general workshop items



Evaluation of workshop presenters



# Backyard to front porch: How SW Missouri residents took charge of their neighborhood and how you can, too!

<b>What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?</b>
How to get residents involved in meetings!
good to know some processes produce results
Other resources for neighborhood planning good
More creative approach to civic engagement & empowerment
I am interested in learning more about the study circles
Hard work pays off & sitegeist
Very important to be well organized and have some basic demographic info before kick off in a neighborhood
Switch to culture of engagement
How to facilitate and build healthy families
How to get people to come together to share & learn about n'hd issues
affirmed know info
<b>What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?</b>
The step by step plan to set up organization.
don't know yet
The idea of recruiting facilitators & trainers
Handouts were great. Can be used for future presentations in my neighborhood.
info on wordclouds
Time if (illegible) for implementation
Direct experience/story of success
Great handouts
Engaging the community
Our North Minneapolis community has lost its sense of community and has become almost predatory
Handouts & Power Point Material
The resource list was very helpful along w other materials. Also the detailed info on opportunities and challenges; openly discussed learnings
The handout was very good and I could understand better
1. Structure of the action team
2. Vision, challenges, setting goals
all of it!

# Backyard to front porch: How SW Missouri residents took charge of their neighborhood and how you can, too!

<b>What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?</b>
PowerPoint text too small & too light in some situations
Very clean, you could understand what he all about
N/A
N/A
I thought it was all very useful
NA
All of the workshop was informative!
<b>What other comments or suggestions do you have?</b>
Good job - would love follow up in a couple of years to see outcomes
Really liked the technology response card used which provided for instant information about the diversity of group attending the workshop.
Next door workshop was noisy - hard to hear at times. Do more handouts on with class, show/track us by doing
Great job compiling information and making it sharable.
Enjoyed the interactive data slides getting the audience engaged
"the setting/workshop environment contributed to the quality of the presentation (and retention of information)" - Too much movement. Delegates coming in and out.
Great workshop! Useful tools that I can return to my community & fully utilize. Very helpful.
None
It was great

# Bicultural Healthy Living Concept in the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Community

In response to the increasing disparity in health outcomes within the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in Minnesota, especially among the newly arrived Asian immigrants and refugees, the bicultural healthy living concept was conceived. This concept emerged from work initiated by the Asian Pacific American Community Network (APA ComMNet), a collaborative group led by Asian Media Access (AMA). In 2010, AMA and APA ComMNet received a prestigious grant from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to participate in a program that seeks to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in the U.S. In the last two years, APA ComMNet conducted outreach and engagement with MN’s eight largest AAPI communities and collected qualitative and quantitative data to understand the systematic, environmental, cultural and social factors influencing the health of AAPIs in the state. This workshop will share the results from AMA/APA ComMNet’s work and provide an overview of the Bicultural Healthy Living campaign - an collaborative effort to improve the health and wellbeing of MN's AAPI communities.

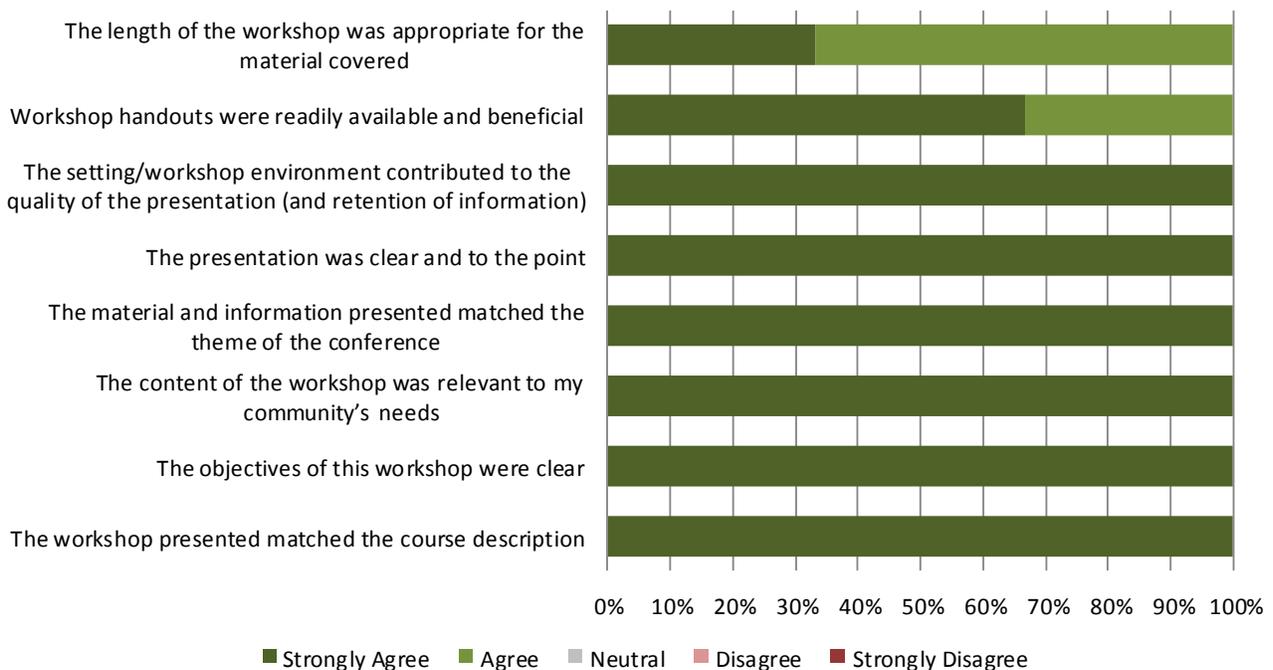
*Presenter:*

David Kang, Director of Administration, Asian Media Access

# Preconference registrants: 0  
# of survey respondents: 3  
Average # of survey responses: 19

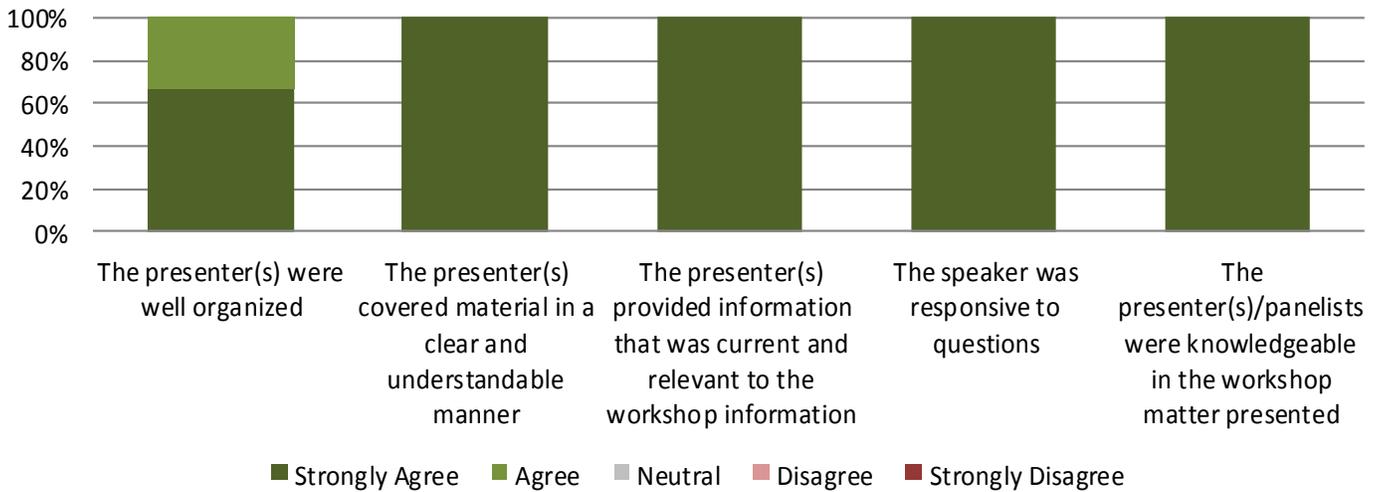
This workshop was a late submission and therefore was not listed in the registration program which is why it had low attendance.

## Evaluation of general workshop items



# Bicultural Healthy Living Concept in the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Community

**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**  
 Bicultural healthy living  
 Different methods of outreach. Can translate over different ethnic groups.

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**  
 That we need to develop healthier ways to adapt  
 Interaction!! Awesome!!

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**  
 None

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**  
 They did very well. Wish there was a bigger audience because their work is spectacular.

# Bike Powered Composting keeping the "Nutrients in the Neighborhood: The Compost adores Program

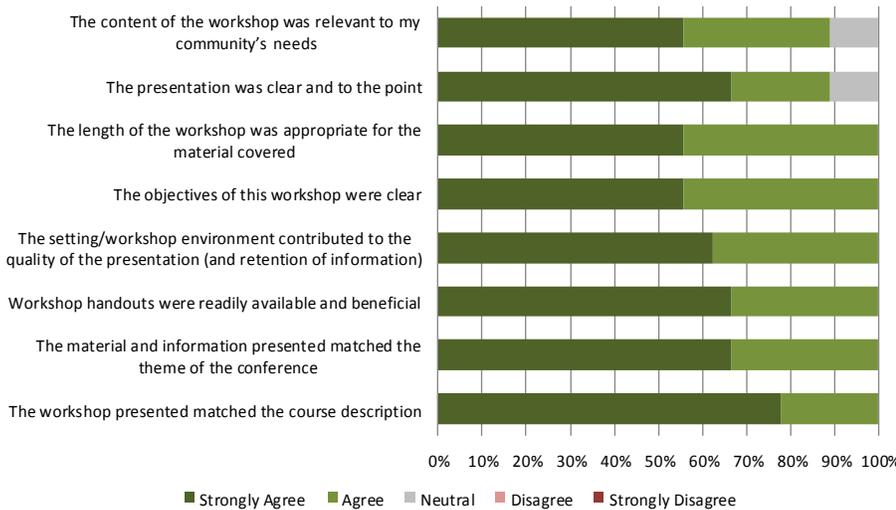
Bike-powered neighborhood composting just makes environmental and economic sense. However, the logistics, public policies and regulations, and business realities make this easier said and done. The Compost adores has the full support of the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and the MN Pollution Control Agency to work through the challenges and issues and demonstrate that neighborhood composting can be an asset to a community. The Compost adores is one of a handful of efforts around the country looking for ways to develop the green economy, while improving neighborhood viability and sustainability.

**Presenters:**

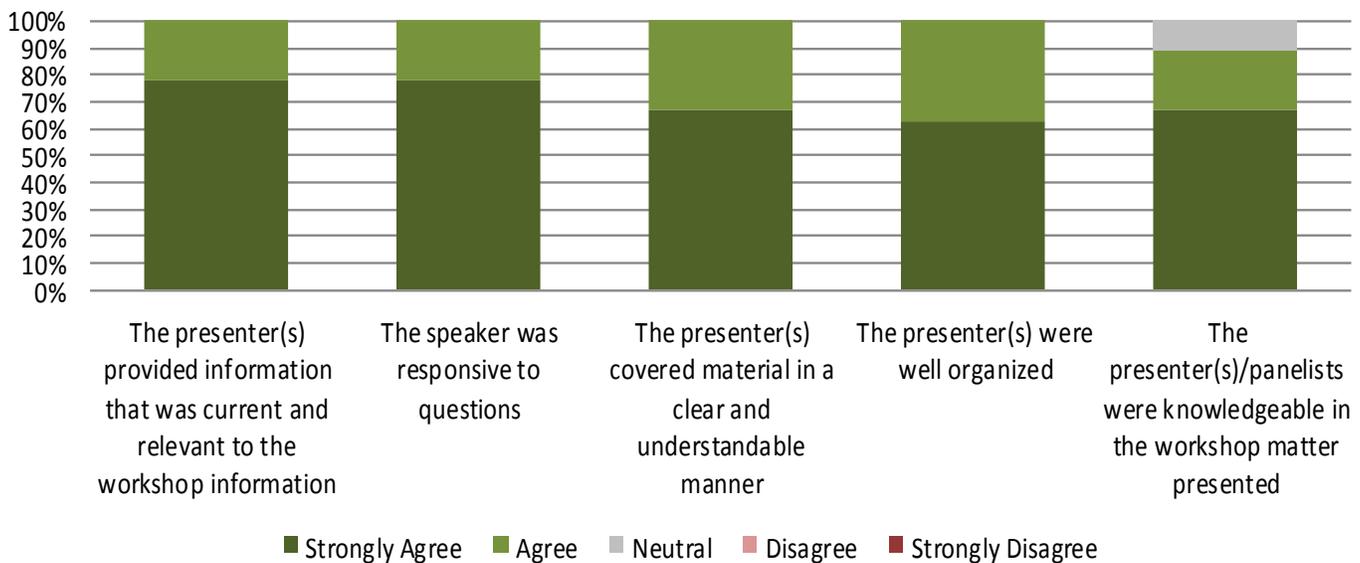
Patsy Parker, Lead Compostadore, Gardening Matters, Minneapolis, MN

# Preconference registrants: 17  
 # of survey respondents: 9  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The workshop presented matched the course description" and "The presenter(s) provided information that was current and relevant to the workshop information"  
 Weakest response: "The presenter(s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop matter presented" and "The content of the workshop was relevant to my community's needs"

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Bike Powered Composting keeping the "Nutrients in the Neighborhood: The Compost adores Program

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Why it is necessary and important to compost.

Neighborhood partnership possibilities

This was great

this system could be adapted to my city

Composting is possible!

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

How to implement a system

what can go in a compost (browns/greens)

smelling/touching the compost

q&a

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

Awesome info!

all was good

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

loved this workshop!

Great job!!

bring the bike to (illegible) next time :)

best

Overall workshop was very informative, and up to date on sustainability communities and products. The education on sustainability was priceless.

# Bridging Community Development and Community Organizing: Building Community/Academic/Government Partnerships to Bring About Lasting Social Change

In this session you will learn about how Minneapolis Community and Technical College’s (MCTC) Community Development Program is partnering with community organizations, private industry, and government to prepare students, particularly from communities of color and low-income neighborhoods, for careers in community change. This session will include students, faculty, and community partners of MCTC’s Community Development Program.

**Presenters:**

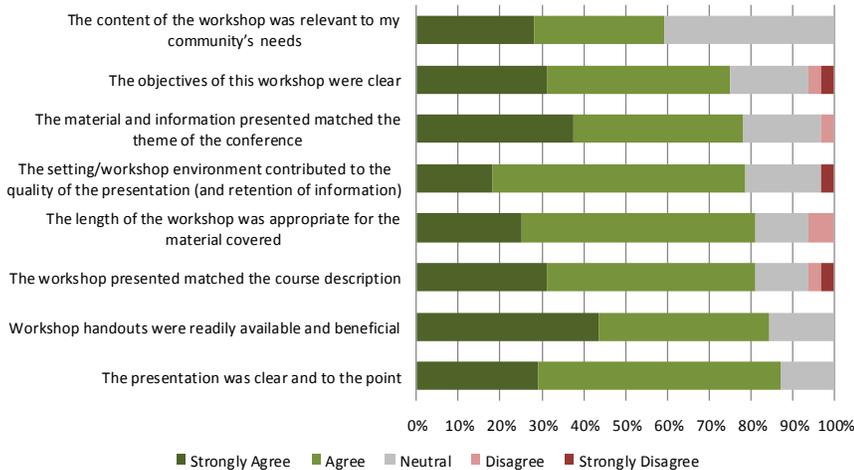
Lena Jones, Faculty, Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC), Minneapolis, MN

Sydney Beane, Community Learning Partnership (Minnesota Director) and Adjunct Faculty, MCTC

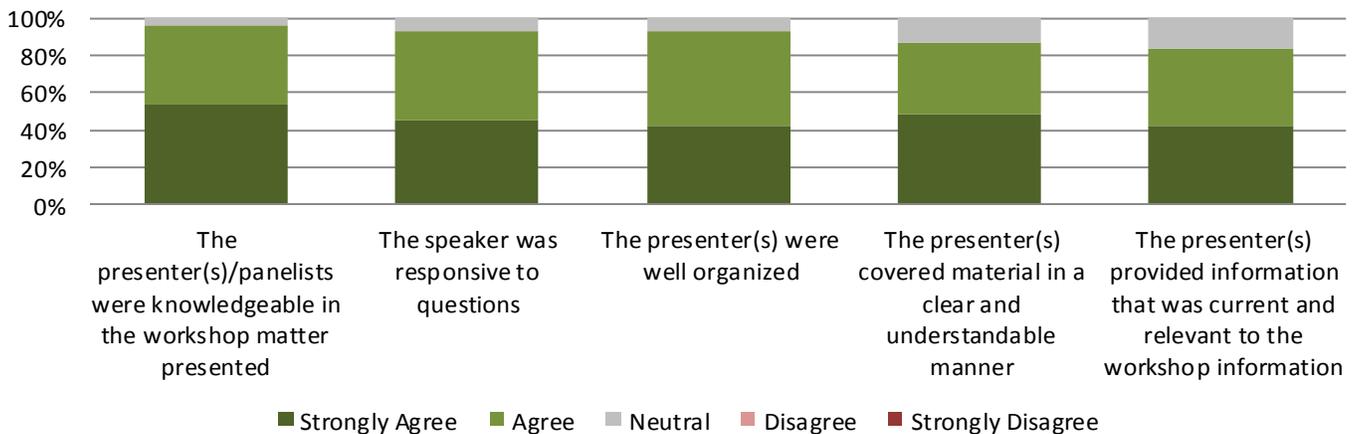
Say Yang, Student, Community Development Program

# Preconference registrants: 69  
 # of survey respondents: 33  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: “The presentation was clear and to the point” and “The presenter(s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop matter presented”  
 Weakest response: “The content of the workshop was relevant to my community’s needs” and “The presenter(s) provided information that was current and relevant to the workshop information”

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Bridging Community Development and Community Organizing: Building Community/Academic/Government Partnerships to Bring About Lasting Social Change

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

CLP

Community college collaborate with community organizations

It is doable

Community learning partnership strategy

at the workshop it was very helpful to me. I got something to take back to my (illegible)

Nice overview to follow up on

Community College play an important role in developing organizers who can provide benefits for NAs lacking the associated skills

No

If my neighbor hadn't gotten up and left 30 minutes in - I would have.

Community & business working together for the betterment of the community as a whole

Don't separate our community

Communication to be added to the curriculum for a planner/community developer

I enjoyed hearing from the MCTC student - they're exp.

The history of the program.

The duplication of the program

Community college dacom process/curriculum and students "story"

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Having a college degree/program for community organizers/developers

reference to the Ford Foundation report

student voices

experience of the student

Hearing the student experience

Something to help my neighborhood to the student was great help to me in my neighborhood

How it was/is created in partnership with community & students

As a whole - none -

Presentation totally!

Listening & engaging conversation with the presenter and participants

Q&A (illegible) heard from many perspectives.

Explaining how community engagement works. How the partnership can work - especially the funding.

This is important for duplication

# Bridging Community Development and Community Organizing: Building Community/Academic/Government Partnerships to Bring About Lasting Social Change

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

Student perspective - got sidetracked on affordable housing/homelessness. Important issues but should be addressed at different session

More of the curriculum content

all tied together

It gives me some working skilled to use in my resident organization member

description of MCTC academic program

??

Good new I heard Say's story -

none

The room was not very comfortable, in terms of the set up, are room and movement

I enjoyed the entire workshop

none

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

I wish we had this kind of program in my city. I would love to be a part of something like this.

10 min more - have the been San Francisco neighborhoods involved - workshops of participants?

Can I (HJ Guds) get a link through you.

the future of this program and who the graduates of the course

Keep doing good work

Room too dark

Great!

Good class, learned a lot!

None

Good information!

Go over workshop "agenda" initially, how will it flow?

Flipchart in front of the room confusing?

Would recommend "round" tables

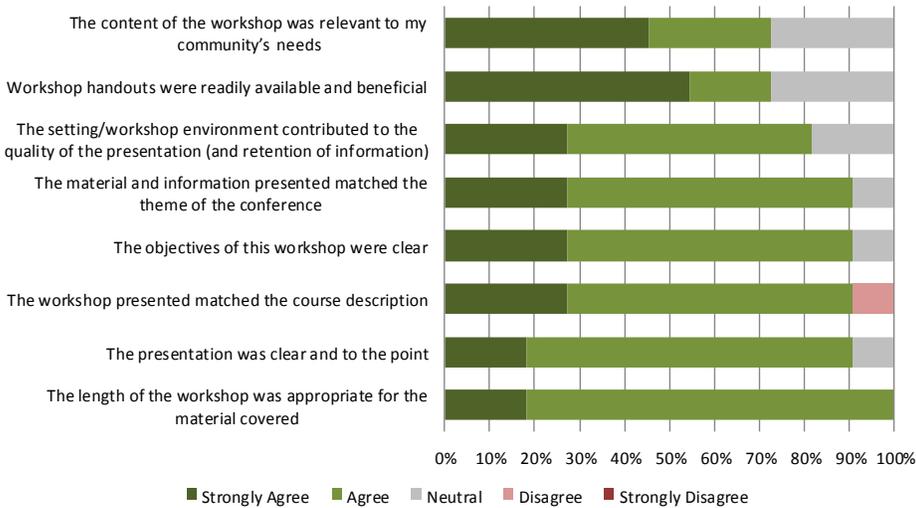
# Building a Cooperative Economy in your Neighborhood

Minnesota is known for many types of cooperatives, and food co-ops have a strong presence in many Twin Cities neighborhoods. Co-ops contribute to community vitality in many ways, from providing jobs, to promoting healthier lifestyles and access to local food, to cultivating leaders and building wealth more equitably. Attendees will learn about co-op history, hear local success stories and cautionary tales, and come away with tools, tips, and resource to jump-start a cooperative economy in their own neighborhoods.

**Presenters:**

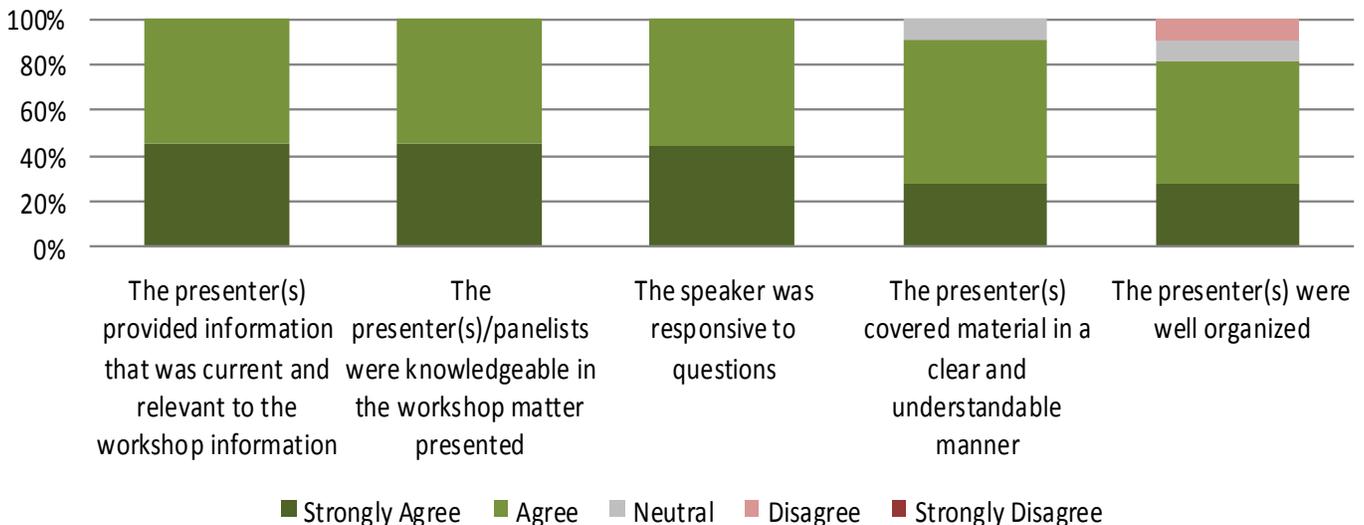
- Annie Young, Wirth Cooperative Grocery, Harrison Neighborhood Association, Minneapolis, MN
- Amy Fields, General Manager, Eastside Food Co-op
- Leslie Watson, Secretary/Board of Directors, Northeast Investment Cooperative

### Evaluation of general workshop items



# Preconference registrants: 49  
 # of survey respondents: 11  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The length of the workshop was appropriate for the material covered" and "The presenter(s) provided information that was current and relevant to the workshop information"  
 Weakest response: "The content of the workshop was relevant to my community's needs" and "The presenter(s) were well organized"

### Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Building a Cooperative Economy in your Neighborhood

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

We can all implement Arts programs to revitalize our neighborhoods - end empower our youth

A lot of people are involved in Co-ops.

I live in a food desert and learning about the start-up process of a co-op is interesting to me.

Great info!

Co-op strengthen communities

Resources

The presenters broke down the "how-tos" to open a co-op.

Co-ops are a way to bring quality food to "food deserts"

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

The whole presentation was great.

I have a resource list to pass on to any in my community who need it.

The start up process (see above)

Learning how co-op give back to the communities

Resource info

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

How data of arts & economic impact was derived. I feel it was not wholly addressing the issue.

The co-op wards - I'm not sure what the point was.

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

Good Job!

Check technology before starting workshop to iron out mishaps. They take away from the presentation. Room was too chilly.

need tech assistance

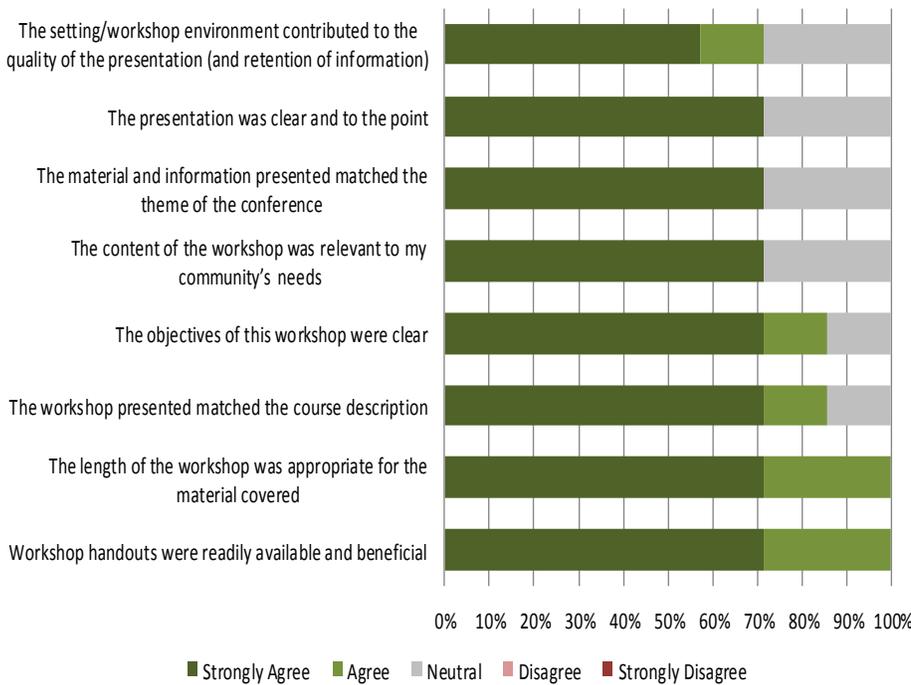
# Building Economic & Social Capital Through Creative Economies

What is the creative economy and how can it be leveraged to serve community needs? This workshop presents data in the 2013 Minneapolis Creative Index as a way of understanding the scope and impact of the creative sector and offers some strategies currently being used by creative placemakers to build economic and social capital in communities.

*Presenters:*

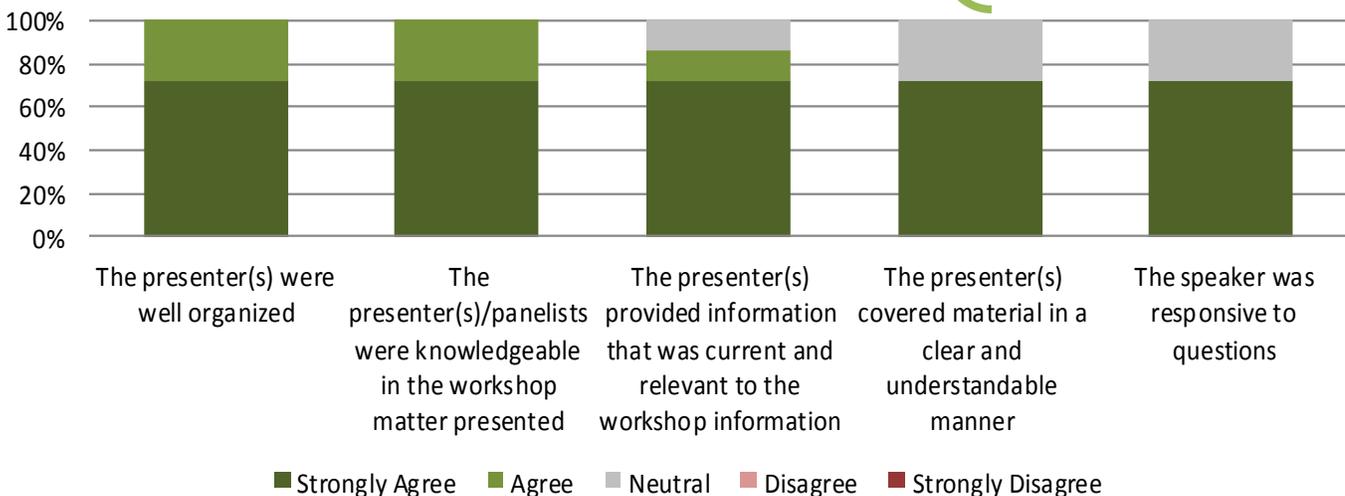
Gulgun Kayim, Director, Arts, Culture and Creative Economy, City of Minneapolis

Evaluation of general workshop items



# Preconference registrants: NA  
 # of survey respondents: 7  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The presenter(s) were well organized", "The presenter(s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop matter presented", "Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial", "The length of the workshop was appropriate for the material covered"  
 Weakest response: "The speaker was responsive to questions", "The presenter(s) covered material in a clear and understandable manner" and "The setting/workshop environment contributed to the quality of the presentation (and retention of information)"

Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Building Economic and Social Capital Through Creative Economies

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

other attendees' feedback

WI

Guerrilla

specific targets identified

anyone can do it!

Two presenters - creative ecology - Clear visual - colorful! The Minneapolis Creative Index 2013

CVI

Tactical Urbanism

Guerrilla Placemaking

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

report

All was useful

all

One way

Research on the arts - to attract people your city. Short term leases in vacant store front

Toolkit for vacant spaces & using them as a pop-up gallery

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

not clear at looking @ racial/demographics

facilitator seemed dismissive...not (illegible) respectful?

none

Little too much on Minneapolis specifically

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

Presenters not good at listening/responding to questions

I felt the project (illegible) was as detailed as possible.

Best workshop we did today!

# Building the Case for Data in Neighborhoods: Neighbors, Leaders, and Funders

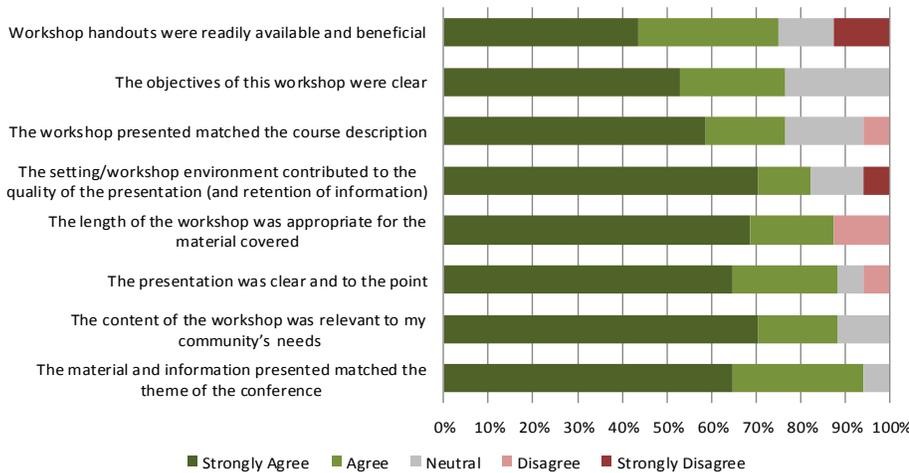
Is it just us or is there a lot of emphasis on both data and neighborhoods lately? From advancements in technology to federal policies reexamining the role of neighborhoods, the opportunities for neighborhoods to use data are endless and we hear about them all the time. But data often aren't in a format that is easy (or affordable) for neighborhood organizations to use. What's more, neighborhood organizations may not be comfortable talking about "the numbers" even though they know their community like the back of the hand. Using lessons from Wilder Foundation's organizing and data work with neighborhoods in the Twin Cities, this workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to brainstorm how to get and use data for neighborhoods in your city.

**Presenters:**

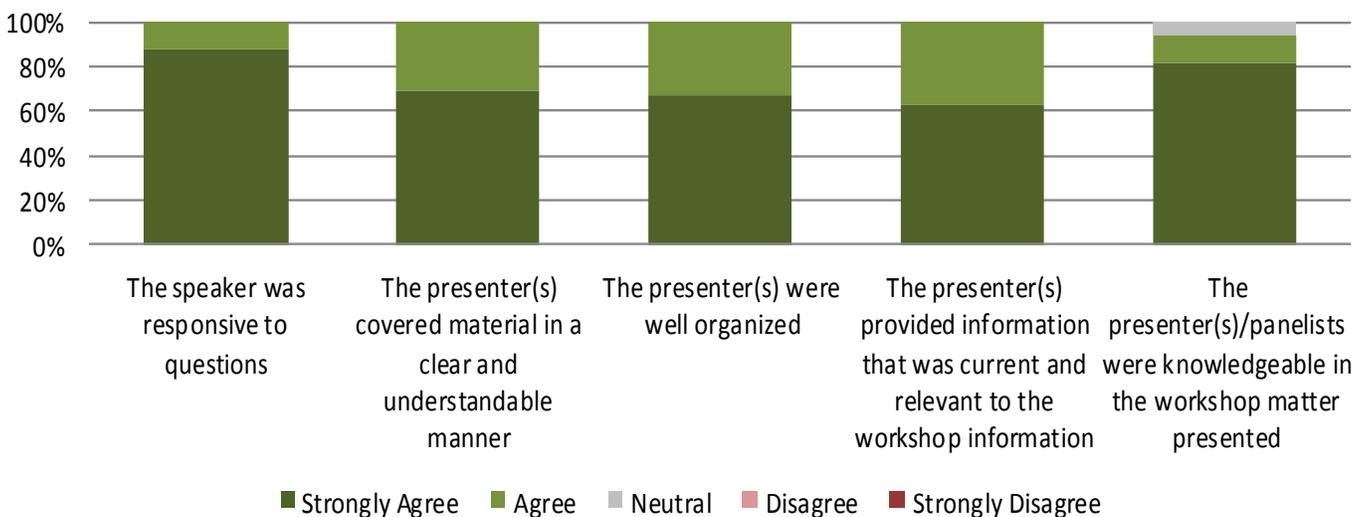
Jane E. Tigan, Research Associate, Wilder Research, St. Paul, MN  
 Damon Shoholm, Community Leadership Manager, Wilder Foundation  
 Sarah Hernandez, McKnight Foundation

# Preconference registrants: 53  
 # of survey respondents: 17  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The material and information presented matched the theme of the conference" and "The speaker was responsive to questions"  
 Weakest response: "Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial" and "The presenter(s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop matter presented"

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Building the Case for Data in Neighborhoods: Neighbors, Leaders, and Funders

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Looking at data in neighborhoods

How to secure data sources for comparison and deeper digging. PDFs and links

Good presenters - very knowledgeable.

Jane needed to keep us on track & tie it all together

Planning around historical values is important

I'll try to start the process of neighborhood data collection re: need for directory of services avail to senior populations

Do it!

Importance of using data and data systems

The way data can be used to tell a story

gave information I already knew & need to remember to use

A neighborhood's need for relevant data to present a stronger case for its needs

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Great start-up

Drew in us non-nerds

Mapping areas

Facts concerning suppression of data & user friendly info

lessons learned slide

Emphasis on community planning

Mapping of the neighborhoods

examples used

The "how did we do it" section

resource list

1935 map

# Building the Case for Data in Neighborhoods: Neighbors, Leaders, and Funders

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

resources

none

Speaker did a fine job, but...storytelling - fun but not a good use of time; focus I thought was on data

no handouts

NA

presentation was geared toward people who know the TC history already

none

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

best presentation of the conference so far

excellent presentation

Make available recent data available that we may be present to our city counsels

Presentation - almost a real estate slant to get people to move in a "good" neighborhood vs showing crime to get grant \$\$ to improve it.

didn't have handouts but offered to email to us

It would have been helpful to have handouts of the websites & materials presented

Great! not enough time to cover all the useful information

Lot of info for brief amount of time

needed larger room

ran out of handouts

needed more time

"depends" note on ranking question "The presenter(s) were well organized" and "The presenter(s) covered material in a clear and understandable manner"

Great!

good

give examples of information of show what we can find out about neighborhood

ways to get data would be good to know

the workshop started out strongly focused but then became a bit side tracked by allowing audience questions to side track the presentation

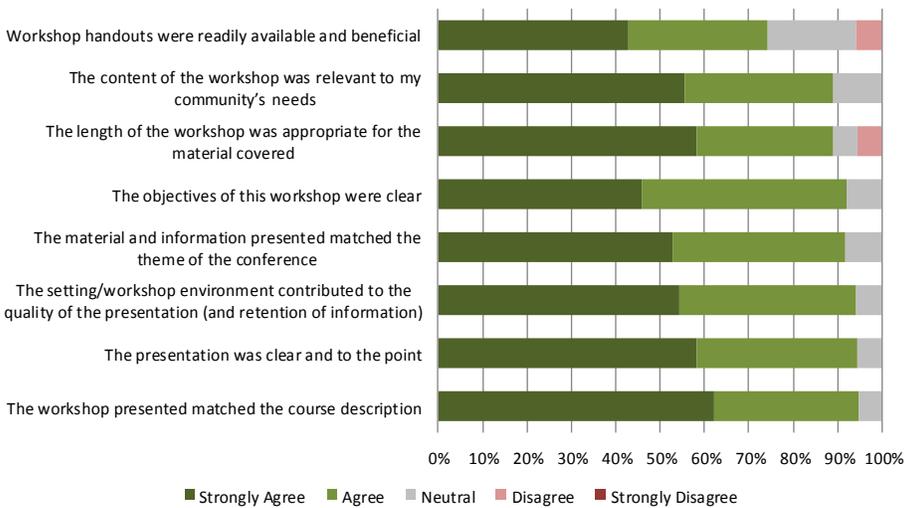
# Collaborative Crime and Safety Efforts at Little Earth: An Example of Community Members and Public Safety Agencies Working in Partnership

This workshop examines the relationships and collaborative programs between Little Earth, its residents and public safety agencies, specifically prosecutors, law enforcement and probation. These partnerships and a network of programs have reversed crime trends and restored safety and security to the community.

**Presenters:**

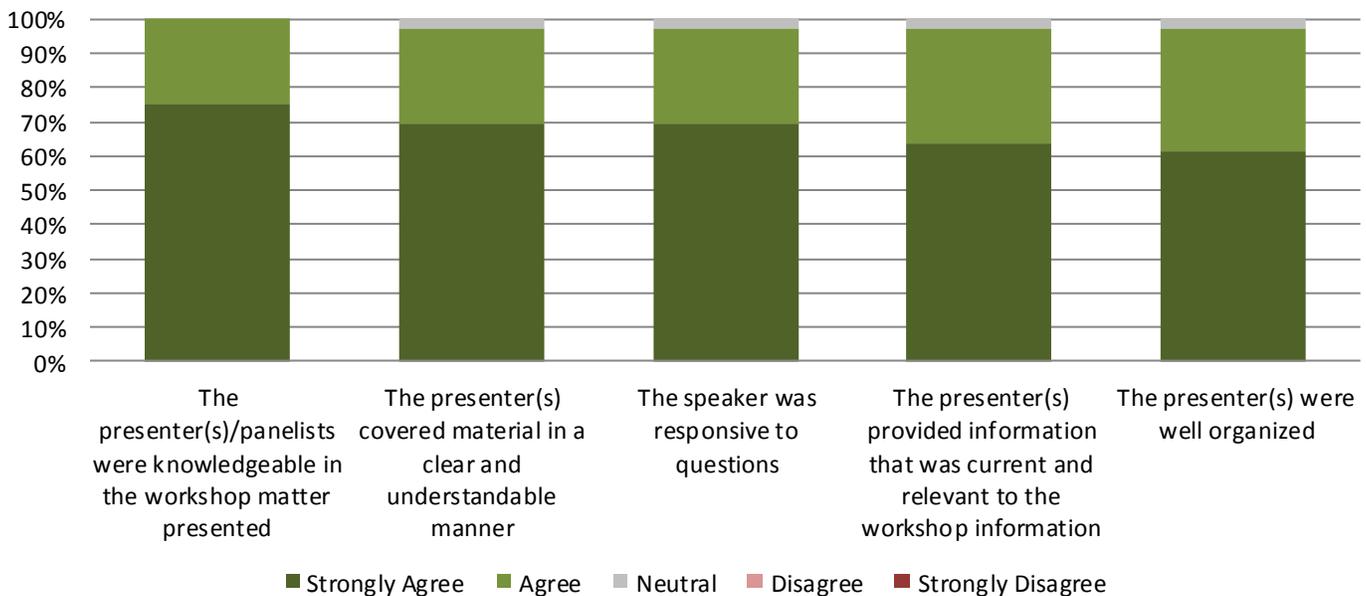
- Ashley Schweitzer, Community Relations, Hennepin County Attorney’s Office, Minneapolis, MN
- Tom Arneson, Senior Managing Attorney, Hennepin County Attorney’s Office Juvenile Prosecution
- Bill Ziegler, President & CEO, Little Earth of United Tribes and Little Earth Management

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



# Preconference registrants: 50  
 # of survey respondents: 37  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: “The workshop presented matched the course description” and “The presenter(s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop matter presented”  
 Weakest response: “Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial” and “The presenter(s) were well organized”

**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Collaborative Crime and Safety Efforts at Little Earth: An Example of Community Members and Public Safety Agencies Working in Partnership

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

I had no idea that little earth was in such turmoil. I use to drive by all the time. I'm sorry I missed the tone.

Good workshop. Bill was entertaining

Collaboration

Doing the work together and winning & influencing other groups-races

"Opportunity & Accountability!"

This can work in any community

Blacks have the same problem as the American Indians

learning other methods of working with a specific community

relationships, accountability matter

Becoming more involved with law enforcement in our community

working together

Great!

all info

I like the idea of court watch

not hopeless, to connect/immigrant groups

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

The background history of little earth. Seeing the result of history & the new history that Little Earth is making for its people, what a wonderful story "Phoenix"

I like the ideas of accountability

Desire to resolve a problem and the mutual effort to resolve it

Home ownership for Indians

Bill Ziegler had a ton of information

Excellent! Excellent! Excellent!

The beginning and ending presentations of Bill Ziegler, ultimately the progress is very hopeful and inspirational

The connection built between Little Earth and the Govt/Judicial system

Solutions to the problems was patient along with

all info was great!

learning about Little Earth model

Bill was a fabulous presenter - other person ok - tough to be dynamic after Bill!

How to build a strong and stable community.

graduation of family child

all

diversity/presenters

# Collaborative Crime and Safety Efforts at Little Earth: An Example of Community Members and Public Safety Agencies Working in Partnership

<b>What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?</b>
none
Not enough time
N/A
all was useful
The court part - could have had examples. RT is powerful and could be emphasized more.
none
lack of time
<b>What other comments or suggestions do you have?</b>
Do you have Don ? so the community can interrelate and share in the knowledge of the history (true) of the native american?
Longer time to allow for participation of scenarios
good job
none
I really enjoyed this workshop
Thanks! Please continue this topic next year.

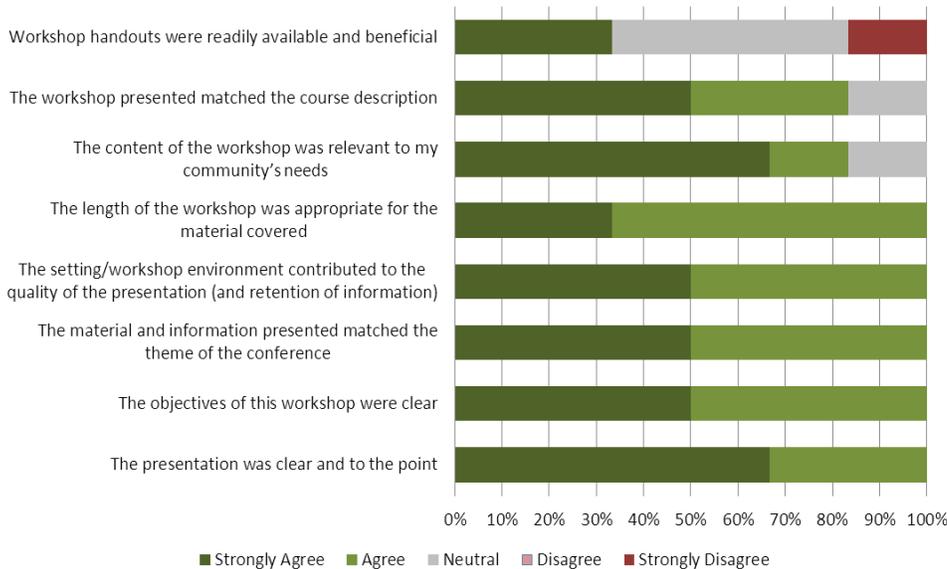
# Community Based Responses to Regional Employment and Racial Inequity

Hire MN was formed in 2009 as a response to the perceived opportunities posed by President Obama’s economic initiatives and subsequently expanded to address a broader range on regional challenges and opportunities. Through its three years, Hire MN has evolved to be a diverse coalition of organizations representing minority communities, the faith community, and regional planning organizations dedicated to social justice. It has been effective in holding regional and state government accountable to ensure employment goals for minority and female workers are fulfilled. This workshop will explore history, methods, and organization through the case study. It will be organized around two successful snapshots, the Metropolitan Council and the MN Department of Transportation, and will provide current information on efforts relating to the construction of the new Minnesota Vikings Stadium.

*Presenter:*

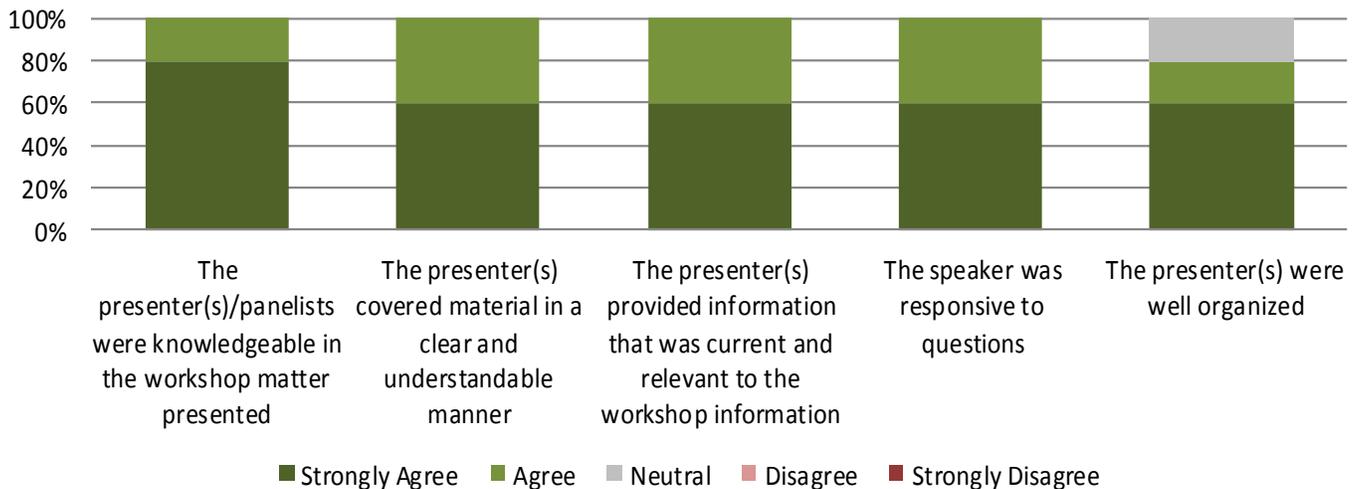
George Garnett, Director of Strategic Development, Summit Academy OIC, Minneapolis, MN

Evaluation of general workshop items



# Preconference registrants: 11  
 # of survey respondents: 6  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: “The presentation was clear and to the point” and “The presenter(s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop matter presented”  
 Weakest response: “Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial” and “The presenter(s) were well organized”

Evaluation of workshop presenters



# Community Based Responses to Regional Employment and Racial Inequity

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Collaboration

Install system to insure compliance

It is incredibly encouraging that coalitions can be created to "push" hiring goals legislative bodies/entities and companies toward development projects

of how it was persistent to get the point and subject across

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Build diverse coalition of all minorities

Experienced speakers/organizers and their wisdom. They discussed all aspects of the issue!

all working together to work on a project

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

Hand-outs of the powerpoint but it is ok. it was still great

Learn how to go to the community to create an interest

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

Handouts would have been helpful

Always retain HIRE MN panelists for conferences.

Get people involved

work with other organization of training programs

# Community Movers & Shakers: Inspiring Activity and Exercise – RWJF Community Health Leaders

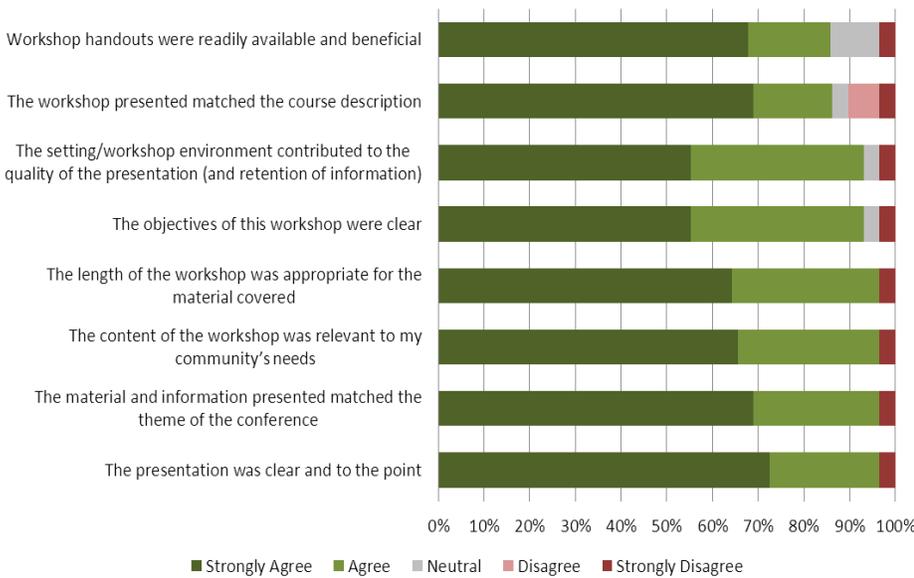
Since 1993, RWJF has recognized Community Health Leaders (CHL) working in their neighborhoods and communities to address the nation's most intractable health care problems. With courage, creativity, and commitment, they overcome incredible odds pursuing strategies that improve the health and quality of life for people across the U.S.

This workshop will provide participants an opportunity to listen to two CHL panelists who have demonstrated tremendous success in the area of physical activity/exercise and strategies for positively impacting health and wellness, one step at a time! Panelist will share best practices; lessons learned; and highlights from their work; followed by 30 minutes for Q&A.

**Presenter:**

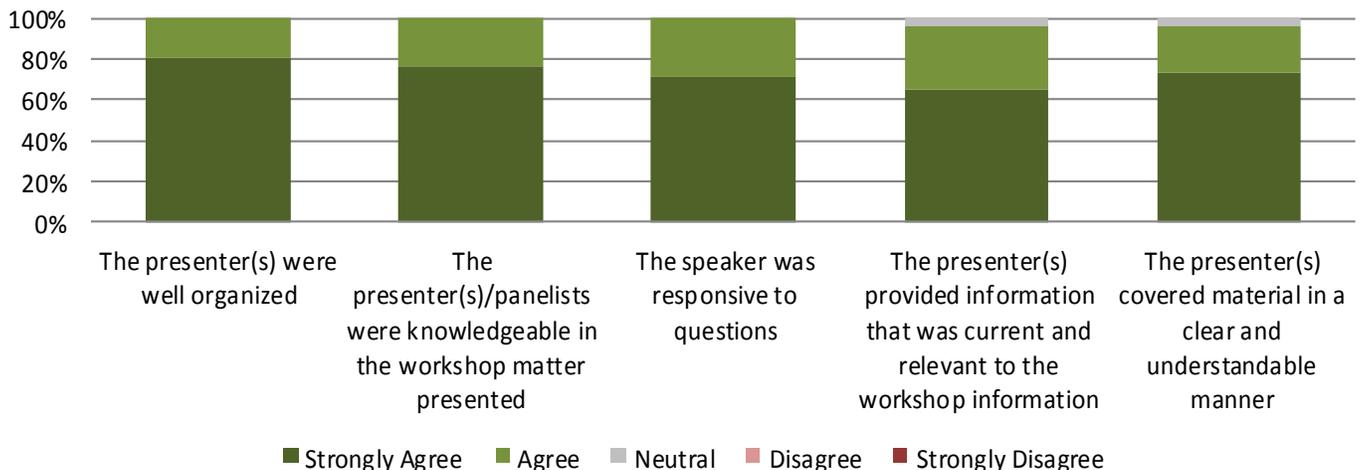
Jennifer Herrera, Deputy Director, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Community Health Leader Program, Houston, TX

Evaluation of general workshop items



# Preconference registrants: 33  
 # of survey respondents: 29  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The presentation was clear and to the point" and "The presenter(s) were well organized"  
 Weakest response: "Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial" and "The presenter(s) covered material in a clear and understandable manner"

Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Community Movers & Shakers: Inspiring Activity and Exercise – RWJF Community Health Leaders

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Two outstanding examples

Partnerships work

Monty's passion for what he does - a quiet, eloquent man who started with a passion and took it so far for the good of his community

Stresses impact in overall health: mental/physical

"showing up" & being accountable to your community - build trust - community participation will increase

Breath brake - each meeting (board committee, community) with a 5 minute breath brake

Idea of making movement actually relevant and part of every day life. Circle of kids teaching (illegible)

We teach, then empower them to teach.

We will use this in Minneapolis

Breath exercise and information about each presenters programs

Incredible

The stress reduction is vital to our overall health

teaching

schools to stop using hold down methods

Clear ways to implement these ideas in our lives. Although large programs - gave ideas how you could use these ideas on a smaller community way.

We should not let the stress of our lives control our lives

Don't ever give up in getting your neighborhood

Ideas to use w/ population I work with

The breathing exercise

Power, peace, purpose

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

All -

Learning how people stepped into their roles and making the partnership work

I can't pick on part - all of it is helpful

The Stocane-Kettering kids video

Yoga video - yea!!

Monte's advice on incorporating culture into physical activity

- Using culture to bring people together for activity & exercise

- It doesn't have to be labeled "exercise" to be exercise

- Breath Brake!!

Do Monte's whole presentation (to me it was most useful)

how to make exercise essential and accessible to everyone

Electificive

Stress management discussion

All of it

Learning the breath brake technique

film humor

1st 1/2 had a lot of things you could bring back & mix into what we're doing.

Breath Brake - stress relief

# Community Movers & Shakers: Inspiring Activity and Exercise – RWJF Community Health Leaders

## What part of this workshop was most useful? Why? Cont.

Klevis presentation

the info

Learning how to breathe to help relax myself

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

None -

N/A

the second presentation - I was confused how each piece of his presentation connected. It was scattered & all of the jokes were distracting.

None - it was great!

Too little time

It was all wonderful information

all was useful

It was all useful and informative

2nd presenter was great, but less applicable to what a neighborhood might do.

None

All very useful info

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

Fabulous - something like this should be keynote for future confs.

Thank you! So inspiring!

N/A

The 1st presentation was better than the description, 2nd presentation did not match description

Best workshop yet!

Thanks for the video

Please encourage both speakers to make these types of presentations available as webinars

Bring them back

amazing speakers!

Incredible presentation

Thanks!

Make sure entire program fits title. Even though interesting its important to fit your little so people know what they will get & can pick what they want to attend and trust it will be what they want/need.

1st fit title 1/2 seemed off topic, but still interesting and related

Excellent

2 great presentations

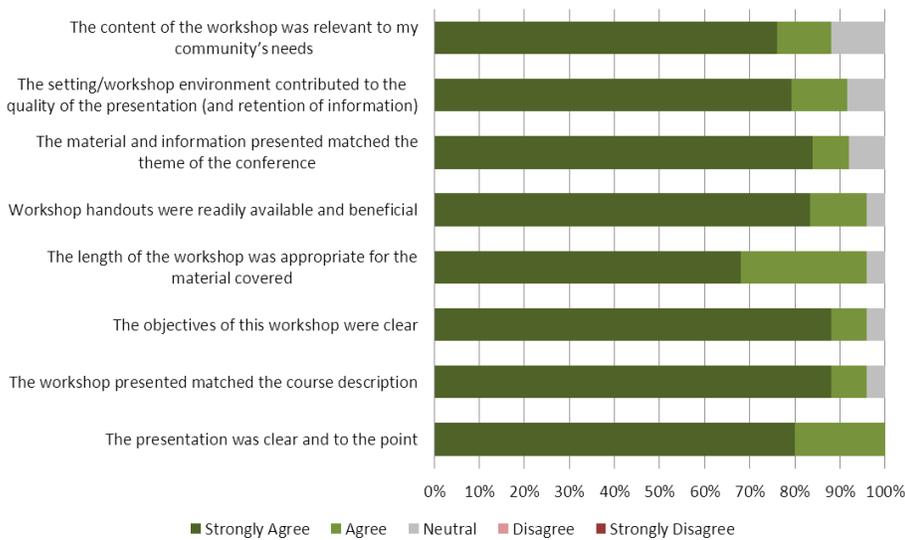
## Community Solutions to Domestic Sex Trafficking

In 2009, Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center published the first research in the country to analyze the scope of sexual exploitation of any demographic group. The *Shattered Hearts* report led to widespread awareness and has influenced how many non-profits are working to address the crime of sex trafficking. MIWRC has also worked closely with the MN Human Trafficking Task Force to craft multi-disciplinary responses and change laws to better serve the victims and hold perpetrators accountable. Minneapolis Police Department assigned Sgt. Grant Snyder to work exclusively on juvenile sex trafficking cases, and he has become an invaluable partner in this fight. MIWRC and law enforcement are working with the state Human Trafficking Task Force on creating a model housing and services program for exploited youth. MIWRC has released new research analyzing the cost benefit of such a program, finding the taxpayers save \$34 for every \$1 spent on prevention services. The workshop will present the research findings, including the recent benefit cost analysis of early intervention with runaway and homeless girls, and present case studies of how service providers and law enforcement collaboration has proven very effective.

**Presenters:**

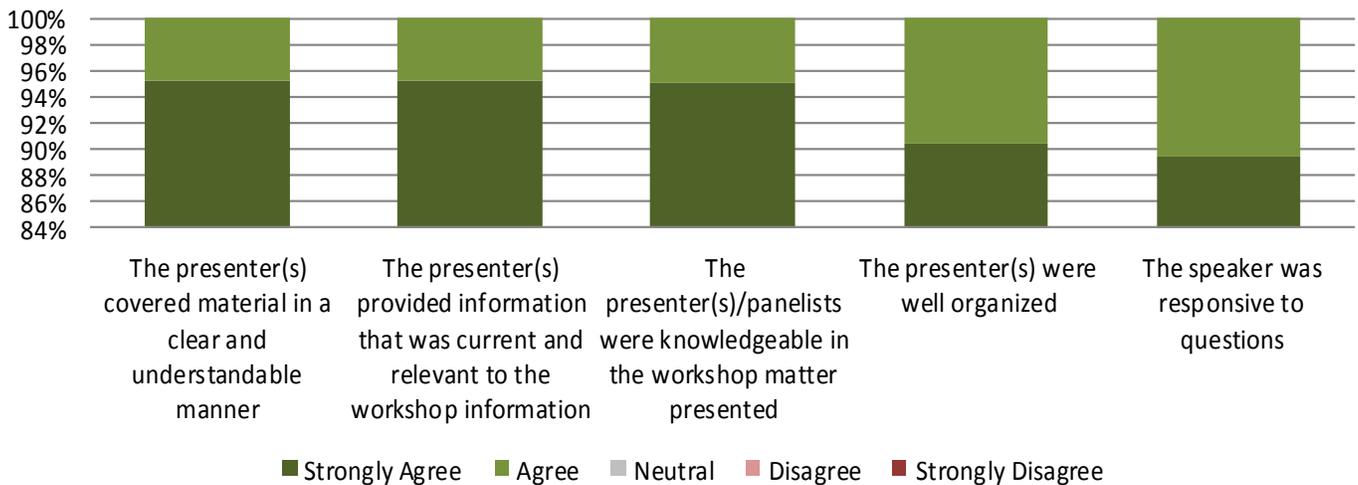
Suzanne Koeplinger, Executive Director, Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center, Minneapolis, MN  
 Sgt. Grant Snyder, Minneapolis Police Department Child Abuse Unit

Evaluation of general workshop items



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Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Community Solutions to Domestic Sex Trafficking

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Community involvement necessary

Topic appears to be extremely under acknowledged

What changes the police are making in who is the victim

Awesome!

Will be letting our healthcare workers @ IHB.

Know of Sargent & Suzanne MIWRC

Everything, all.

I already know about the problems, and I'm educated about the history, biases etc. So I can't say I got much

Very helpful identifying the vastness of the problem

What to look for in terms of girls who may be involved

very informative

made of aware

the information to look for

All of it!

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

The lack of housing for these individuals.

Hopefully my org can help.

contact info

The handout because taking notes takes away from (illegible) on the presentation

100% of it. "No wrong door for services" How the two work together police/advocate (community base/service base)

Handouts, presenters, and visional (seeing).

To approach police department on how to approach the problem

using information

everything :) But I really appreciated the examples (including the phone call) & stats & breakdown of factors

All of it.

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

What ways can we help other than monetary.

n/a

0%

None

Tone: aggressive, judgemental, rescuer - centered. What neighborhood orgs need are ways to begin conversations, approach solutions from position of love. No matter how much intervention, people need to have a place to go home to.

take back to community

Nothing - I could have sat here for another hour

N/A

# Community Solutions to Domestic Sex Trafficking

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

The handout was missing at least half of the powerpoint presentation

Awesome presentation!

That call! Wow! Thank you for letting us hear that.

Awesome relationship between the 2 presenters.

Very good. Liked the cop too.

Work with audience. Take the perspective of women/men/children in sex trade, not the perspective of the fixers.

Presenters were extremely good.

Need to train law enforcement nationwide

Very good - thank you!

job well done

They were awesome - excellent presenters with great information, very engaging.

Excellent flow & wealth of knowledge from the presenters

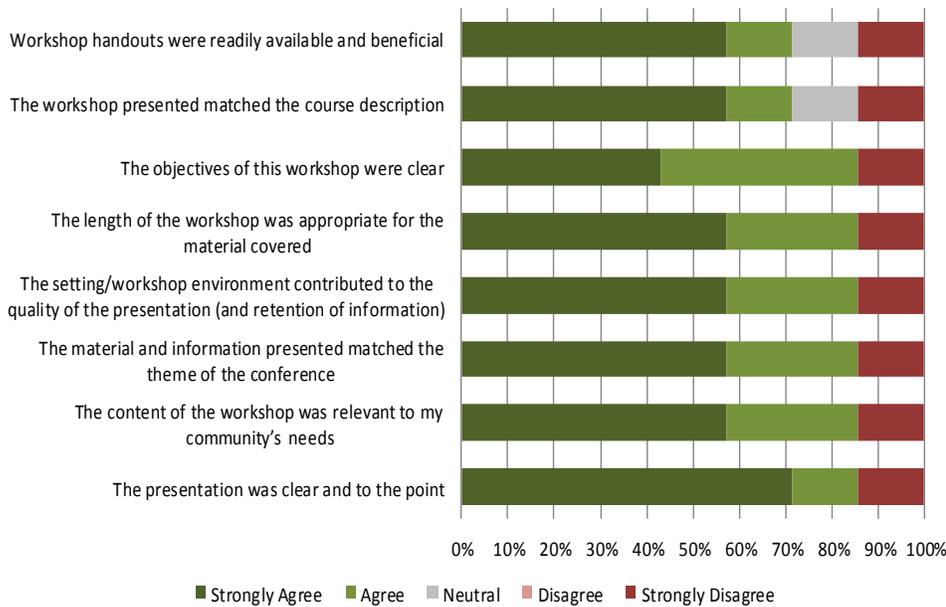
# Computers for Kids (and their families)

Access to computer technology is almost taken for granted in today’s world. The reality is that access is often limited. Public libraries for instance usually limit a student to no more than an hour at a time on a computer. Many papers and other academic assignments require research, access to online resources, and word processing. These requirements create a need for inexpensive, consistent, and reliable access to technology for students and their families. Meeting this need is the primary mission of the program. The Little Rock School District would like to share its experiences in creating a sustainable computer refurbishing operation and the long-term success that we have seen.

*Presenter:*

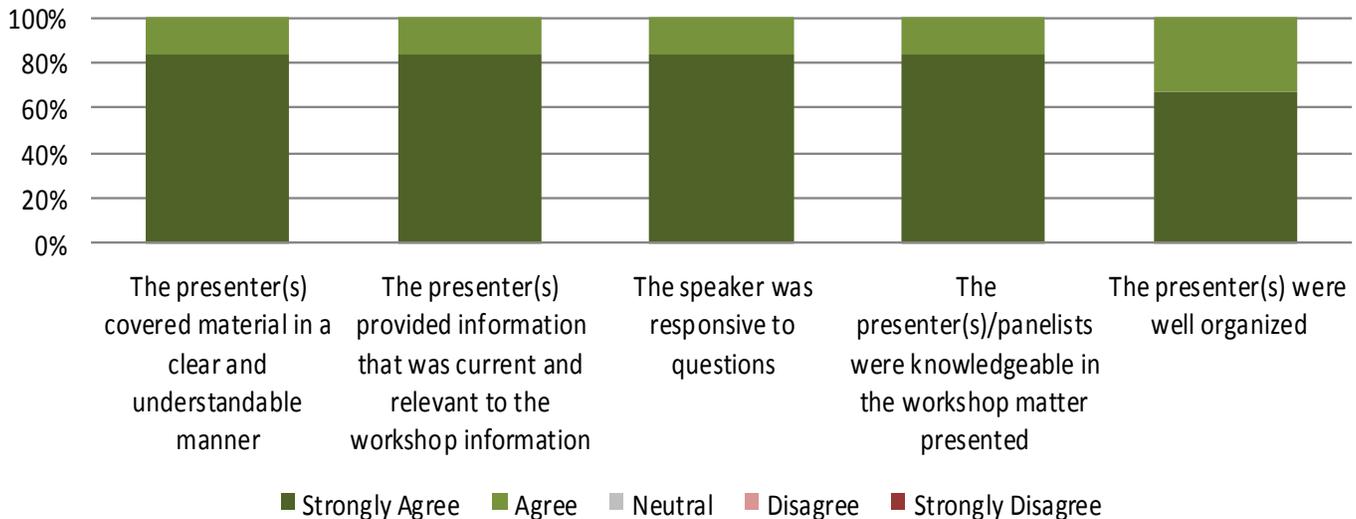
Sandy Becker, Coordinator of Little Rock School District Computers for Kids, Little Rock School District, Little Rock, AR

Evaluation of general workshop items



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 # of survey respondents: 7  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: “The presentation was clear and to the point” and “The presenter(s) covered material in a clear and understandable manner”  
 Weakest response: “Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial” and “The presenter(s) were well organized”

Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Computers for Kids (and their families)

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

How to start a computer program in my neighborhood and that not (illegible)

getting donations from cooperative-world

Volunteers - skyping, research

plan your work - work your plan

The DVD computer for kids will be useful

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

The start up. with little of money and the agency you go to for help.

Money - prgrams for kids check increase economic - responsibility for the work force - to independence. Community involved - contact conscious networking all neighborhoods.

I liked the way he explained the process of building the program computer for kids.

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

none

not his fault - computer - power point sound default

N/A

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

Have the equipment working for the presenters. I have gone to placing where the equipment worked.

I todays media delivery there should be more update.

I like - hand out organized - CD reminder, any questions - email address

funny, however serious. Very informative - voice uplifting - though disappointments - wife support.

# Connecting Neighbors with Social Media

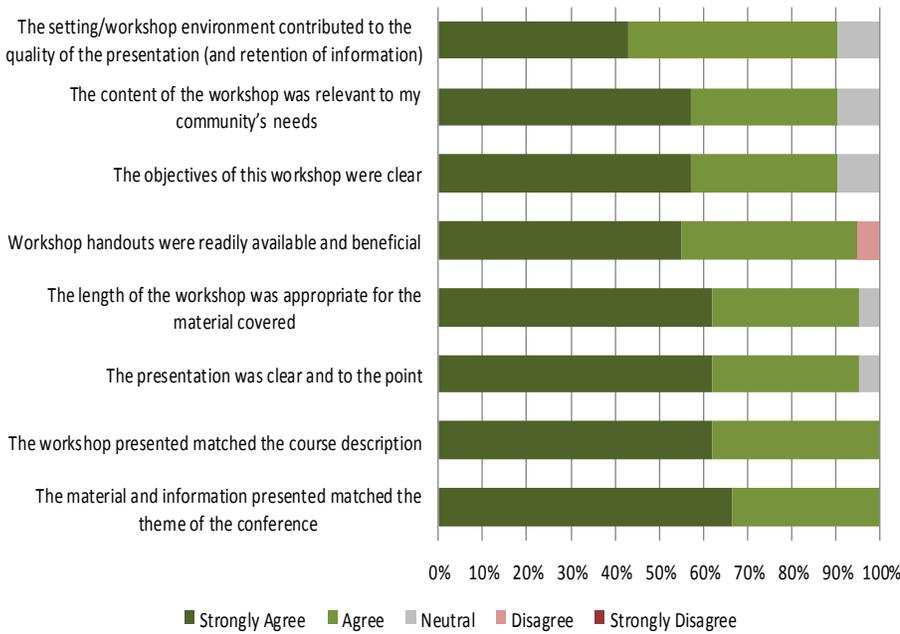
Discover strategies and tools for connecting neighbors online for community engagement with inclusion. After introducing Facebook Pages and e-mail newsletters for neighborhood associations this session will go in-depth with engagement best practices from E-Democracy.org’s real world experience with over 50 many-to-many online Neighbors Forums: <http://beneighbors.org>

**Presenter:**

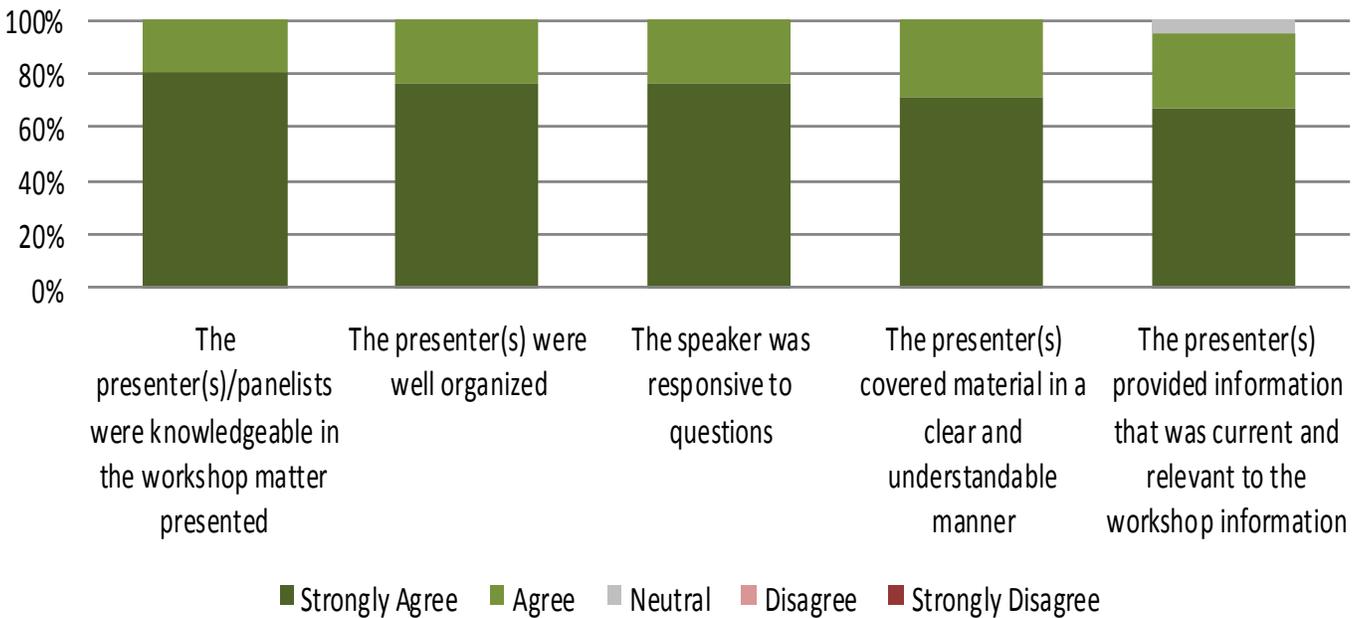
Steven Clift, Executive Director, E-Democracy.org, Minneapolis, MN  
 Corrine Bruning, Outreach Coordinator, E-Democracy.org

# Preconference registrants: 54  
 # of survey respondents: 21  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
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**Evaluation of general workshop items**



**Evaluation of workshop presenters**



# Connecting Neighbors with Social Media

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Engaging the community in what medium that works for you

Good info from participants in the room

Great!

Neighbor to neighbor

How to start a forum for my neighborhood

That reading out actively to folks in the neighborhood & meeting them where they're at digitally

Continue to emphasize email

Engage w the comm

Don't be afraid of social media

Get connected

Ideas on reaching the people who are media isolated

beneighbors.org forum

Stats

The availability of help out there and varied methods of social media

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Q/A

slides - easily read

Group session

Lots of info

better understanding of community communication

who uses what medium

tips

First part

liked the audience participation

online media info, stats, facts

Help avail @ edemocracy.org

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

N/A

none

door to door information & other languages - we have some immigrants, but they are presenters, lawyers etc. - so have good english

Info on forum

too make folks sharing "their" thing!

n/a

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

more time

N/A

gdocs dbox

How does one start an e-democracy forum?

Thank you

Great idea for workshop

great job!! very engaging for me

Loved it!

# Create a shared sustainability vision for your community, to harness your communities' assets – using the Natural Step

Participants will learn easily-understood, scientifically-based principles that can serve as a compass to guide their community toward a just, sustainable future. 2. Participants will practice in small groups developing sustainability visions & action plans for their communities applying the NSF and utilizing the powerful A-B-C-D Process (Awareness of Sustainability, Baseline Assessment, Creating a Sustainability Vision and Developing a Sustainability Action Plan)

*Presenter:*

Terry Gips, President, The Alliance for Sustainability, Minneapolis, MN

The evaluations for this workshop were not collected and therefore we have no data regarding feedback.

# Preconference registrants: 65  
# of survey respondents: 0  
Average # of survey responses: 19  
Strongest response:  
Weakest response:

# Create and Celebrate Beautiful Places Through Collaborative Partnerships

The entryway to a neighborhood communicates the level of pride within a community. When the Windsor Park II and Shores of Wellington witnessed signs of decline and blight along the major thoroughfare bordering their neighborhoods, the two groups collaborated with the Office of Neighborhood Vitality to make a difference. With matching funds from the City of Garland, sweat equity hours, and in-kind donations the community is witnessing a thoroughfare transformation. We are looking forward to sharing our story to encourage others to take action. The Shores of Wellington has enjoyed working with the City of Garland for the past 10 years to build a stronger sense of community. Community representatives have participated in education sessions and other COG programs.

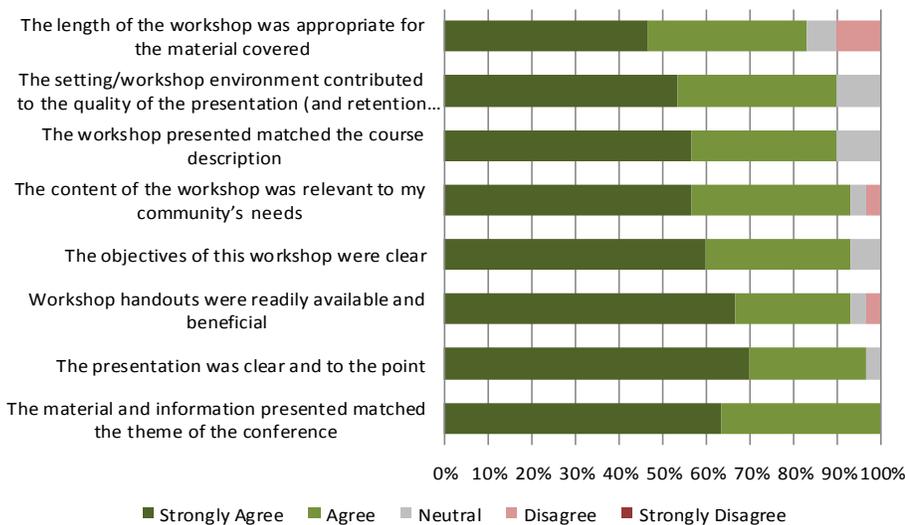
**Presenters:**

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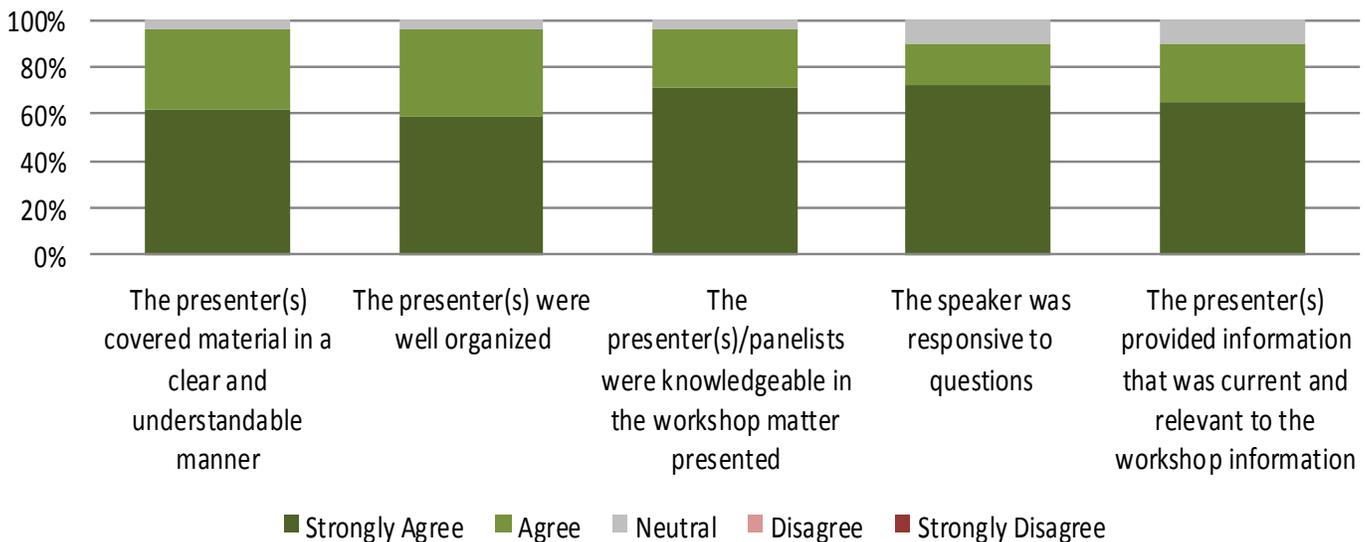
Felisa Conner, Neighborhood Vitality Manager, City of Garland

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**Evaluation of general workshop items**



**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Create and Celebrate Beautiful Places Through Collaborative Partnerships

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

The CD

Neighborhood/Management, Program/Academy, trying to do in Cincinnati OH

Thoughtful approach to integrating work of city staff with neighborhoods

Do your part, other's will pay attention

Plant a seed & watch it grow

Importance of partnerships w/in a community & how citizens can "force" the hand of the local gov't to help

Grant matching

Information regarding community involvement and reaching out to organizations and individuals

Very simple ideas that can easily be replicated in other communities. Community pride can be increased because of such a modest project

Groups they used - grants - girl & boy scout schools - church

Must be clear up front on goals & expectations

CD - Thank you!

"Just do it" - don't wait for someone else to start!

ideas for our vacant/space in a drought area

Neighborhoods can undertake small projects often generate bigger projects - responsible for maintaining ways of encouraging resident actions

Lots! Best presentation of the day.

ideas to beautify our neighborhood the most cost effective way

how it connect neighborhood associations, local businesses & government bodies

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

The gardening part, encouragement

The CD is wonderful!

Very effectively organized! Content rich - thanks!

Do determine your leadership by the number of people who show up for a meeting

Not sure yet, had to leave early

was very interesting

"Beginning take 2 people"

Starting a project can be intimidating but if you begin they will follow

So useful - crowd input & their ideas also very useful. Also useful that speakers really walked through how to oversee/administer these programs

That we received a CD - with more info

Loved that a CD was provided w/ program manual, sample agreements, resource list etc. very helpful

The CD with all the materials for creating a celebrating...

I feel that this workshop focused on some of the challenges we face. Our city is made up of housing that is really all houses 15 years or younger. not at all historical

# Create and Celebrate Beautiful Places Through Collaborative Partnerships

## What part of this workshop was most useful? Why? Cont.

Love the resource disk.

Nicely organized presentation, great job defining terms/programs up front

explanation of process; hurdles/challenges

appreciate the CD. Sounds like there will be helpful info there.

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

There was a lot of information - it was pretty dense. How Garland does this could be its own.

None

Too much info on numbers and grants for their local area in which i can not relate to...

thought all info was very useful

nothing

Related to suburban community - Not as useful for city

n/a

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

Note next to question about time - could have been 2

Ask Felisa back next year!

None

excellent information

would have been nice to hear about more of the projects funded through the grant program.

Very helpful

Great to use the volunteer project coordinator presenting & answering questions. City staff, Felisa, was very open about sharing her knowledge & experience w/ others. Impressive!

Thank You

more time please!

This workshop provided a CP. It would be very helpful in the future if others did the same

It would be nice if the doors were closed when the program starts & late comers kept from disrupting the speakers

Thank you for the disc, nice way to look at everything (save paper) and use with our organization

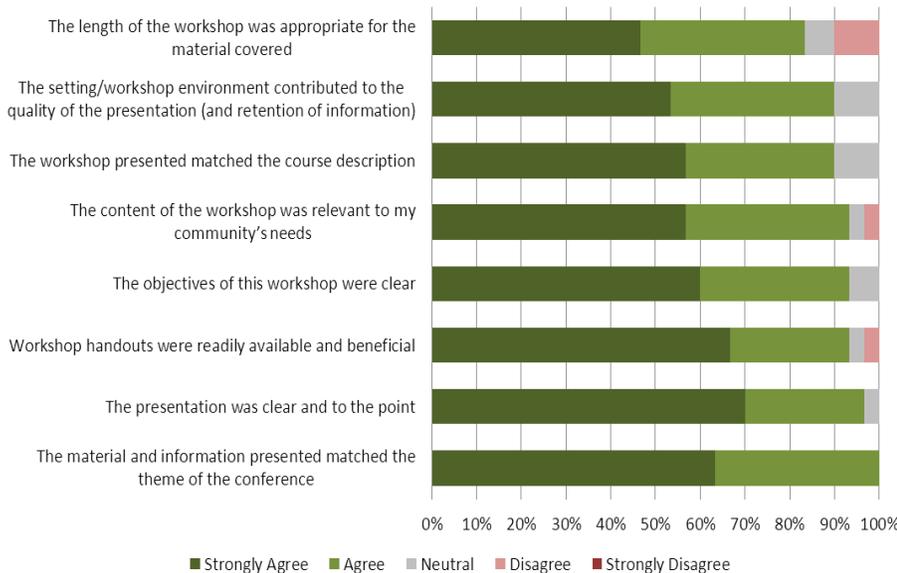
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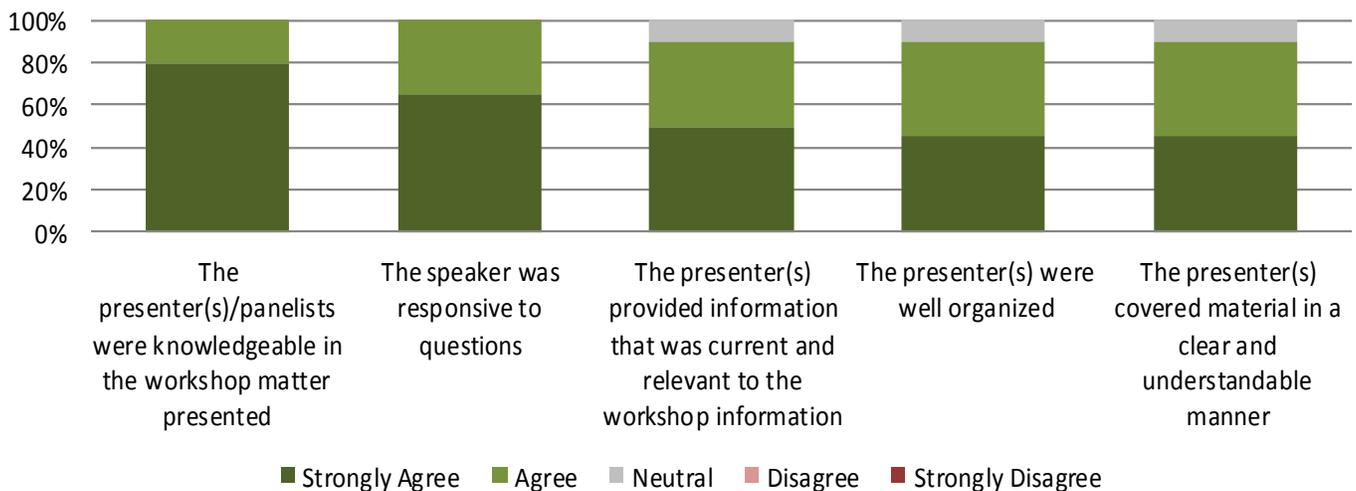
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Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Create and Celebrate Beautiful Places Through Collaborative Partnerships

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

listening to people to figure out their needs

Connections & relationships are the foundation of effective community engagement

Working in the neighborhood - should not be of action - I love seeing people (seasoned) working to present workshops

listening sessions

Being able to engage people (illegible)

Importance of building relationships w existing & various organizations in the community

Engage-listen-act-create

It's about relationships

Listening strategy

Building strong communities

Network organizing strategy

Establishing relationship & working with different cultures

community involvement

dream big, start small

Listening sessions

The partnership principle

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

listening

Affirmation of the importance of taking time to create and nurture relationships| starting with listening  
all of the information was useful

Involve community

engage residents

people are the solutions

listening, building networks and connections

Making connections and collaborating with other knowledgeable organizations

Finding different entry points to the community.

Get the thing done. The thing is important, but it's mainly a vehicle to connect people.

Listening is a start. Then you need to engage people in a practical way that fits the mission, we have to have the capacity - and it has to meet the resonater test

The video was great!

The questions & answers were great too! Especially towards the end of the session, more engagement

Youth involvement

The difference between translation & interpretation

how to partner

showing what can be achieved

Getting to know more about communities

Translator - interpreter conflation liaison

Too much. I'm on the condo board

# Create and Celebrate Beautiful Places Through Collaborative Partnerships

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

NA

NA

It's important to reflect to see a way forward.

Deficit model vs working from strength

No participant interaction with the presenters

all good

n/a

Geography, I'm not that far away

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

be more relatable to the people representing other cities attending the workshop

Improve power point presentation

give more examples

Better narrative to flow w ppt

none

I would like more handouts that explain the program and highlight different projects. (Power Point wasn't a slide show - stayed on the "preview" for the entire presentation)

more examples of how to recruit, engage people - door knocking, flyering etc.?

This was a valuable talk. It would have been a little more valuable to me if it included more "how to" in addition to "what." Publishing the curriculum you have would have helped spread the good work that you do. I hate to reinvent the wheel!

About the room - It would be better to be in a room where people could face each other. However, I doubt there was much that could have been done about this. I would have preferred to put the presenters at the table with the group.

More participant interaction with the presenters

The presenters were great, but a little nervous when presenting but that's understandable. It's not easy speaking in front of a room full of people staring at you. Good job!!

none at this time

be more specific with strategies of how things were accomplished: presentation good about what was accomplished - would like to know specifics of how worked w govt & other partners in community.

"how to's" Thank you! Continue w great job!

Fix the powerpoint screed (just the image not too/(illegible))

to be continued

# Creative CityMaking

This workshop will focus on the Creative CityMaking program, a year-long partnership between the City of Minneapolis and Intermedia Arts that will embed four artists in the City’s CPED-Planning Division. The workshop will discuss themes of arts based community development and non-profit and municipal partnerships.

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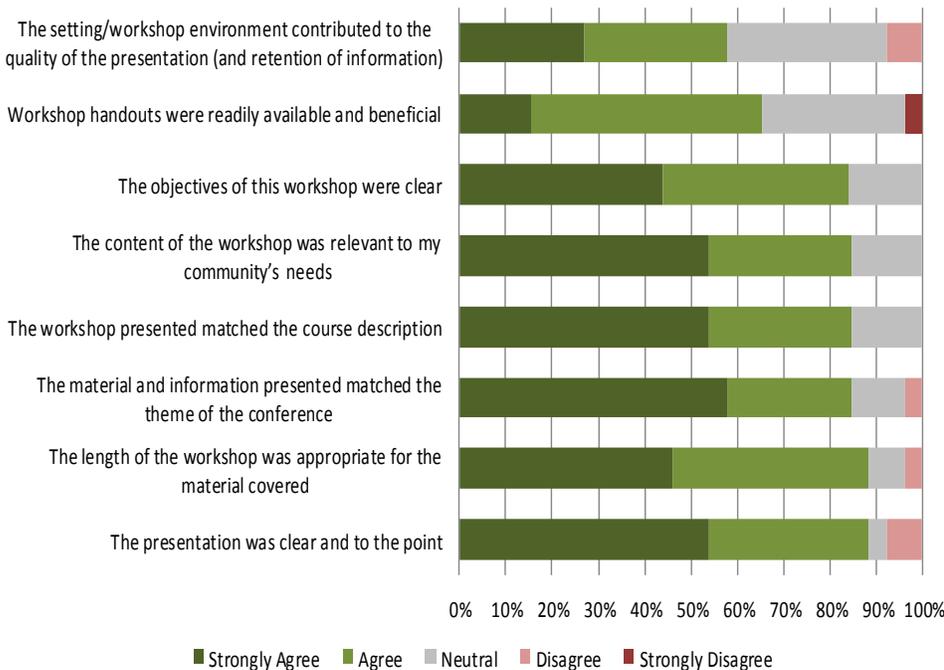
Gulgun Kayim, Director, Arts, Culture and Creative Economy, City of Minneapolis

Theresa Sweetland, Executive Director, Intermedia Arts

Jim Voll, Principal Planner

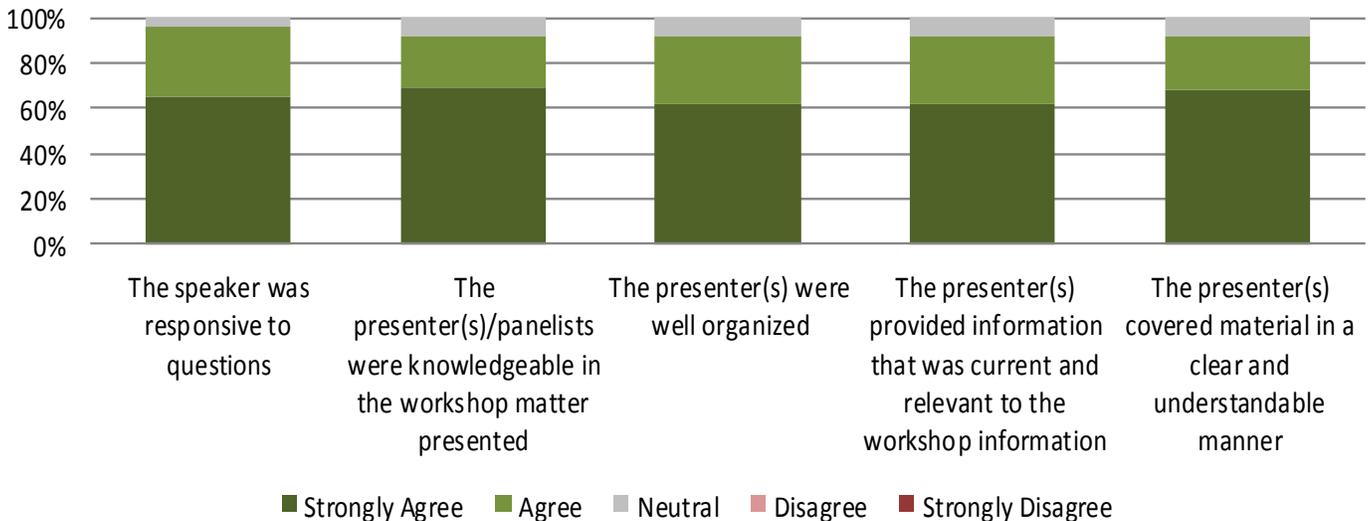
Wing Young Huie, Creative CityMaking Artist

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



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**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Creative CityMaking

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Putting practice together at service city building

everything!

Engaging people where they are - challenging the standard way of doing things to get more community input bringing more voices in, not just "usual suspects"

photo

community engagement methods

Need to hear from residents or community members that we do not normally hear from to build better communities

Find fun activities that are art driven

Artists & City planners working & planning together for common good

Engage individuals with different perspectives

Different ideas of community involvement

Ways to interact & collect community responses

It's easier to get the community involved by going to it directly instead of waiting for it to come to you

I'll go to visit Intermedia Arts and check the website

use impromptu photos & past in neighborhoods

Implementation of some of the data collection: (chalk board, etc.)

Awesome creative ideas for engagement

Think creatively & inclusively about how you gather community input

Innovative methods to obtain input from community members

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Ideal for putting together put in senior dwelling

everything!

Wing Hue's presentation that illustrated the practices, experiments that are energizing of the theory.

Innovative, exciting, great to see diversity of community members voicing their relationships to nhood

Chalk board questions

Ideas for for new & fun ways to get community input into the planning process for neighborhoods

slide presentation

The visuals, make it more "real"/engaging

Information on projects and working with the city planners

Innovative ways of comm

Getting people involved in art

How it was a partnership between arts & the City

Bureaucracy is NOT compatible with creativity

Photographers presentation (chalk boards)

Blended well with keynote speaker's talk

ideas for engagement

- overview of project, involvement of city & art partners

- Wing Hue's photos

hearing organizations stories

## Creative CityMaking

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

n/a  
 none  
 n/a  
 N/A  
 a little vague - because it's still developing  
 every idea was excellent  
 NONE all useful  
 ppt with words  
 would have been great to use source of the creative processes returned (e.g. chalkboard) into participants

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

I loved this workshop and would love to implement these ideas in Green Bay, WI!  
 More projects more photos  
 give away a pen or pencil  
 Great work :)  
 Great ideas! Love chalk bird & coaster comment ideas  
 Noise coming through the wall from the presentation next door was distracting  
 maybe a person from the community to give feedback on the projects that were done. and there were no results of these projects. what was the outcome?  
 OK if you're going to present something that is promoting this "Creative Citymaking" then you should present a project that worked, not just a project in the working.  
 This workshop needs to revamp with SUCCESS stories in order for us to take back to our neighborhoods!  
 Too cold!!! Nothing hot to warm me up!  
 Are these presentations available online?  
 I think the chalk board idea is fabulous!  
 good ideas for getting community input - much more effective then traditional surveys  
 Tell us where we can get the questions you use in the community  
 Where is the participant interaction? Stand up & talk to us, voices are not always loud enough  
 great! love this project/partnership  
 provide greater access to information following workshop and conference

# Curtailing Youth Violence Through Employment Opportunities in North Minneapolis

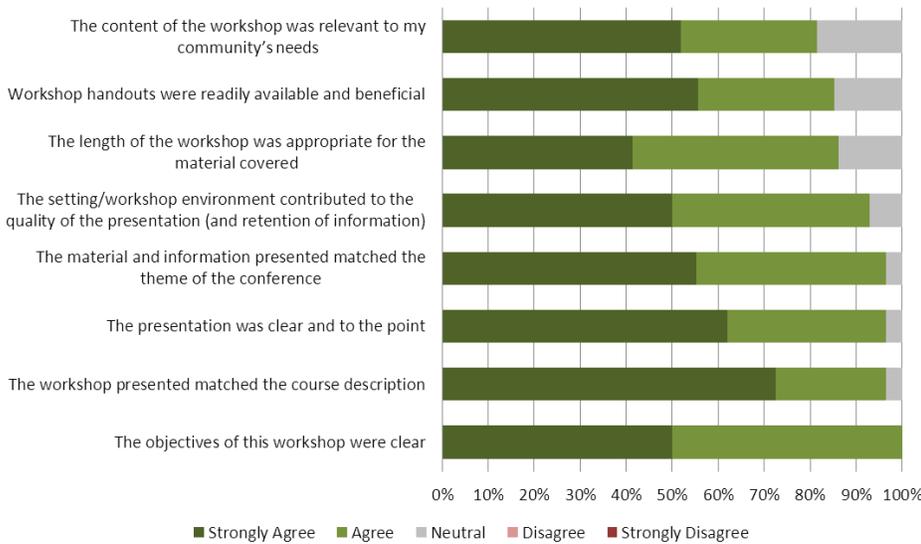
In 2011, Emerge Community Development (located in North Minneapolis) launched the North 4 Project with the primary goal being to prevent North Minneapolis crime and violence by creating pathways of success for North Minneapolis gang-involved youth so they can lead productive lives as adults. Using employment as a primary tool, the program guides 16-21 year-old gang and clique-involved youth to make significant changes in their life. The project was a direct response to the City of Minneapolis' Blueprint for Action for preventing youth violence.

The session will discuss results from the original two-year pilot that served 31 youth across three cohorts. The three learning objectives from this session will be:

**Presenters:**

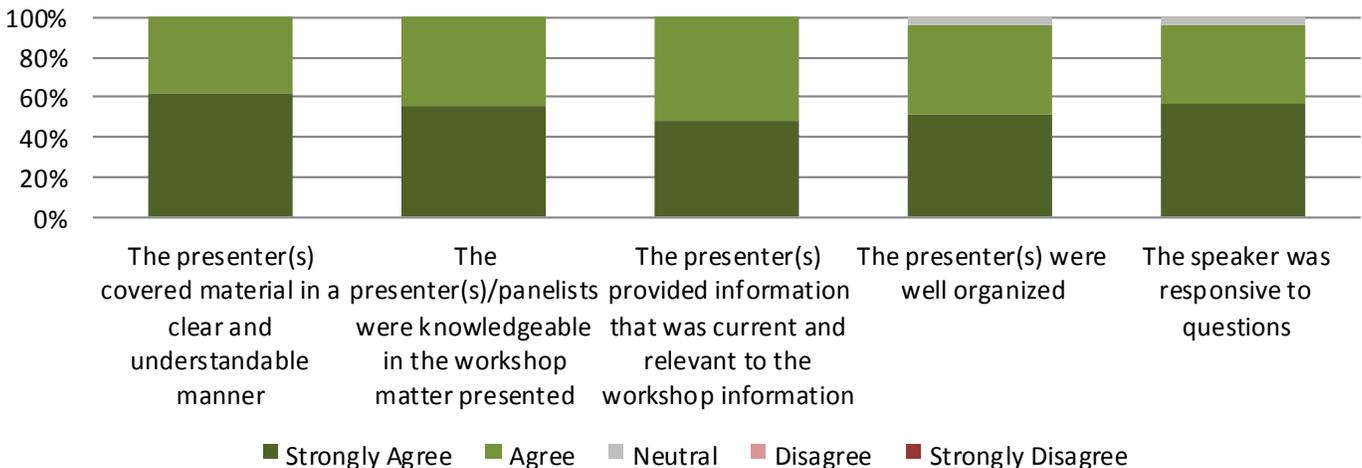
- Mike Wynne, President & CEO, EMERGE Community Development, Minneapolis, MN
- Linda Bryant, Director of Employment Services, EMERGE Community Development
- Will Wallace, North 4 Project Coordinator, EMERGE Community Development
- Danielle Chelmo, Emerge Community Development- The North 4 Project, Americorp VISTA

Evaluation of general workshop items



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 # of survey respondents: 31  
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Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Curtailing Youth Violence Through Employment Opportunities in North Minneapolis

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

I wish I could get a copy of CR to take back

The most important "take away" is that all will not be saved. As well group monitored has a good change to succeed

That this type of work is SO important in North Mpls & should be funded even more than it is now!

The factual info provided & the way they presented - very nice facilitators!

met program

That something is being done to help get troubled kids jobs

emerge youth finding community job

no ideas from program

Intervention

I really appreciated the passion and desire to make a change in the lives of these youth. We have a homeless youth shelter and I think a program like this would empower them.

Build relationships with folks that may have employment

practices

Change behavior

kids need jobs and mentorship - we need to support our local businesses to take the sacred task on.

look at the youth violent numbers in my city and

Our city needs such a program

This can be done in any community as long as you have clearly dedicated mentors, community/government support and sustainable funding

This model could be used in any city

Great information that can be used in your community

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

all of the information

All

The workshop gave good basics for uplifting (illegible) the worst "at risk youth"

The honesty about struggles, the details about the program & sharing the model of a successful program like this.

Personal connections to the youth - very spiritually strong

everything

All of it, very useful and good, because it was true, we need to help our children

reaching out to the youth

networking with others

networking with others

Just the whole breakdown, because it was very clear to me for the next step to bring this to my community.

Practical ideas for implementation in my community

Information

The team-nature, the clarity of presentation, honest about challenges/opportunities. Fantastic honest and sincere

Going out in the troubled areas

# Curtailing Youth Violence Through Employment Opportunities in North Minneapolis

## What part of this workshop was most useful? Why? Cont.

Some of the information provided ideas for new partnerships  
don't know yet

very informative  
well researched

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

All aspects of this workshop were important

wasted paper

nothing was useful - all was great!

talk about staff roles

talk about staff roles

None. Everything was needed

Being serious of a change and really wanting to work

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

Really like their program.

Keep up the good work in helping our youth

One of the presenters became very emotional while presenting. This demonstrated the sincerity & dedication to this program & the willingness to make a difference in people lives. I commend this program. I wish that there was a way to bring more than 10 youths to the program

They did a good job!

Emerge is famulous, I worked for a summer at the Camden apartments & loved the staff, kids & families that I build relationships with. You all are an AWESOME organization & mean a lot to the future

Cover more on the youth & their stories

Thank you for all your information :)

what about troubled girls?

Seemed like an advertisement for emerge.

How about some job incubator projects to help with employment?

Just keep it going.

More time

keep on working

Amazing work - awesome to see how you took what worked from other resources (i.e. homeboy) to make something that works for your community.

the staff are really serious about this project

Have some of the youth success stories as presenters the next time.

How do you get them to tell you their story? Would you email the questionnaire to me at nburrows@alaska.net

Better more complete handouts  
needed more time

# Designing Collaborative Partnerships to Get the Job Done

Collaboration can yield results you might not accomplish on your own. But even with shared common goals, partners may differ on roles, responsibilities and strategies. While advocating for equitable benefits for neighborhoods along the Central Corridor light rail line, the DCC utilized several collaborative models. Join us to discuss why some were more successful than others in accomplishing our goals.

**Presenters:**

Carol Swenson, DCC Executive Director, District Councils Collaborative of St. Paul and Minneapolis, St. Paul, MN (DCC – St. Paul/Minneapolis)

Steve Wilson, DCC Board Chair, Summit-University representative, District Councils Collaborative of St. Paul and Minneapolis

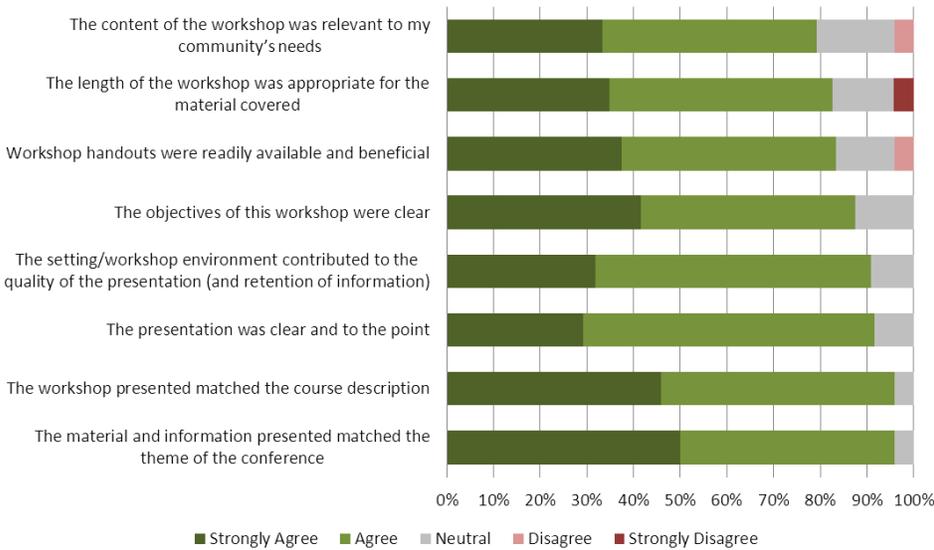
Karen Inman, DCC Board Vice-chair, Frogtown representative, DCC – St. Paul/Minneapolis

Phil Anderson, DCC Board Secretary, Prospect Park East River representative, DCC – St. Paul/Minneapolis

Doug Carlson, DCC Board Treasurer, Marcy-Holmes representative, DCC – St. Paul/Minneapolis

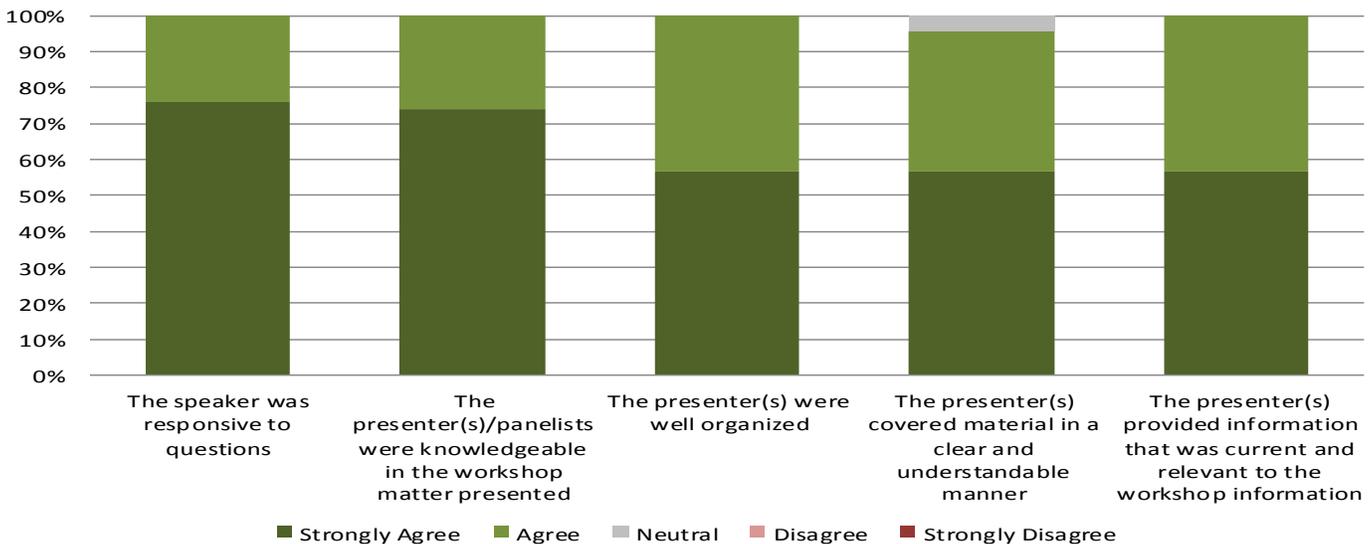
Anne White, Past DCC Board Chair, Union Park representative, DCC – St. Paul/Minneapolis

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



# Preconference registrants: 67  
 # of survey respondents: 24  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The material and information presented matched the theme of the conference" and "The speaker was responsive to questions"  
 Weakest response: "The content of the workshop was relevant to my community's needs" and "The presenter(s) provided information that was current and relevant to the workshop information"

**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Designing Collaborative Partnerships to Get the Job Done

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

The presenters were easy to understand, the powerpoint slide was great & easy to understand as well!

Info on how & why to form a collaboration

Working with multiple organizations/issues

Challenge/benefits of community benefit agreements.

Engagement is empowering

A sense of trust is need in (illegible) to design a collaborative partnership to get the job done.

Share time - needed more allocated time

The variety of complexity involved when working with groups with diverse outlooks

Issues must be clearly articulated

Designing collaborative partnerships to get the job done

Lots of different ways to collaborate - important to think through how to best do it.

I love the concept of collaborative

"advocate for more authentic representation"

How to be patient when working/collaborating with other organizations

The time that you need to dedicate to the collaborative process.

Not sure.

Creating collaborative of neighborhoods impacted by a common event/situation

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

The engaging conversations between the presenters and participants.

see above

Cool studies - made suggestion real

Currently attempting to design the same (#1) in my community.

Discussion of how collaboration can work best w local government on projects

The knowledge about working with City Council on the staff in City Hall.

matrix; examples of partners

sharing/suggestions between people in room

Review of projects that worked/didn't work so well

Sharing ideas, what works what doesn't work

What form should the collaboration take. all the steps involved

Matrix of collaboration in the handout.

That the presenters were able to impart the information to the audience w/o disruptive questions

The 501c3/tax exempt

Presenters helped attendees take their lessons learned & apply to other situations

Case studies

What worked & what didn't for them

all of it

# Designing Collaborative Partnerships to Get the Job Done

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

The room was somewhat "tight" not all that comfortable, but was great!

N/A

N/A

none

Review of printed material that was too general (no time to delve into details)

The end was rushed for information sharing.

all good

When talking about different organizations & govt entities, it is helpful to define them - structure, participation, funding, etc.

all relevant - enjoyed the information and excited to apply. I'm leaving with valuable info to take back.

The district council on St. Paul

I live in mpls

Handouts for part - the "tools" & lessons learned - needed more info

Matnix was helpful to overt

NA

We weren't able to get much of a "shared experience" w/ the interactive part at the end.

none

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

Room set up could be a little better.

The person who gave the DCC info was very good, but she said "um" constantly. It's really distracting

Handouts

N/A

More time on the participant engagement piece which is always helpful in problem solving

overall well done and informative. Don't try to do too much, due to time constraints

The funding process

restricted or non-restricted funds

The presenters managed a lot of disruptions well - people arriving late, volunteers coming and going into the room. It would be nice to close doors when presentation starts to avoid disruption.

Thank you - loved the problem solving & collaboration examples - hands on!!

Funding from city/donation/grants

Thank you for your collaborative approach

Presentation was too long

need more workshop handouts

need to spend more time on problems and questions from group. More group participation

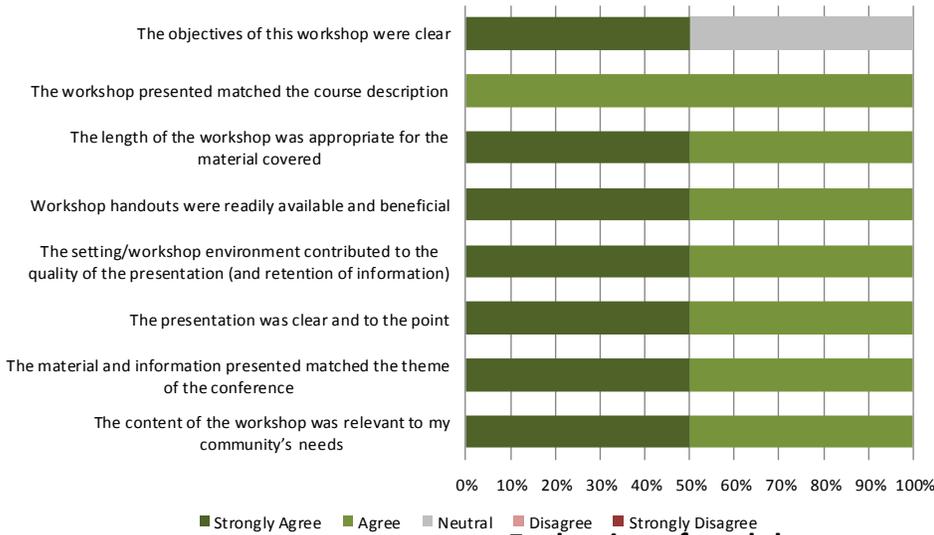
# Disaster Recovery in North Minneapolis: Challenges, Assets and Opportunities

The workshop will first explore the immediate aftermath and response to the 2011 North Minneapolis tornado in a minority and segregated community, and the limitations and challenges that posed. It will identify the unexpected role that non-profits not designed for disaster recovery can play in addressing the immediate needs for housing, food distribution, infrastructure restoration, health, and restoring a level of order and functionality within the first few days and weeks. This workshop will examine the evolution of a community-based multi-agency effort, the Northside Community Response Team, in driving the first critical year of recovery. We will present particular concerns and limitation unique to this situation and strategies for overcoming the same. Finally we will explore how a disaster can pose new opportunities for cooperation and renewal and addressing ongoing and structural challenges to the community’s health and capacity.

*Presenter:*

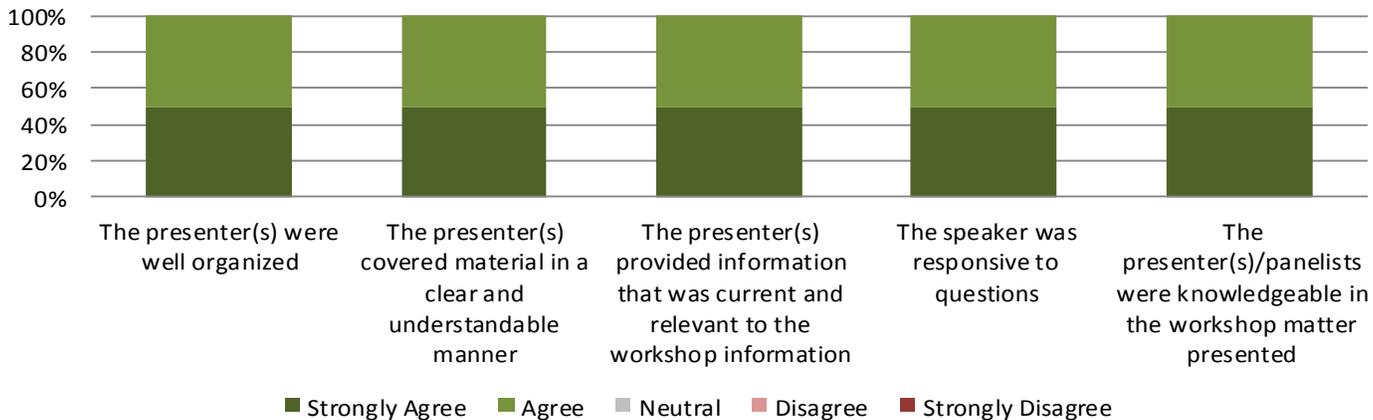
George Garnett, Director of Strategic Development, Summit Academy OIC, Minneapolis, MN

Evaluation of general workshop items



# Preconference registrants: 33  
 # of survey respondents: 2  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: “The content of the workshop was relevant to my community’s needs” and “The presenter(s) were well organized”  
 Weakest response: “The objectives of this workshop were clear” and “The presenter(s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop”

Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



**What’s the most important “take away” from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

How Minneapolis was able to recover but what it has taken

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

The content was exactly what I wanted

# Elders’ Wisdom, Children’s Song: Creating intergenerational and multicultural opportunities for communities to prosper

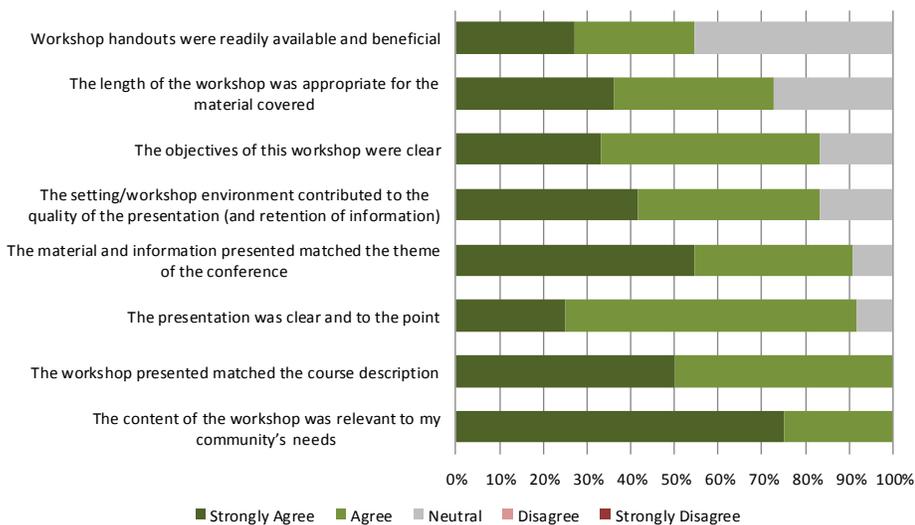
America’s Troubadour, Larry Long, will guide workshop participants through an empowering intergenerational and multicultural community building program, called Elders’ Wisdom, Children’s Song.

Larry will give each participant the tools to reach beyond their immediate community of comfort and into the life of another. He will help participants develop the skills of good interviewing through active listening and expand upon what they have heard in order to create an intergenerational and multicultural celebration where community members are uplifted through song, spoken word, movement, film, and dance in honor of their community elders.

*Presenter:*

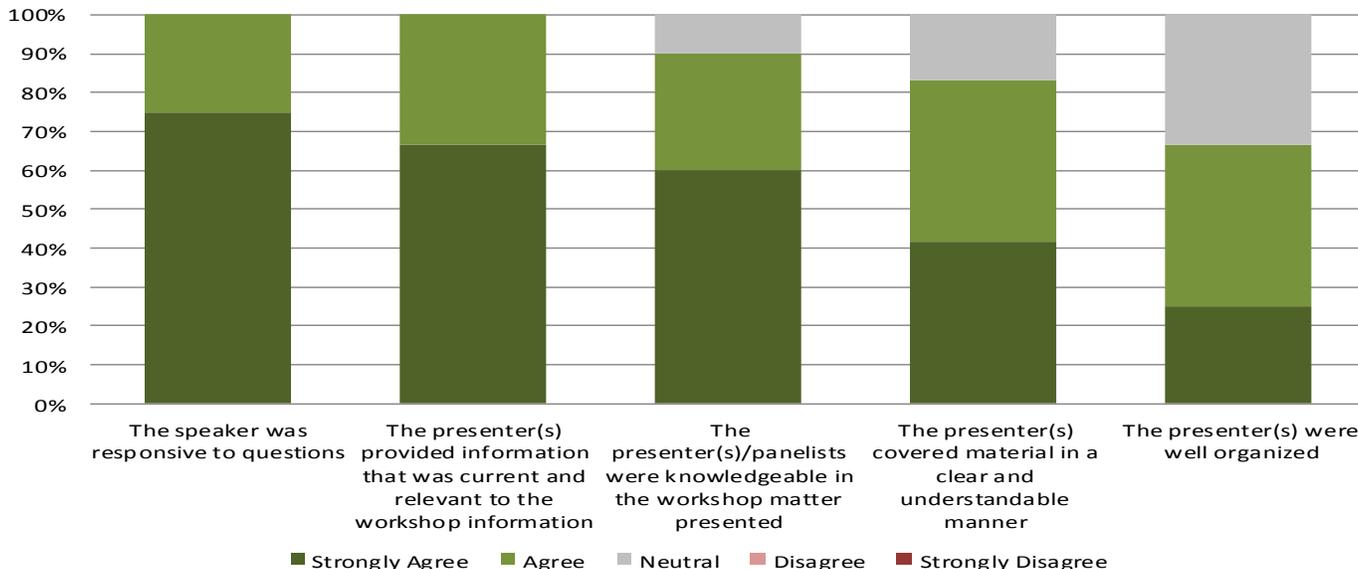
Larry Long, Executive Director, Community Celebration of Place, Minneapolis, MN

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



# Preconference registrants: 20  
 # of survey respondents: 12  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: “The content of the workshop was relevant to my community’s needs” and “The speaker was responsive to questions”  
 Weakest response: “Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial” and “The presenter(s) were well organized”

**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song: Creating intergenerational and multicultural opportunities for communities to prosper

## What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?

The process of having elders speak 30 min & have youth listen & ask open-ended questions

To tell stories

A new way to honest an elder using youth

Community building is more than "bricks & mortar."

The spontaneous reaction to the work

Involvement of the youth w/ the elders in creating intergenerational & multicultural opportunities to prosper and to see their potential. To enhance their lives & give back to the communities.

How important it is to connect different generations together to learn and go

That it's important to share the stories of our elders with our children

Concepts to enhance diversity

## What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?

The value and beautiful (healing) process of intergenerational & transnational community

the idea of telling stories

model of youth questioning an elder

Affirming the role of intergenerational learning for community building

The song and stories

Did not have enough time for this class. Loved the info that was presented & shared.

Hearing all the different stories and success stories

Information on the process of creating a song from the stories they hear from the elders. It adds substance to the lives of our youngsters.

Very interesting

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

technical difficulties

too much infor for Minn folks only

The technical wasn't up to par

N/A

N/A

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

This workshop should be at every NUSA conference. I would love to have Larry Long as a keynote.

Computer speaker did not work, even after it was brought in. It would be good to have this checked at ahead of time.

a little too short

Technical difficulty changed the presentation

"i don't know" in response to the question "The material and information presented matched the theme of the conference."

Possible extend time into a different available source.

This particular seminar should be at least 1 1/2 hours w/a (5) min break so very interesting. Performed w/ Rosa Parks so unique.

Great presenter, brought good ideas to the table.

Technical assistance should be readily available.

# Engaging Tools for Engaging Renters

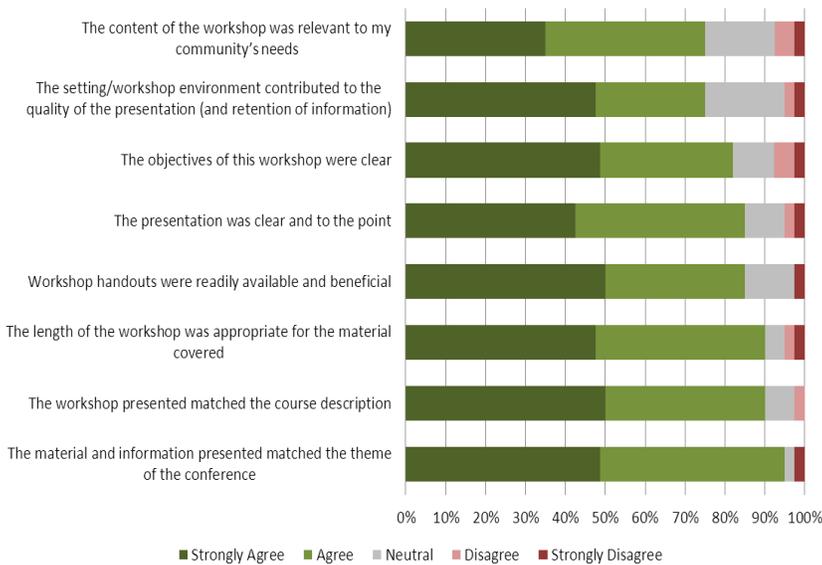
Most neighborhoods have renters, and many neighborhood organizations often struggle with reaching out to and engaging renters. Neighborhood leaders often see the barriers that keep them from reaching renters: they don't live in the neighborhood long enough; they are too young; they are too old; they speak a different language; we can't get access to high-rise building to talk to renters; renters don't have a stake in the neighborhood; landlords don't want us talking to their renters... and on and on. But understanding these "barriers" can also be the key to understanding how to successfully engaging renters. The workshop is designed to change our thinking about renters-especially to change our thinking about renters as "renters." This exercise will help illustrate and breakdown our self-imposed barriers to reaching out to renters.

**Presenter:**

Robert Thompson, Neighborhood Support Manager, City of Minneapolis – Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR)

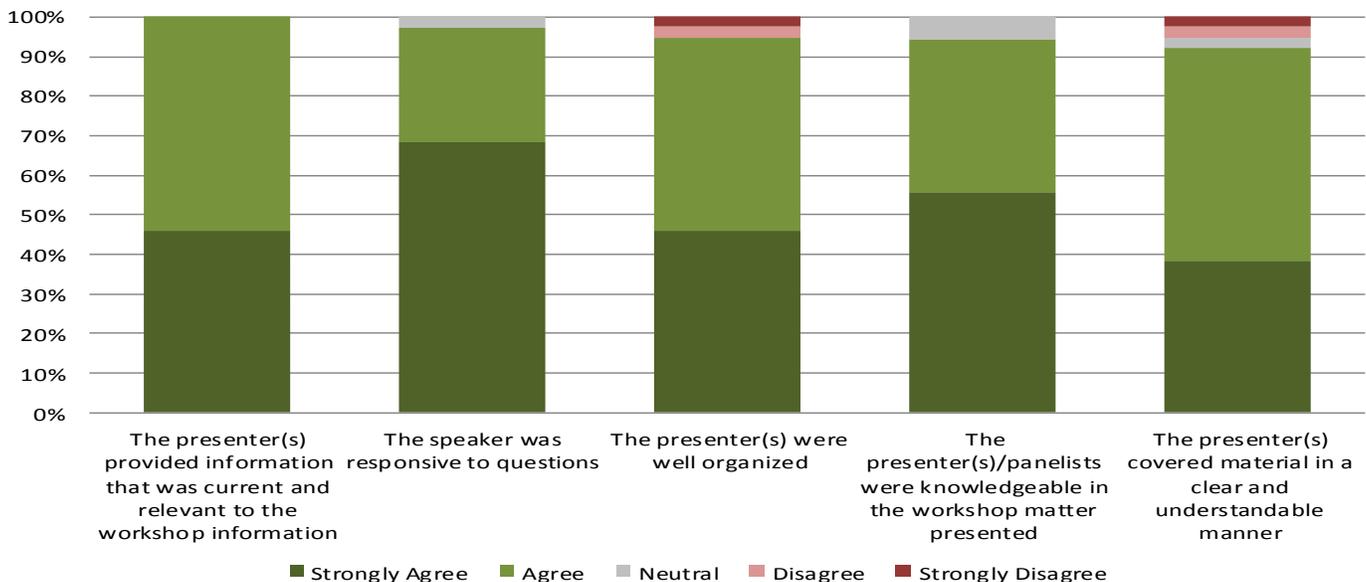
Jay Clark, Director and Community Organizer, Minnesota Center for Neighborhood Organizing

Evaluation of general workshop items



# Preconference registrants: 74  
 # of survey respondents: 40  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The material and information presented matched the theme of the conference" and "The presenter(s) provided information that was current and relevant to the workshop information"  
 Weakest response: "The content of the workshop was relevant to my community's needs" and "The presenter(s) covered material in a clear and understandable manner"

Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Engaging Tools for Engaging Renters

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

about ideas how to engage renters

engagement tools worksheet

Our neighborhood are obviously very diversity group of people

it's all about building relationships

renters are people too

methods to connect w renters

methods to connect w renters

Door knocking.

find a pearl in every (illegible)

new ideas on how to engage everyone in the my community

The idea about less formal structures for meetings.

Renters aren't any less important than homeowners in a neighborhood.

How to address renters

Good question/answer session. This was the best part of the presentation.

Listen to renters and what is important to them.

Renters stay longer in the community if they belong to a NA and accept people as they are

outreach is needed in neighborhood

keep at it and try different approaches to reach people. Oh, and incorporate "fun"

pearl diving

Find the common interests of our residents & "match" them w an activity if possible

Bonding social capital

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

ways to reach out to renters

dialogue

Information about building strong neighborhood

interactive! yes

good tips and stories/examples

organized

someone mentioned a rental license for property owners

work on active listening to engage residents

the open dialogue in the small break out groups

Presenters seem knowledgable, specifically about MPLS neigh assns

Hearing from audience as well as the speakers regarding ideas how to engage renters

Discussion from others

Brain storming ideas and posting it on flip charts was useful.

excellent presentation. Great ideas and examples. Liked the overall philosophies and concrete suggestions.

How people classify a deck of cards.

Don't classify people as homeowners or renters, but as residents

Pearl diving

Proven methods of outreach and ways of engaging renters

Keep following up!! Listem! Do it!

mini pop up event concept

# Engaging Tools for Engaging Renters

## What part of this workshop was most useful? Why? Cont.

pearl diving

not sure yet

Ideas on "pop up" events

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

none

more participant interactions

would like more discussion of landlords. not enough substance

a little elementary. If focused more on multi-housing renter would have liked to hear more about single housing rental engagement

it was all useful

our presenter remained seated while speaking could not see him - finally did

Disorganized, no clear message or lessons

I wouldn't like some real tools

I was hoping for something a little more innovative

None

Card exercise wasn't too useful

all good

Too many different types of renters - each needing difference approaches (in general)

cards exercise

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

very good conference!

the room set up was uncomfortable

thank you!

I liked the interactive exercises and handouts

I liked the interactive exercises and handouts

very good workshop!

have fresh markers - hard to read note on flip chart.

Too crowded, speakers remained seated, couldn't hear speakers or other participants.

good session

Boring!

The time for this presentation should be longer

Keep workshops interactive! One of the best workshops @ conference!

helpful review and new information

main speaker hard to hear & understand

more time to hear ideas and suggestions from audience.

# Environmental Justice and Sustainability: How to Build Effective and Just Green Development Initiatives

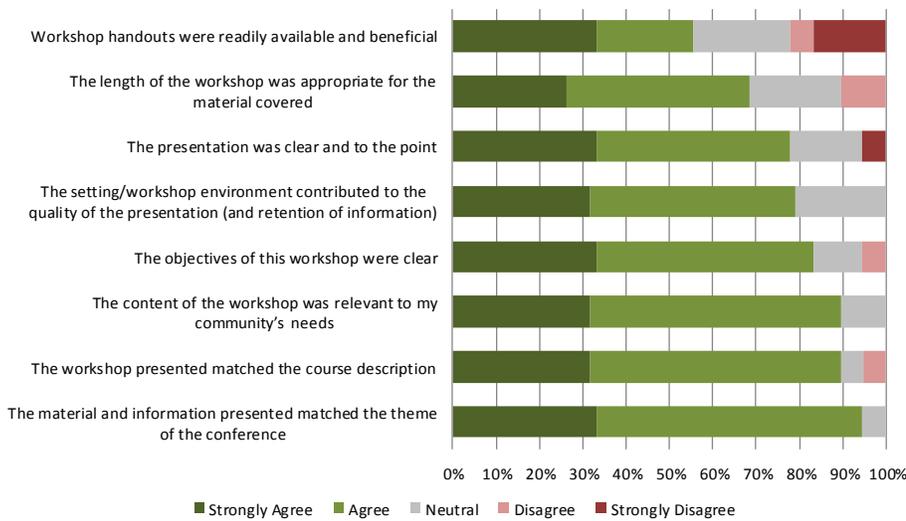
This panel focuses on community based sustainability programs to address the needs of environmental justice communities. Panelists will present about successful strategies undertaken in Chicago and Minneapolis/St. Paul. We will share how these initiatives were developed; what challenges occurred; and how partnerships were established to overcome these challenges to ensure an effective and guiding community voice.

**Presenters:**

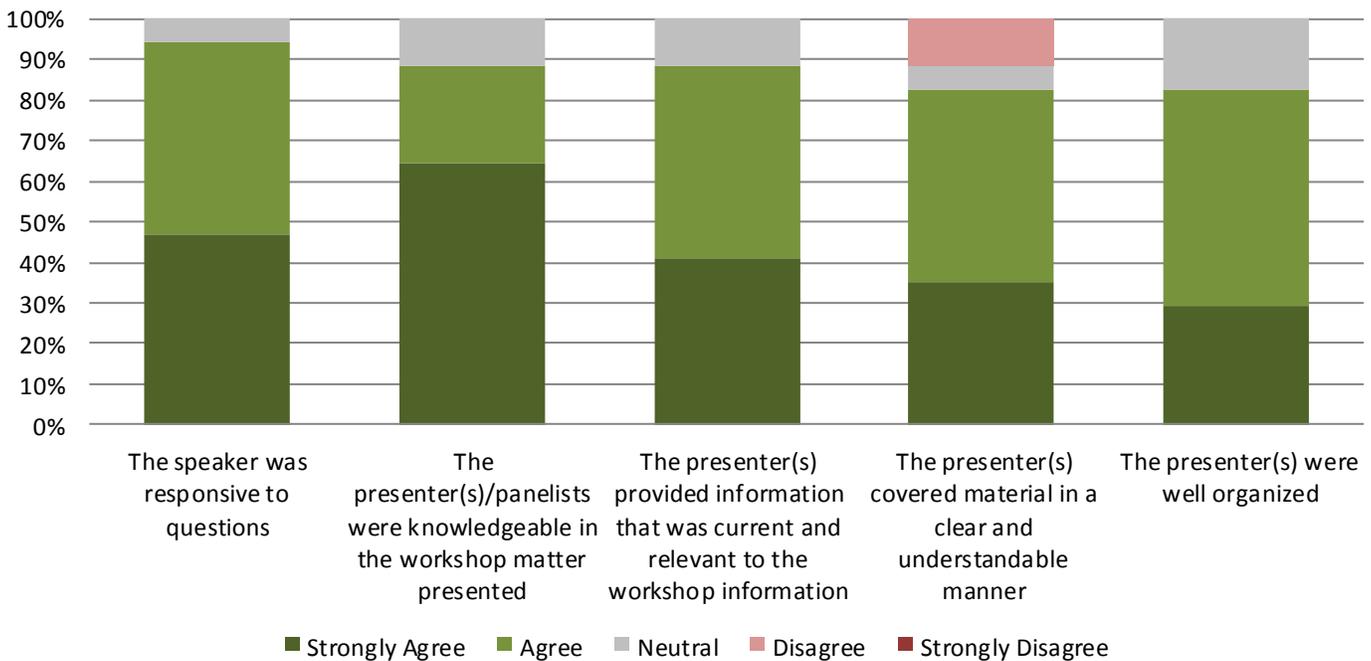
Deborah Ramos, Center for Earth Energy and Democracy/Zenteotl Project  
 Kim Wasserman, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization  
 Jeff Matson, University of Minnesota, Center for Urban and Rural Affairs

# Preconference registrants: 37  
 # of survey respondents: 19  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The material and information presented matched the theme of the conference" and "The speaker was responsive to questions"  
 Weakest response: "Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial" and "The presenter(s) were well organized"

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Environmental Justice and Sustainability: How to Build Effective and Just Green Development Initiatives

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Organize candidate forum on EJ/Urban Ag/Energy

Information covered

Information gathering information

The idea of multiple stakeholder partnerships

Coordination between academic research & community organizations is vital to success

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Use of data to frame message for policy change. Controlling of information & availability/difficulty of accessing

The presentation/mapping

resources

website information

Building relationships. Networking is very important to succeed in this economy

Mapping info

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

People should stand up when talking to the public

N/A

Generalizations

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

Stand up when speaking

N/A

# Get on Track! Community Engagement in Transit way Development

The Twin Cities region is planning to exponentially grow its transit way system in the next 20 years. How can your neighborhood maximized on this once in a lifetime opportunity to ensure that these public transit infrastructure investments benefit your residents. Hiawatha Light Rail Transit is built. Central Corridor Light Rail Transit will be operational in 2014. Southwest Light Rail Transit, Bottineau Light Rail Transit, Gateway Corridor and the Robert Street Corridor are all progressing in their planning processes. Neighborhood organizations play a vital role in shaping the route, the land use planning, and the economic development outcomes along these future transit ways.

Participants will learn about the regional transit way systems being planned and the local decision making processes that guide transit way implementation. Participants will gain knowledge of the specific community engagement requirements of transit way projects. Participants will understand which communities are being impacted by these major construction projects and learn about the potential benefits neighborhoods can gain.

*Presenters:*

- Joan Vanhala, Coalition Organizer, Alliance for Metropolitan Stability, Minneapolis, MN
- Nieeta Presley, Executive Director, Aurora St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation
- Va-Megn Thoj, Executive Director, Asian Economic Development Association
- Elena Gaarder, West Side Community Organization Executive Director

# Preconference registrants: 26

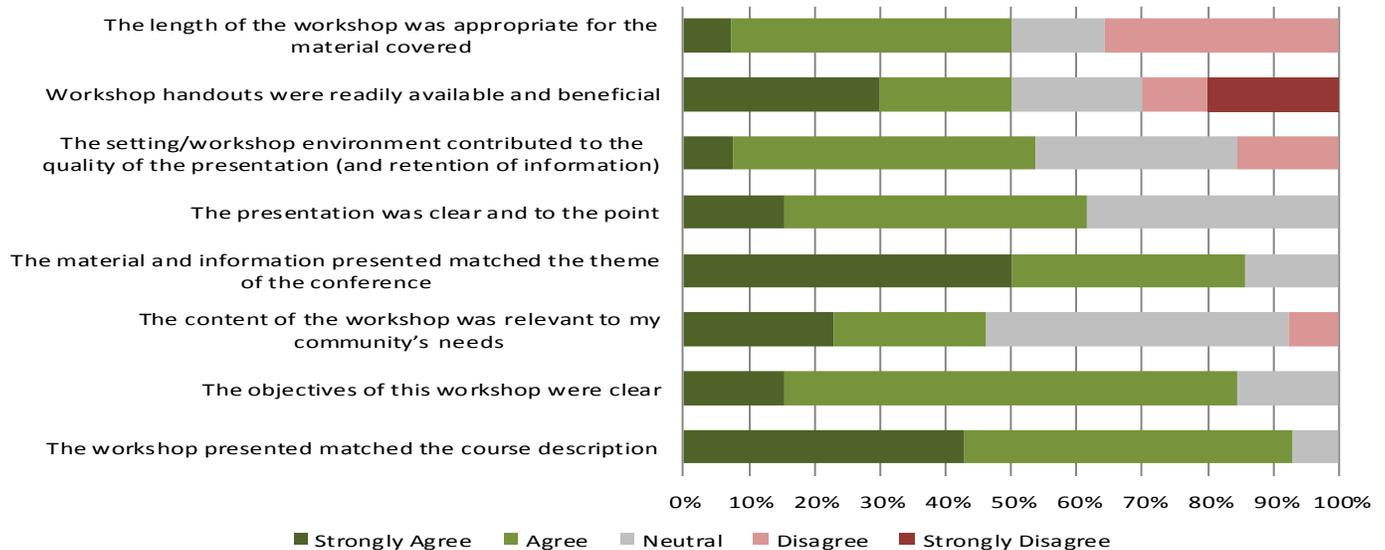
# of survey respondents: 14

Average # of survey responses: 19

Strongest response: “The workshop presented matched the course description” and “The presenter (s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop matter presented”

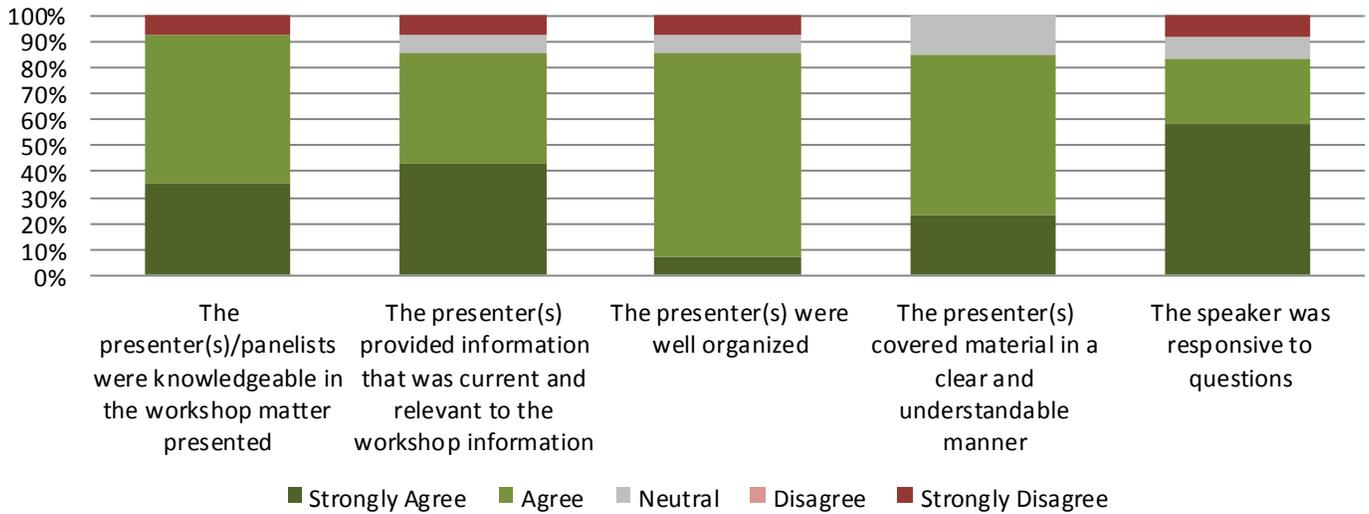
Weakest response: “The length of the workshop was appropriate for the material covered” and “The speaker was responsive to questions”

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



# Get on Track! Community Engagement in Transit way Development

Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

the info

Clear understanding how transit project effect community - positive & negative

Because large numbers of public dollars are invested in transit projects, everyone should benefit.

For community engagement, need to be sensitive to needs of residents & talk specifically to those specific needs. Need to be less technical in presentations; speak open and honestly.

Steps a proative community engagement in regards to transit plans

process best practices

Handouts - Federal reporting

how transit/community engagement can be implemented in my community. how to keep people actively involved.

Get community engaged

need to understand E/J impact

better involved as soon as possible

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Business E

Historical information

How to organize businesses that will be impacted by a transit project.

Remember that effort is a "marathon" not a "sprint". More attention needed to obtain helpful community input, not going to just provide info.

best practices

"Learning the language" need to write a grant proposal for the city of Thorsten, CO when I return home.

all! very interesting and informative

All information was good

how to get representation and/or partnership

# Get on Track! Community Engagement in Transit way Development

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

(illegible) that you know about transit co

No handout

The Q and A was helpful; needed more specifics in PowerPoints. Maybe more help to presenters w/ what info more useful in powerpoint

some parts of presentation was background, some high points only

We don't have the "racial" communities as much - but all divided economically by "has vs. has nots"

Answering questions of locals & NOT out of state people

none

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

room was a little chilly

Needed a little more time

question answers were too localized didn't speak to other communities.

1. Presenters didn't have enough time, felt rush and couldn't go over information fully!

2. More materials handed out.

PowerPoint presentation handout to write notes along w/ slides

Handouts available but not readily

Would have been good to hear more about specifics on why group was successful in changing policy or assisting the neighborhood.

Wish there was time to share participants share their own feedback

Have each presenter have a good map (needs to show rivers, downtown etc.) of city and metro region so audience can understand where project is/was & have idea of length/width of project

Room was uncomfortably COLD!!

The help to questions were excellent and the answers were on point.

needed more time

Presenters better prepared

## Involving Immigrants in Neighborhood Organizations

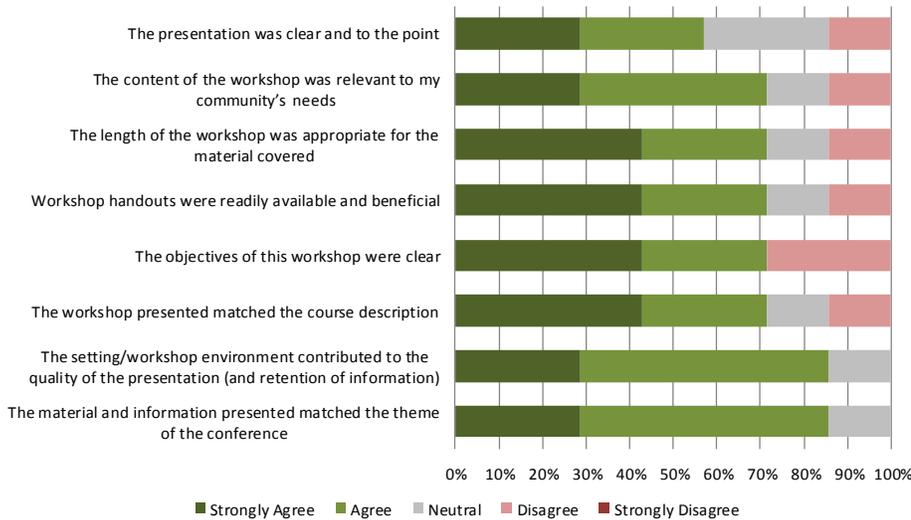
Providing neighborhood groups with practical ideas to involve immigrants, this training combines analysis of north Minneapolis neighborhood groups involving hundreds of immigrants in successfully taking on community problems: large group discussion on how to tackle common challenges such as overcoming language and cultural barriers, and building relationships with immigrant families; and small group brainstorming where conference participants share challenges in their own neighborhoods, and get ideas from others.

**Presenters:**

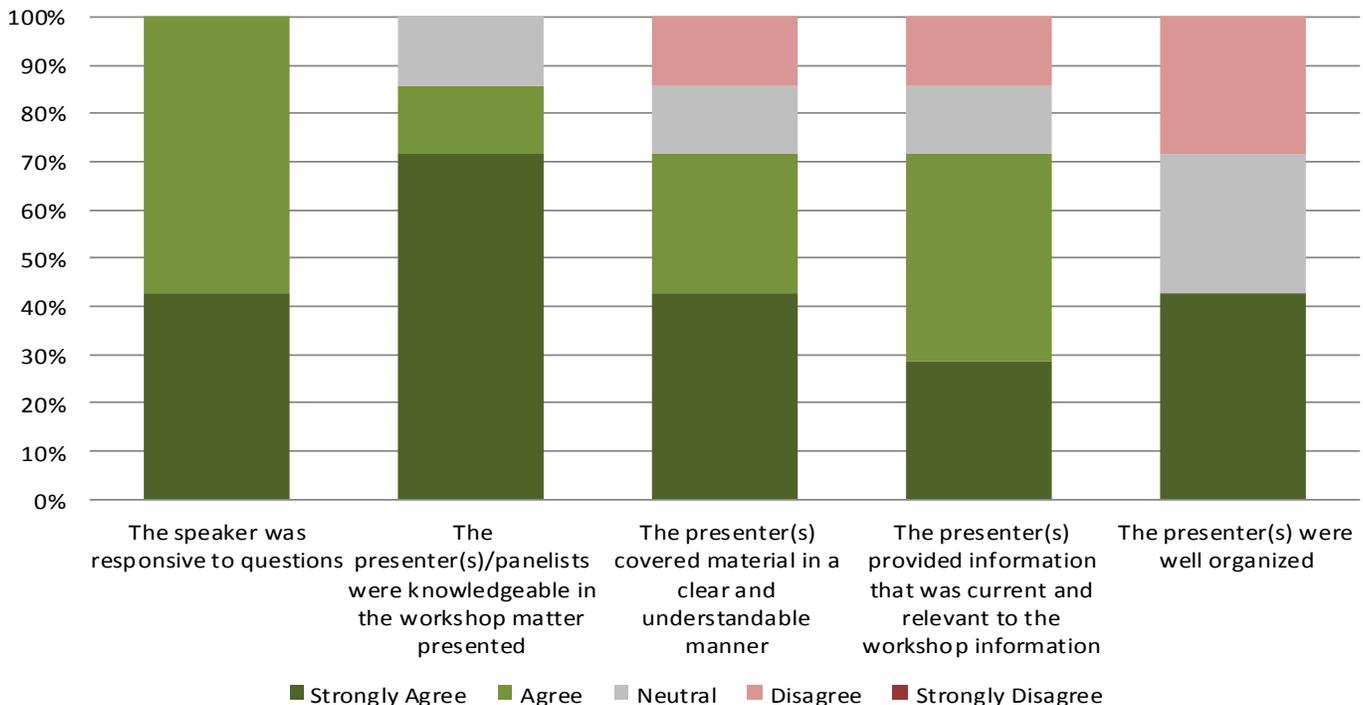
Jay Clark, Director, Minnesota Center for Neighborhood Organizing, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN  
 Yia Yang, Organizer, Minnesota Center for Neighborhoods  
 Sunny Chanthanouvong, Director, Lao Assistance Center of Minnesota

# Preconference registrants: 60  
 # of survey respondents: 8  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The material and information presented matched the theme of the conference" and "The speaker was responsive to questions"  
 Weakest response: "The presentation was clear and to the point" and "The presenter(s) were well organized"

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Involving Immigrants in Neighborhood Organizations

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Learn how to say "hello" and "good bye" in different languages

Understanding how they are thinking towards City & Police officers

Leader disorganized

Jay Clark is building great relationship to R-I

Nice ideas how to get started, which makes it easier.

- ideas to get immigrants involved, esp. through kids

- how best to approach

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Hmong & Lao presenter good

Lots info about organize

case studies of the N side and MOA/light rail issues

U of M Student worker program!

solid ideas and suggestions to cross cultural lines

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

Lumping all immigrants as if all groups share similar experiences

more in paperwork what steps would help with each culture

He is too fast!

Unorganized photo presentation

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

What are the tools and take aways. Not all immigrants are poor and uneducated

Leader's presentation

Spent money to engage community who is not engaged

Stop interrupting your co-presenters jay! It's disrespectful.

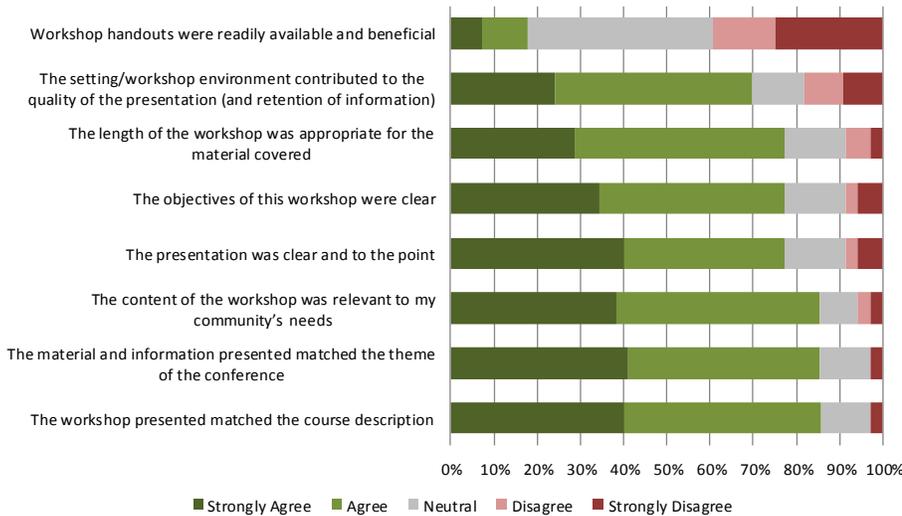
# Lifestyles of the Well Connected

Learn the MUST DO's and the things you SHOULD NEVER DO. Find out how to set-up and optimize your Neighborhood Council's Website, reach stakeholders, and be successful at email campaigns. Learn the difference between a Facebook profile and a fan page, twitter secrets and how to effectively leave your digital footprints online.

**Presenters:**

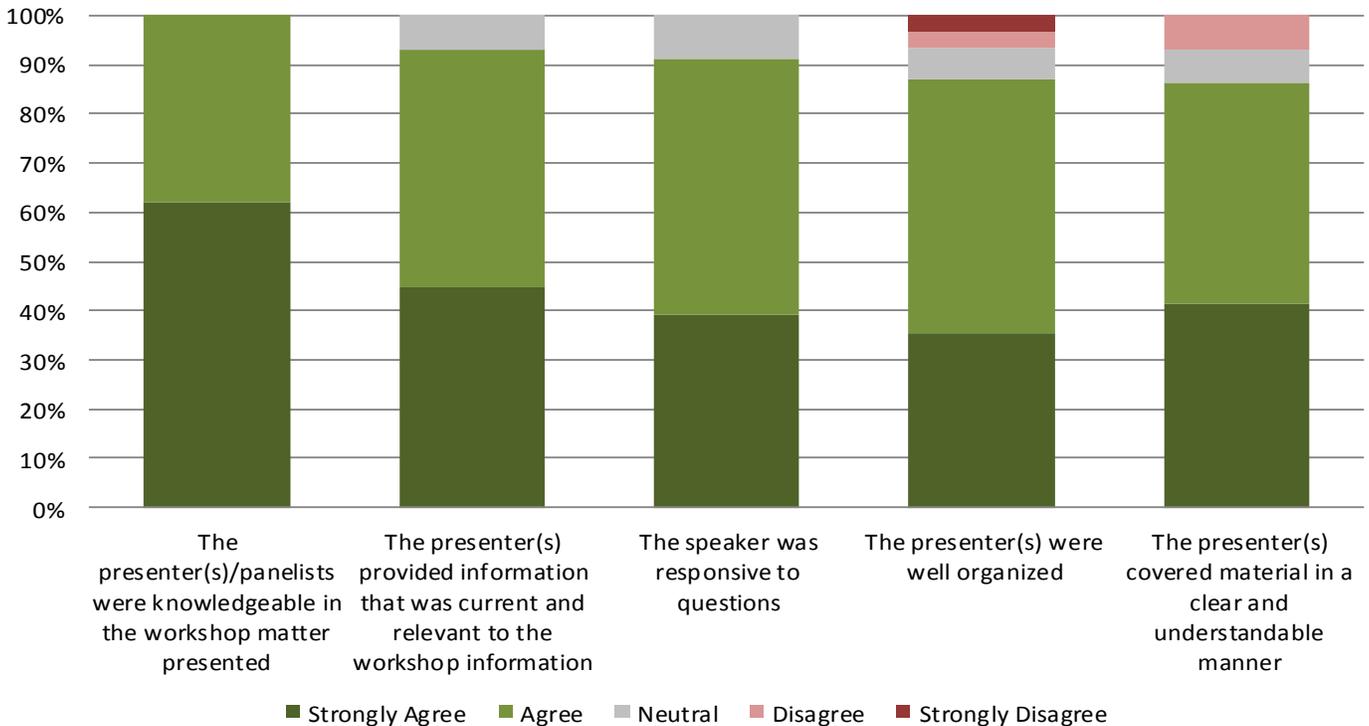
Grayce Liu, General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, City of Los Angeles  
 Stephen Box, Senior Project Coordinator, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment  
 Enci Box, Webmaster-Social Media Strategist, Get Connected

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



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 # of survey respondents: 35  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
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**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Lifestyles of the Well Connected

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Good!

need to explain twitter

I need to get neighborhoods engaged w LHD

We need to be connected through social media properly

Connect connect

Create a network/draw attention

UStream

plot

Range + uses of electronic media in the neighborhood

connect social media to (illegible)

taking the story

consistent brand

connecting every groups social efforts

examples of all the links to webpage

The power in connectivity

Link to everything

ways to maximize impact of online communications

how to coordinate communications/social media

Lots of specific ideas to take back to work

website & esp. social media

Tools identified - vertical response etc.

Excitement to review our website

The starfish

Important on what info should be connected to website

use of various tools when sending out documents: "like" "if trouble viewing, click here". Titling pics

too rushed

Website must be great & well connected to other media

The importance of linking communications

Process & audience

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

all because i know very little

Tips about website creating

connect from Facebook & website to other social media

chorus - how to make a project sing!

Media

connection to social media

General overview

the helpful hints about the different social media outlets

tips

learning how to network with the social media's exposure is advertisement

wrap up, I could follow that

conclusion - overview of communication principals - story telling, engagement - creating networks - 80-20 talk about others vs. your news

visual of story telling (the starfish)

Lots of great tips

# Lifestyles of the Well Connected

## What part of this workshop was most useful? Why? Cont.

The plot/theme and how and what to connect

useful info on starting up a website

Same as 1. Lots of information. Send fun stuff. Enci - excellent info, but slow down. Some of us novices are taking notes & miss your words (we don't have your knowledge so slow down)

Using social media and email programs tutorials

advance subject & keep it true

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

it was all useful

Having no handout hard to remember all the information

It was all useful; talk about the digital arena

slideshow - people know

Some of the direct LA stuff

listening to the presenters child have a tantrum

Slides were too busy unclear (just screen shots) :(

Highly technical parts - not useful to me

Lots of great info in a short time - hard to digest it all in one sitting

Need to cover diff. better Facebook & Twitter (unless baby was crying during this). There were no handouts - a page or two of general tips would help w/ listening more and less note taking.

I don't do the webpage so I may not use this

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

Presenters should not bring their children to events where they are facilitators; gentleman started out & then handed over presentation to his wife whoe then handed over to husband. materials should be more user-friendly

too fast paced

Room was way too cold!

not enough tables

could have been a little longer

a hands on local workshop will be helpful

maybe find a sitter - I understand bringing children (illegible) but this is a paid event.

Provide the information via email

more media, YouTube, UStream, Slideshow, Across Med, Chorus, Facebook, Website, Twitter campaign

Handouts available during the talk to take notes

Don't bring your child if you are a presenter

handouts? daycare?

Presenter focused on ppt but we couldn't see them clearly and they were obstructed by people sitting in front of us :(

excellent speakers

how to build a web site

Don't bring baby to presentation - very unprofessional. Screaming baby in hallway distracting. Find another option (sitter) or another presenter. Not a unique topic. Good volume of speakers. Entertaining & energetic.

Thank you! Interpretation into Spanish would be great

Would have been beneficial to learn more about other social sites other than the common Facebook & twitter. How does linked in work with City communication?

Fast and furious, but surprising amount of info shared

# Local Food Resource Hubs: A program Nourishing Neighborhood, Nurturing Community

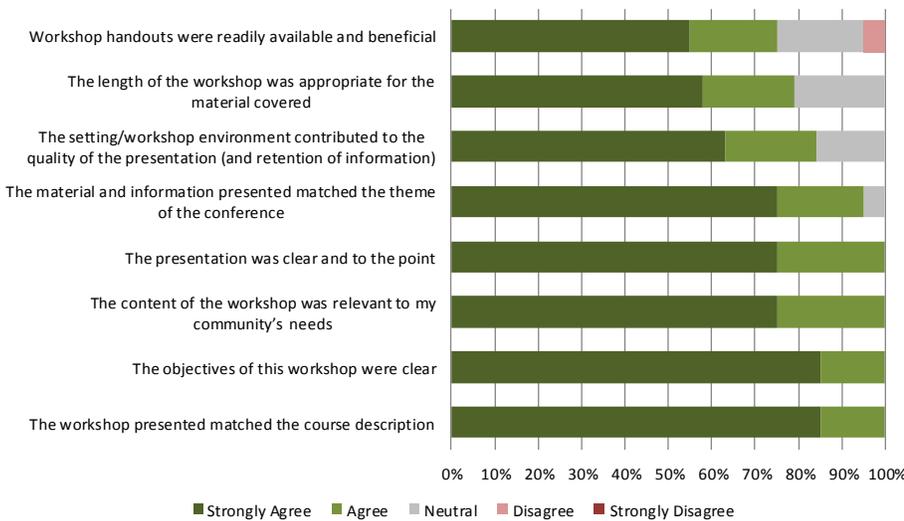
The Local Food Resource Hubs Program was inspired by the Garden Resource Program in Detroit, and the concept is taking root around the country, due to several strengths: neighbor-to-neighbor approach, adaptive to a neighborhood’s assets, and resource sharing between neighborhoods. Learn how it works, outcomes, and how to get started.

**Presenters:**

Najda Berneche, Program Director, Gardening Matters, Minneapolis, MN

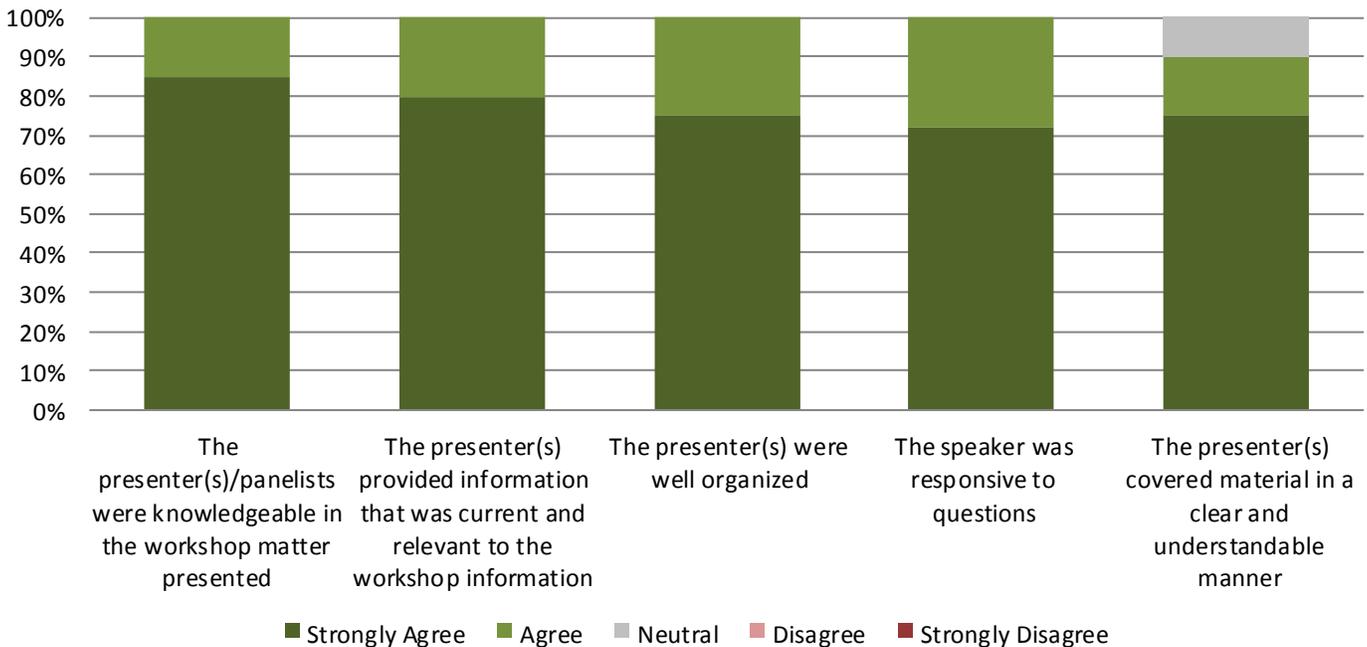
Ashley Atkinson, Former Director of Urban Agriculture and Open Space, Greening of Detroit, Detroit, MI

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



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 # of survey respondents: 20  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
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**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Local Food Resource Hubs: A program Nourishing Neighborhood, Nurturing Community

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Start small but be prepared to grow

From a food "desert" in Detroit 2003 to a growing successful movement in 2013, this can happen

Clear vision - begin pulling partners together

Clear path to getting started. Lessons learned

The fact i'm even more inspired to volunteer at my community garden. All info was very useful

The idea for regional resource centers

Growth can happen

Gardening is a great way to cross community lines (age, race, culture, etc.)

the need for connections using garden

There are tons of information on community gardens

I'll be using the local farmers markets more often

Our organization can help facilitate this movement

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Handout from mpls & energy of Detroit speaker

Tools to get started

Practical/Transferable processes

"Tools to help you get started" Slide was most helpful/useful

Creating sustainable/resilient social network

Detroit info

stats were surprising

great knowledge from presenters

Make sure you have a clear plan if you plan on doing a community garden

I like the details available & on-line resources about how to do the project

The (illegible) for urban agriculture (illegible) will described

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

all was useful information

all was helpful

None - great job!

none

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

none

easily most useful workshop this far.

So excellent combined presentation from 2 areas. So well organized and prepared. So useful.

Hard copies, whether electronic or paper on the application questions, data use, etc. would have been beneficial

Collecting data! duh! Thank you

thanks for being at the conference!

This needs to be a longer workshop

too cold in room

Great speaks!!!

Is there a source for easy & simple receipts using farmers market foods? I'd be more likely to buy a wider variety of veggies if I knew what to do with them!

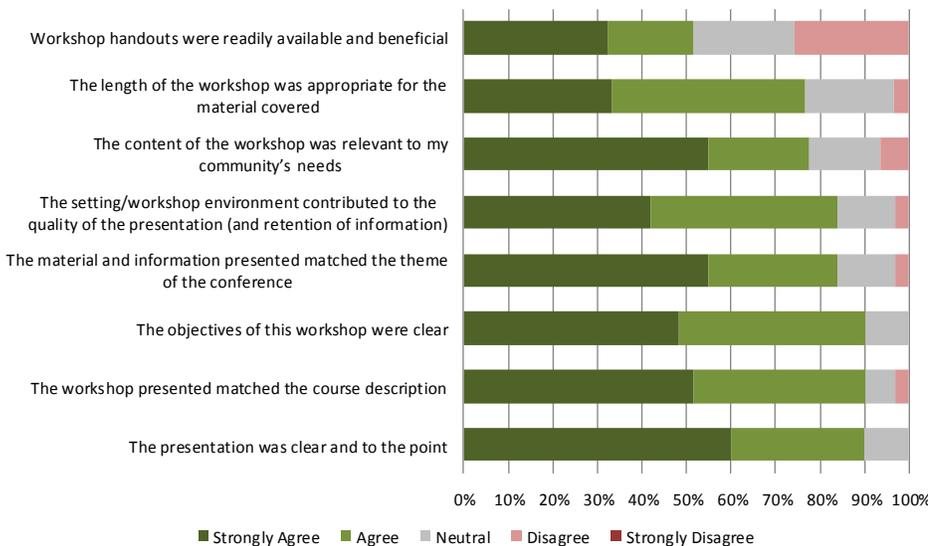
# Merging Community and Academic Knowledge: Neighborhoods and Community Based Research

Community Based Research (CBR) is where community knowledge and university knowledge come together to address neighborhood issues. CURA has been supporting CBR for over 30 years across the entire state of Minnesota, including hundreds of CBR projects in partnership with neighborhood and community groups in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The purpose of this session is to introduce CBR as an approach to addressing neighborhood issues and, with a panel of community experts, unpack the best practices of CBR. Session will be moderated by Jeff Corn, Community Program Coordinator, CURA.

**Presenters:**

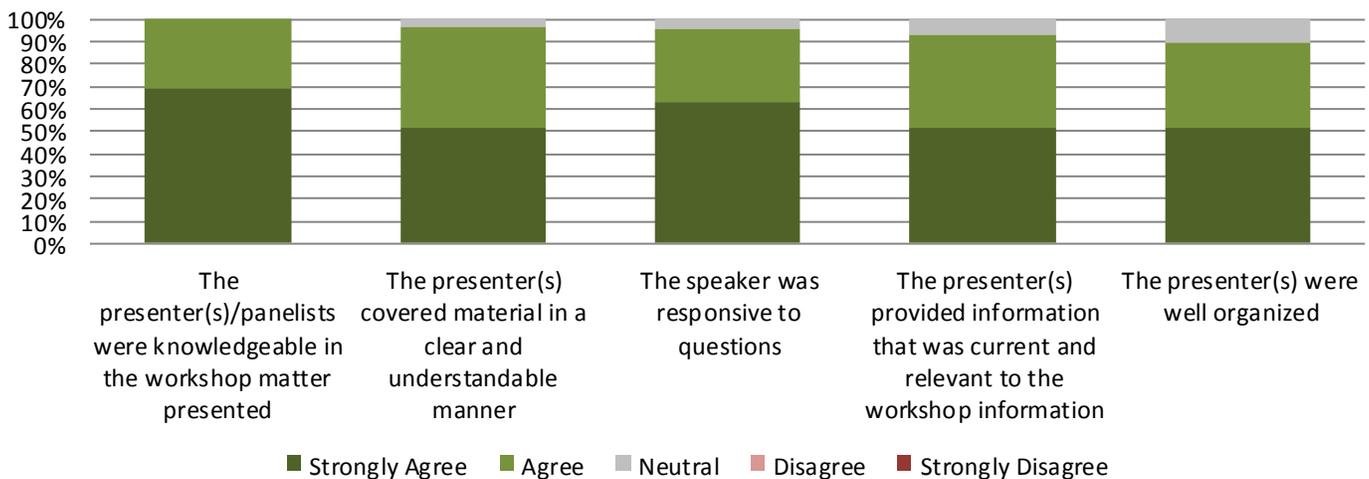
- Jeff Corn, Community Program Coordinator, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, Minneapolis, MN
- Malik Holt-Shabazz, Executive Director, Harrison Neighborhood Association
- Eric Gustafson, Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, Executive Director
- Joo-Hee Pomplun, Director of Community Building & Organizing, Asian Economic Development Corp.

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



# Preconference registrants: 56  
 # of survey respondents: 31  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The presentation was clear and to the point" and "The presenter(s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop matter presented"  
 Weakest response: "Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial" and "The presenter(s) were well organized"

**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Merging Community and Academic Knowledge: Neighborhoods and Community Based Research

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

(illegible) type organize is available. But I need to check within my city.

Everything

Get some help from local college to help support the community needs.

Neighborhood cooperation a must, if any real development and improved quality of life is needed.

Multiple entry points through CURA as an inspiring force.

The importance of subjective research.

Foundation to share with local university

Community base research benefits both academic institutions and comm organizations

Asking for a "permanent investment in all of that citizen equality..." CBR can give a plan some legitimacy and build support. Data-driven projects are the types of projects funders like. "The case of two gas stations" - discovery-community action - change.

University/Community engagement

This opportunity may exist in my area and I am encouraged to research this opportunity w our local colleges

CURA

(Very effective having 3 orgs present success stories). Helps me think through neighborhood issues & needs and how we can apply today's stories

How important it is to focus on justice and advocacy issues - do 1:1

CURA - What a great resource. Will look at the possibilities of developing with the University of Central Florida

CBR adds weight to neighborhood positions

Work w my local university for them to provide research re: neighborhood changes

How to deal with City officials in such a way to get results then inviting to come to you and see your project.

To utilize the CURA program in the nearest future possible

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

all

Corcoran neigh'd's & Asian Econ. Dev. Assoc.

Presentation of missions, challenges & successes

the option of using universities

The overall overview from the panelist.

The offers to connect after the conf.

The stories helped connect research to neighborhoods

Basic understanding of CURA & CBR. I wonder if our organization in St. Paul is fully leveraging this resource. How do you prevent "study & dash"? Discussion about how to keep information fresh/accessible/fun. For a future workshop - you might show some before/after presentations/reports showing how to make a dry report come alive.

Participation in redevelopment for community impact/benefit

Learning about CURA

a better understanding of CURA

Real life examples - Panelist

Hearing how students have been helpful in making a real life impact

# Merging Community and Academic Knowledge: Neighborhoods and Community Based Research

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

None. They were all good.

Limited discussion

No access to struggles - or failures to overcome

being so area focused

N/A

The workshop didn't much help participants learn how to use any research tools but rather educated participants on a college program that is only available in Minnesota. I am not able to take much from this workshop to apply to my neighborhoods.

NA

Can't think of anything - Presentation was well organized

All focus on mpls size city examples

Talking about the CURA program is great, but non-Minneapolis/St. Paul folks don't have this program to utilize, which is frustrating for them, I'm sure.

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

Great Job!

Give 30 mins for each presentation - too little time

Perhaps just 2 community panelists - controversy to weigh in on

N/A

more videos would be helpful.

All of the case studies presented were interesting. Making use of video to tell these stories could be helpful.

The introduction to CURA was good and useful. In addition, I would suggest considering getting away from PowerPoints and maybe moving to a short video - such as the NUSA welcome video produced by greenjeansmedia.com. I would consider this especially if it would get a lot of use.

I appreciated it when speakers stepped closer to/faced the audience to address them.

NA

handout w/ panelist contact info

Overall workshop was very informative and useful concerning, research, land use, business, community involvement and education.

A workshop on how a CURA type program could be started @ other Universities would be well attended, I bet.

I got a handout but they ran out.

# Mobilizing Community Change through Strategic Partnerships

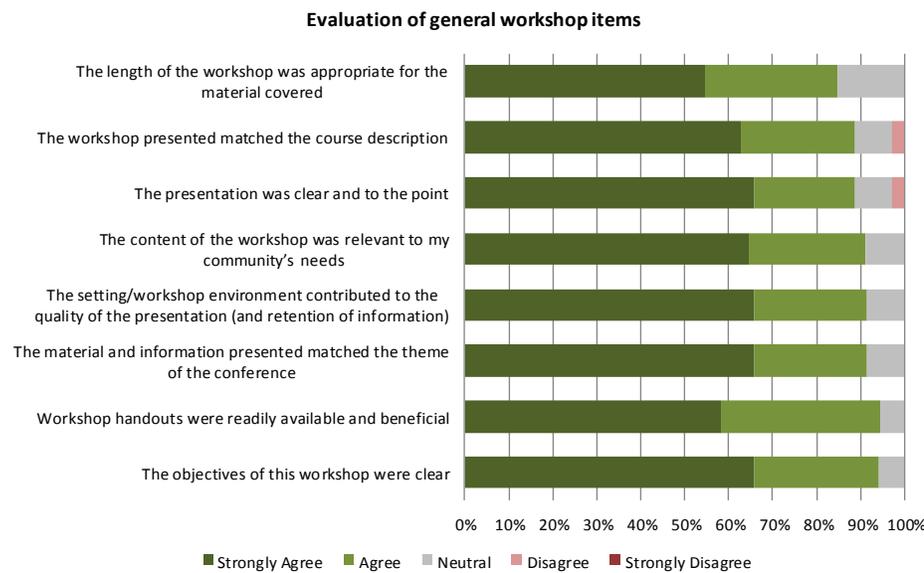
Strategic partnerships are an effective way to leverage resources in under-resourced neighborhoods. Flintridge Center employs an inclusive, partnership-focused approach to developing and implementing solutions that address community needs. The nonprofit organization convenes and facilitates diverse stakeholder coalitions to combat poverty and violence. Successful collaborations include out-of-school, mentoring and gang prevention programs, workforce training and coordinating services for returning ex-offenders.

**Presenters:**

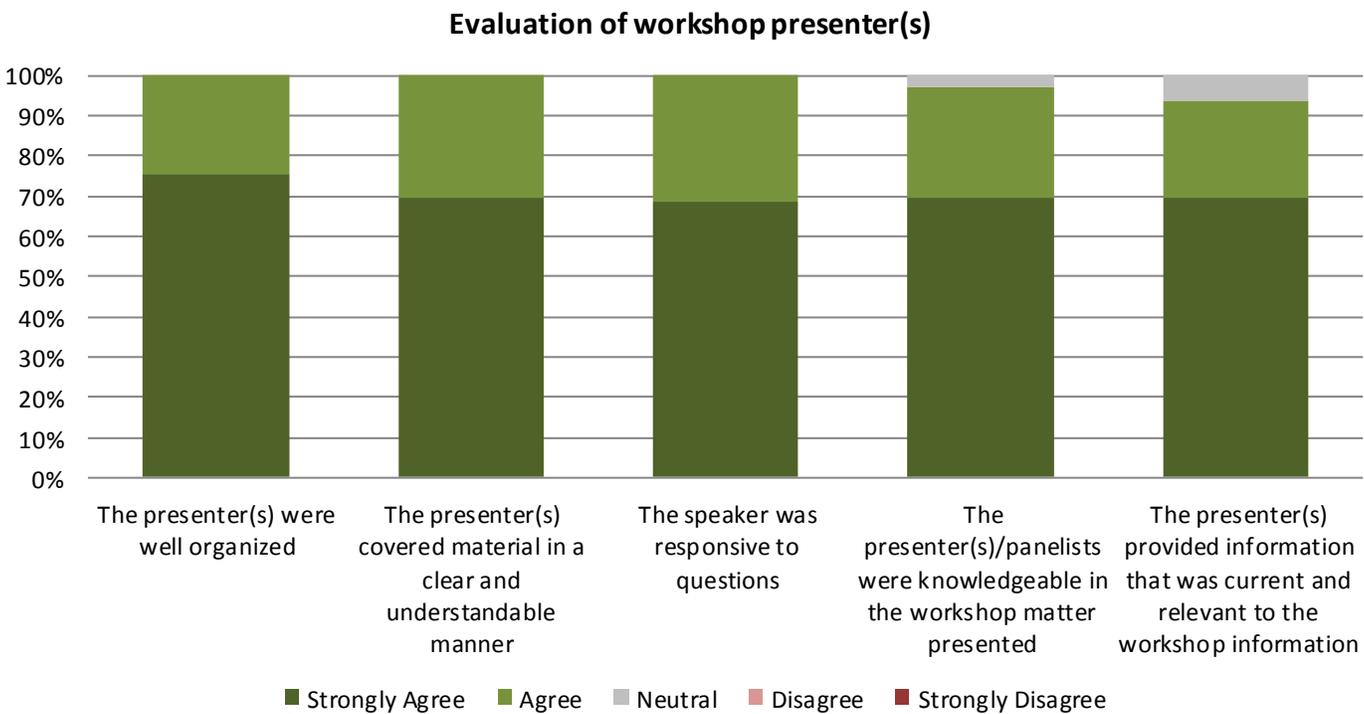
Brian Biery, Director of Community Organizing, Flintridge Center, Pasadena, CA

Ricky Pickens, Director of Prevention & Intervention Services, Flintridge Center

LaWayne Williams, Program Director, Flintridge Center



# Preconference registrants: 72  
 # of survey respondents: 36  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The objectives of this workshop were clear" and "The presenter(s) were well organized"  
 Weakest response: "The length of the workshop was appropriate for the material covered" and "The presenter(s) provided information that was current and relevant to the workshop information"



# Mobilizing Community Change through Strategic Partnerships

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

New ways to look at collaboration

Vision, partnership development

Becoming more than just a drop. Becoming an ocean

Collaboration is a puzzle that can be solved w/ communication

Importance of trust and collaboration

Tools for ways to talk about partnership w my partners

All of it -

Trust exercise was good.

Communication

I am not ALONE, part of the bigger PICTURE

Commonality within differences is transforming

build those partnerships!

The emphasis upon bring open to change

The importance of communication & partnerships

trust is vital for partnership

Have a plan - communication mission - have employment know rights - for ex-con

It was important in the workshop I get some to talk back have

List of reminders of expectations of partnerships

Partnership, communication, figure out how to communicate more effective.

How passionate everyone is in what they do - sharing

Work with your differences

New ideas to share with my neighborhood

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

com exercize participatory!

Workshop set up

Talking with the other attendees of the workshop

hands on facilitation

see above

All of it

Really liked the interactive aspect, nice change from other presentations. It's hard to be fresh on the last day of a conference, but did presentation did.

all was useful

Interactive

hands on collaboration

collaborative techniques

the exercises

The hands on experience

The sharing

Partial material of the session - very useful session I found this for.

Trust exercise

Resonsibility of partnerships

it gave some they give the community and round me

# Mobilizing Community Change through Strategic Partnerships

## What part of this workshop was most useful? Why? Cont.

group breakdown w/ 2 questions

Watching the body, sight & mouth. It made me realize how hard communication behaviors are & what & how I will work better on being more clear in my action & words.

set up of room - very open/welcoming

Discussion circles

Listening to what other participants had to offer

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

The lack of time given to the presenters for such a powerful need in the community

room size - because group arrangements

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

Good team, work well together as a team, community has similar issues/concerns

These guys are great!

More workshops like this!

I didn't see - exactly - how the exercises fit; too bad group work (illegible) won't be kept and shared.

Great workshop!

Needed a larger space

Very well put together

Very informative, interactive presentation.

Awesome job

Next yr workshop presentation

The process needs to be given more

I had fun!

enough time - to be allocated

Would have liked to have time to learn @ the nuts & bolts of HOW these guys handle day to day challenges - not just big picture.

Rearranged chairs for conversation - VERY important

I enjoyed - the group arrangements

Feed back - interaction w/ ideas - to the goal

This was a great workshop. Learned a lot of valuable information

I wanted to learn more about the institutional home and how that changed youth.

really liked the setting.

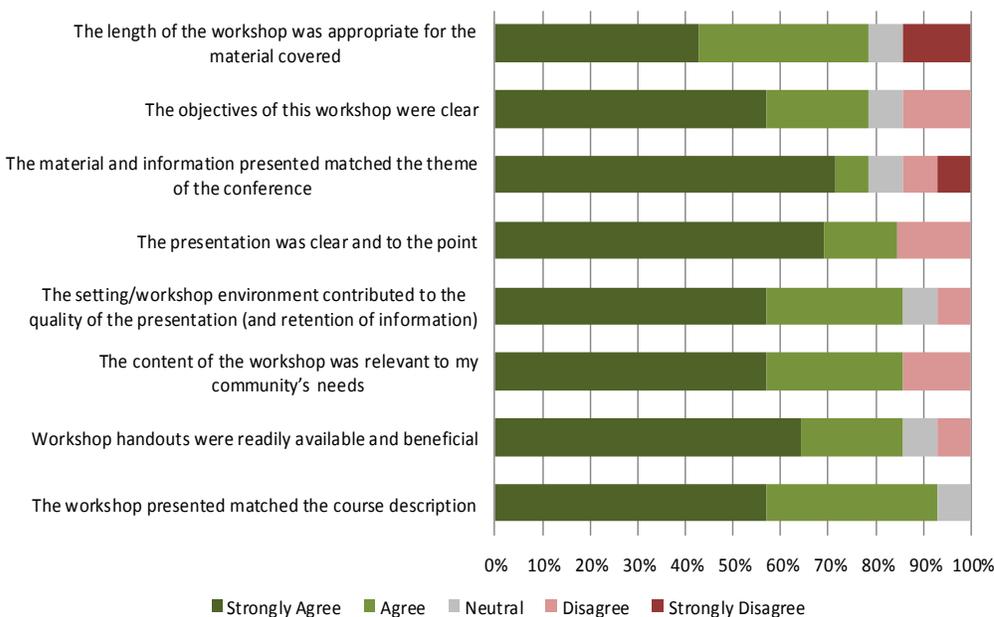
# Neighborhood Organizing for Racial Justice & Racial Healing

The Harrison Neighborhood Association has been, and continues to be, transformed by an Undoing Racism process started nearly 8 years ago. The workshop will cover community history, strategies/resources used, experiences of community leaders and staff, and examples of concrete organizing campaigns used in the neighborhood to advance racial and economic equity.

**Presenters:**

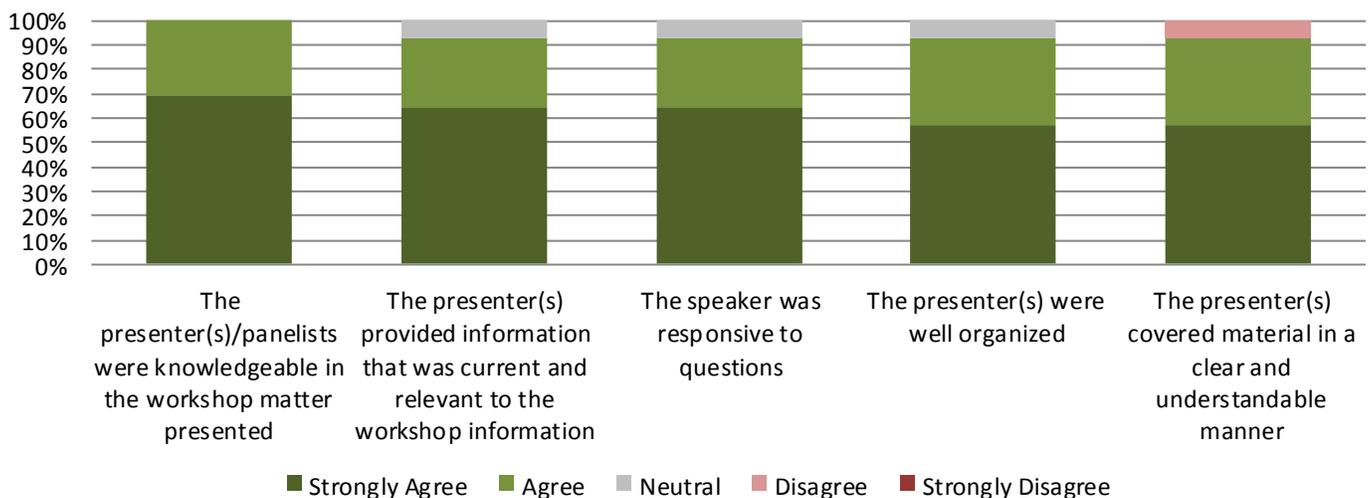
- Malik Holt-Shabazz, Executive Director, Harrison Neighborhood Association, Minneapolis, MN
- Pam McClain, Vice President, Harrison Neighborhood Association
- Maren McDonnell, leader, Harrison Neighborhood Association
- Nelima Sitati – Munene, Community Organizer, Harrison Neighborhood Association

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



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 # of survey respondents: 14  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
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**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Neighborhood Organizing for Racial Justice & Racial Healing

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

This topic is also a very emotional topic

We have to be comfortable discussing racial injustice & white privilege

need to expand dialogue racism's impact on neighborhoods and community

Connections being made. Looking forward to join the work that is going on.

That there is a process that can help neighborhoods work thru racism

linking systemic racism to community development

what was the meaning of the subject racism

information

How to address racism on a deeper level

underground racism

Keep fighting for neighborhoods

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

The part that was lacking: Racism is a serious and world wide challenge. The place is local but the strategies should be globally inspired. The testimonial of community action.

Information on various groups that deal with racial issues. So people know where to go for help.

"undoing racism", People's Institute - ideas resources. Q&A portion

Everything. Everything was useful.

<heart> the passion

make it real of what is in front of you

map

We must collectively address this issue of undoing racism on a deeper level

(illegible) team approach

all of

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

To go too deep into the local issue racism (illegible) a personal & systemic level the answers should be searched on both levels & locally & globally

wish we had more time

the presentation was made during the voting process

The first two speakers

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

work clearly with the second part of racial healing - this needs to be a full one day workshop on intricate internalized racism. It is so relevant! Let us do this let us make it global.

more on strategy

Great Presentation

I would like more in-depth on the (illegible) to work through racism

Thank you! - Best workshop

an organized neighborhood group can make a difference

weekend session

very passionate speakers!

by far the best seminar by far

next year we need a 2 day session on undoing racism and going thru the healing process.

keep up the good work

The third speaker was great, she made the workshop. Thank you 3rd speaker for sticking to the subject content as it relates to the conference.

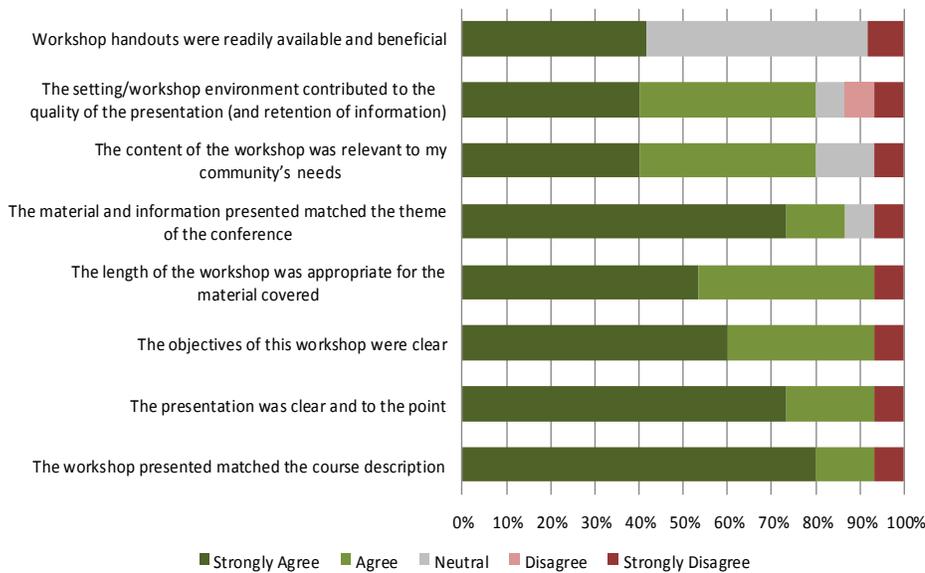
# Neighborhoods and Parks in Minneapolis – Past, Present and Future

From a critical vote in 1883 to a vision for 2020, early and current neighborhoods have advocated for and helped sculpt the Minneapolis Park system. The session will review the rich history of the Minneapolis Park system, its role in serving the needs of Minneapolis and region residents and visitors, and the strong role neighborhoods play in shaping and protecting parks. Learn about the rich history of the Minneapolis Park system and the strong role neighborhoods play in shaping and protecting it. Bring home ideas for partnering with your parks.

*Presenters:*

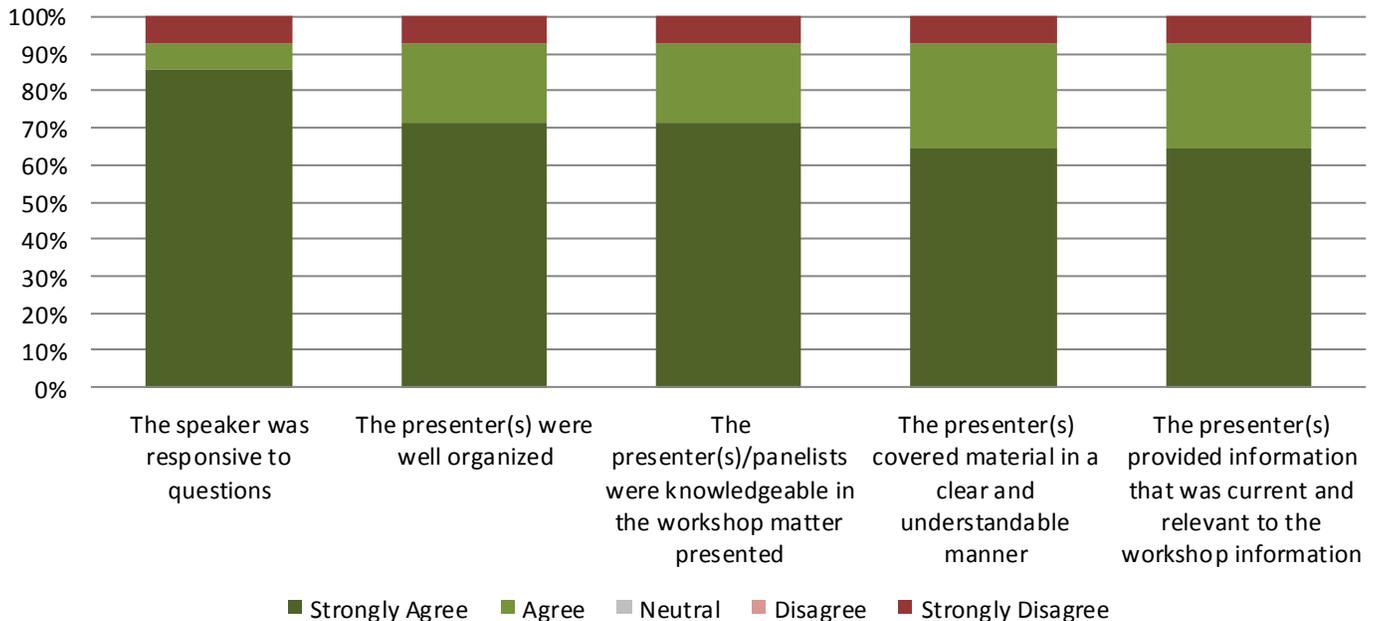
Jennifer Ringold, Manager of Public Engagement and Citywide Planning, Minneapolis, MN

Evaluation of general workshop items



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 # of survey respondents: 15  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
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Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Neighborhoods and Parks in Minneapolis – Past, Present and Future

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

The utilization of the parks & rec system is key to being more tied into the community and engagement in neighborhoods.

I did not know much about the park system. This is helpful for me when working with my neighborhood's park.

History, budget, whats next

The importance of the initial public investment in a neighborhood and how private investments follows on a much larger scale. The public needs to know that's how their tax \$ works.

Mpls has land for \_\_\_!

Neighborhoods, groups, individuals

Great park system

Great Q&A!

That many park systems are seperate from municipal gov't and our city is normal in that sense

Good job!

Independent park board puts priority on PARKS, and values public input

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Knowing the history of Minneapolis Parks is really intriguing and inspiring. It jumpstarts the feeling to become more engaged.

learning how to better the parks around me

Demonstrating a knowledge of our demographics.

Cookie cutter method is ending.

Encourages change.

All. And new information.

Data

The historical timeline and explanation

Intro to MPLS park system & how it interacts w community

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

I found all interesting

None

N/A

None

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

It was very cold. Hyatt's fault :)

I'm glad there were not handouts

None

Thanks!

# Neighborhoods Investing in Community Land Trusts (CLTs)

The City of Lakes Community Land Trust (the Community Land Trust serving the neighborhoods of Minneapolis) was formed through neighborhood input and leadership 10 years ago. Since that time, more than 150 households have been assisted into CLT homeownership in Minneapolis. Learn how neighborhood policy and funding has influenced and created many of those homeownership opportunities. CLT homeowners now live in over 40 different neighborhoods across Minneapolis. Whether it through neighborhood housing policies, funding, or incentives, the majority of these homes were made possible through neighborhood involvement.

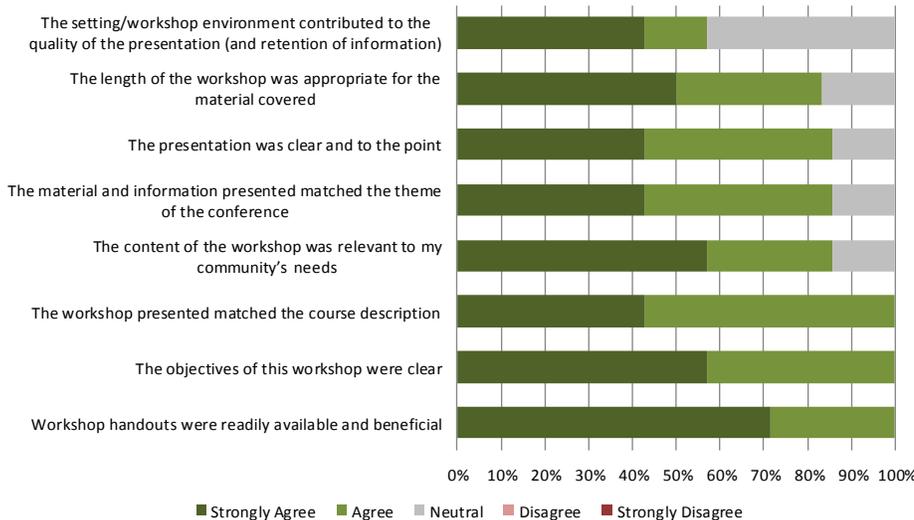
Within the session, representatives from a few Minneapolis neighborhood groups will present case studies sharing the impetus and decision-making process that was used in their neighborhoods, which ultimately led to the investment of housing resources into CLT homeownership opportunities in their communities. They will speak to the lessons learned and benefits to their organizations as it relates to Community Land Trust homeownership in their neighborhoods.

**Presenters:**

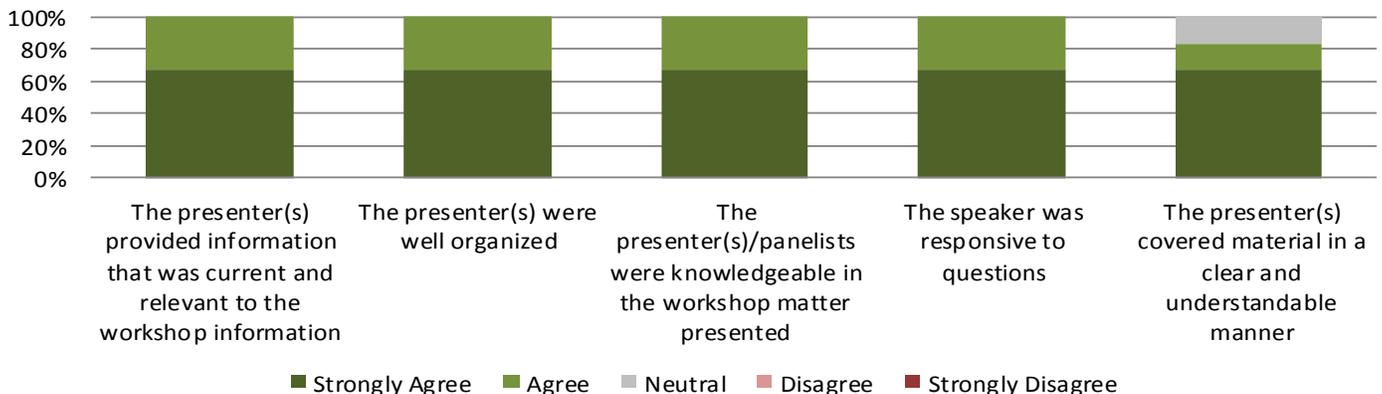
- Jeff Washburne, City of Lakes Community Land Trust, Minneapolis, MN
- Melanie Majors, Longfellow Community Council
- Becky Timm, Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association

# Preconference registrants: 19  
 # of survey respondents: 7  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial" and "The presenter(s) provided information that was current and relevant to the workshop information"  
 Weakest response: "The setting/workshop environment contributed to the quality of the presentation (and retention of information)" and "The presenter(s) covered material in a clear and understandable manner"

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Neighborhoods Investing in Community Land Trusts (CLTs)

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Comm land trust overview

An alternative to multi housing affordable units

This is a viable way to provide affordable housing.

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Q&A

The web and coordination of neighborhood organizations, like the group, represented

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

Too much info packed into time block

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

Fewer speakers - more time for Q&A

Any caps for acquisitions & rehab? What happens if you get a neighbor from hell since you own the land can you evict (eminent domain rights). What happens if your community doesn't have N.A. out west, they don't exist.

Very, very good session. Most appreciated

# Neighborhoods, Students, and Higher Ed Institutions Getting Smarter Together

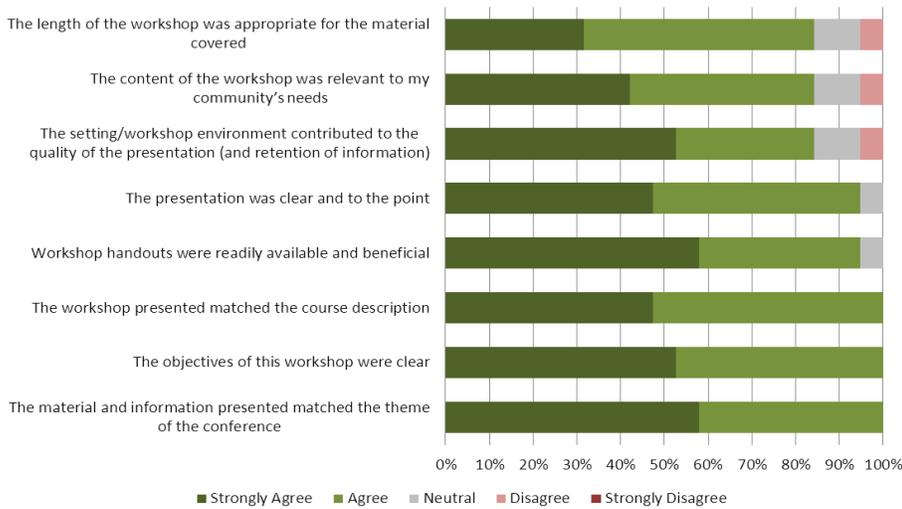
A neighborhood/city/university partnership in Minneapolis is navigating unfamiliar waters to identify urgent mutual interests and find ways to work on them together. In this session, we will present some of the notable partnership projects that we think may strike a chord with other communities, and shed some light (for ourselves and for you) on what we are learning about the challenges and rewards of sailing beyond old boundaries.

**Presenters:**

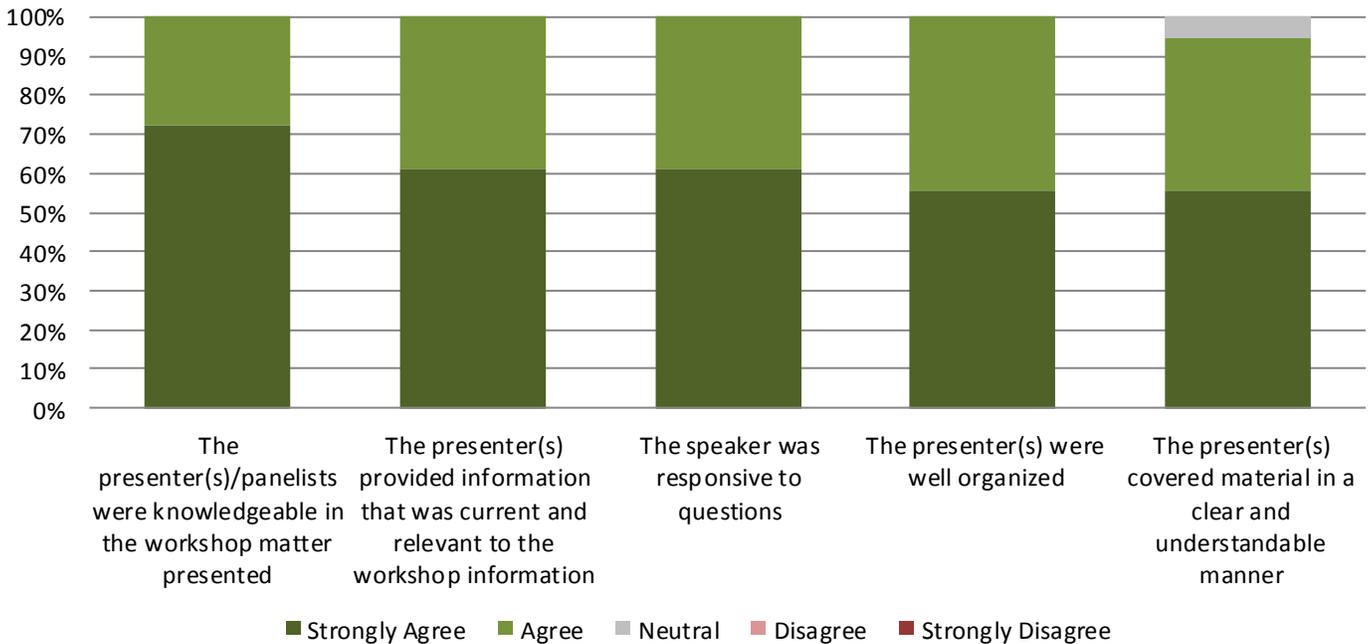
- Melissa Bean, Executive Director, Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association, Minneapolis, MN
- Jan Morlock, Director, Community Relations for the Twin Cities Campus, University of Minnesota
- Hussein Ahmed, Executive Director, West Bank Community Coalition
- Phillip Kelly, Undergraduate Student Representative

# Preconference registrants: 52  
 # of survey respondents: 19  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The material and information presented matched the theme of the conference" and "The presenter(s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop matter presented"  
 Weakest response: "The length of the workshop was appropriate for the material covered" and "The presenter(s) covered material in a clear and understandable manner"

Evaluation of general workshop items



Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Neighborhoods, Students, and Higher Ed Institutions Getting Smarter Together

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Please require that ALL workshops MUST have copies of powerpoints - the powerpoint print outs can serve as workbooks for us to "take away"

Importance of higher ed work w neighborhood. Examples of how that can occur.

Great stuff

There are SO many options/ways to collaborate w/ higher ed institutions!

many resources of neighbors and University

The information on partnerships with the University. GHHC loans. Student groups that went into the community.

500+ preschoolers in Cedar Riverside Neighborhood Community

Awareness that issues in my city are shared in another city and I can learn best practices of a new idea

Internet resources

Options for partnerships w University

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Examples provided of what is occurring in the twin cities.

All of it, it was interesting to see partner University

So many examples - tangible, gives other new ideas.

It directly relates to the work i do! Thank you!

GMHC loans

Interesting about home values way out of line

Hearing about the specific work in community

"Live near your network" initiative

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

none

Liked it all.

Wasn't sure of the relevance of the West Bank Community coalition but interesting work!

Information of student community relations with the cultural center.

N/A

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

none

VERY applicable.

Workshop was best suited to Minneapolis rather than my town. Not your fault I picked wrong workshop.

a town and gown track - I am on next year's planning committee and we've decided to have one!

Create circles for community conversations, not classroom set up.

Make info available electronically

N/A

Session next door (left) much too loud - distractions

# Open Streets: Reclaiming Streets with a Purpose

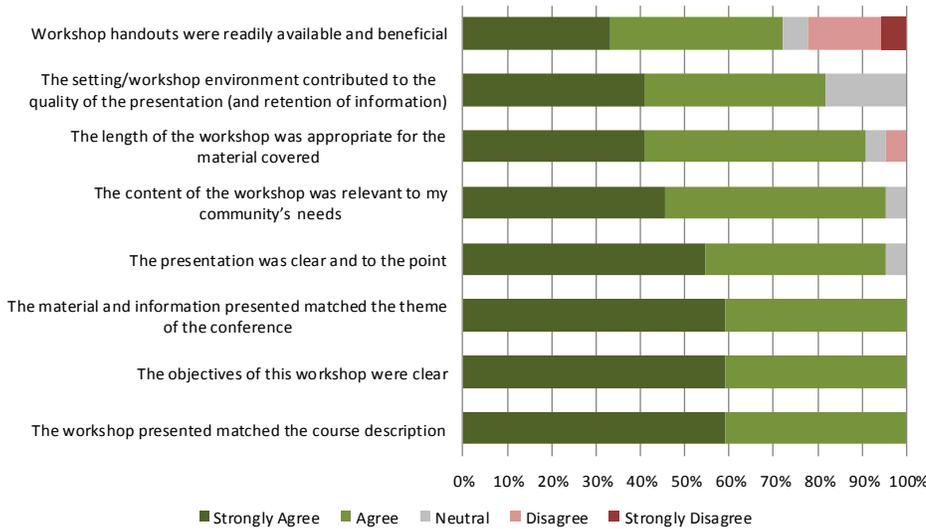
Open Streets or Ciclovias are events in which streets are temporarily closed to cars so that people may use the space for other activities—walking, jogging, bicycling, dancing and just about anything that does not include motorized vehicles.

By encouraging and enabling a community’s residents to experience and reclaim their streets as public places, Open Streets increase community support for rethinking mobility systems as they foster interest in active transportation and lead to improved community health and neighborhood economic vitality.

*Presenter:*

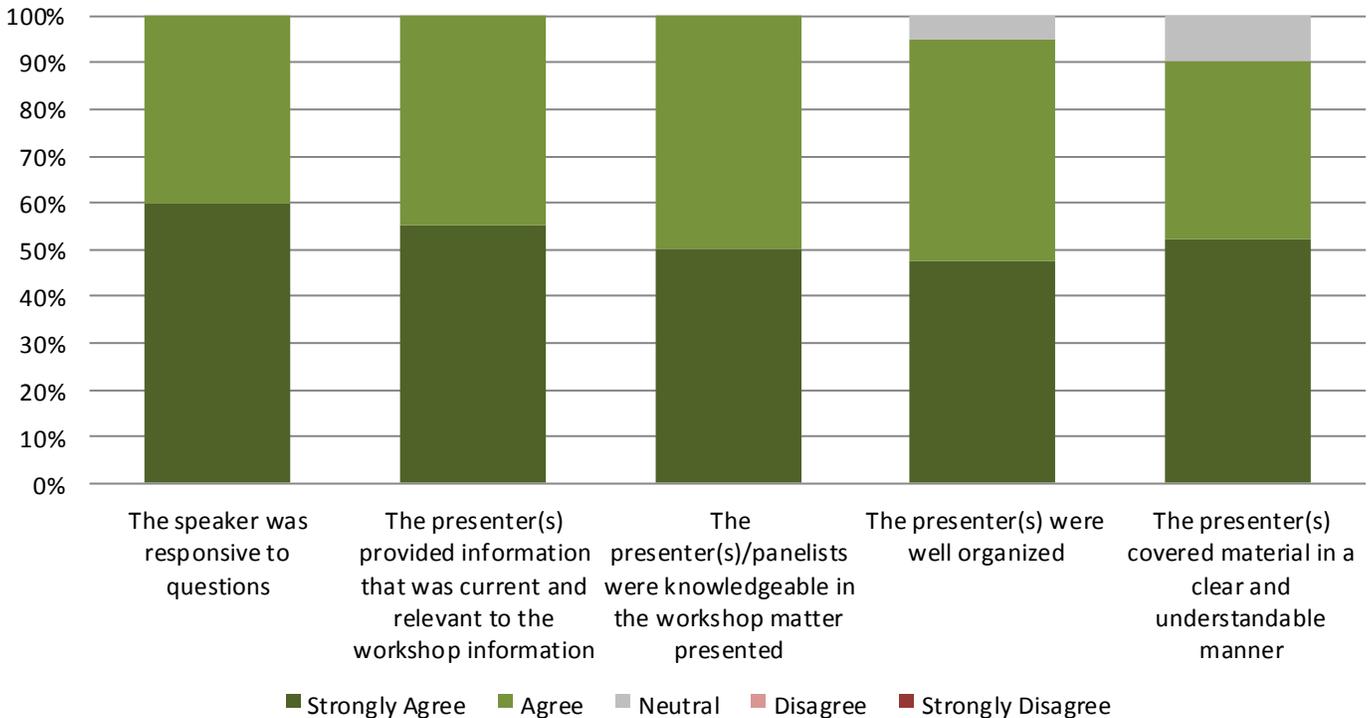
Colin Harris, Senior Engineer, Community Design Group, LLC, Minneapolis, MN

Evaluation of general workshop items



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Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Open Streets: Reclaiming Streets with a Purpose

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

The possibility of transforming streets is quite available

You can make a difference when evolving business & residents. Keep up on the effort & don't give up.

Inspiration. will think about what we can do in Long Beach CA

These events can be done starting small & evolving from that

Details of planning for an upcoming "pop up" on a retail corridor

lots of info of how to implement in our community

Open streets are awesome & you should start small

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Photos shared were interesting and represented the topics well

your visual was great, it really shows the involvement of everyone can put on a great, successful event.

Slides

Great visuals. Thanks for sharing

everything! :) Great presentation of what worked for this project and what didn't work.

good ideas

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

The presenters style was dry

none

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

Great presentation

Great!

Awesome presentation and info to take back to my community :)

Excellent

too long/slow

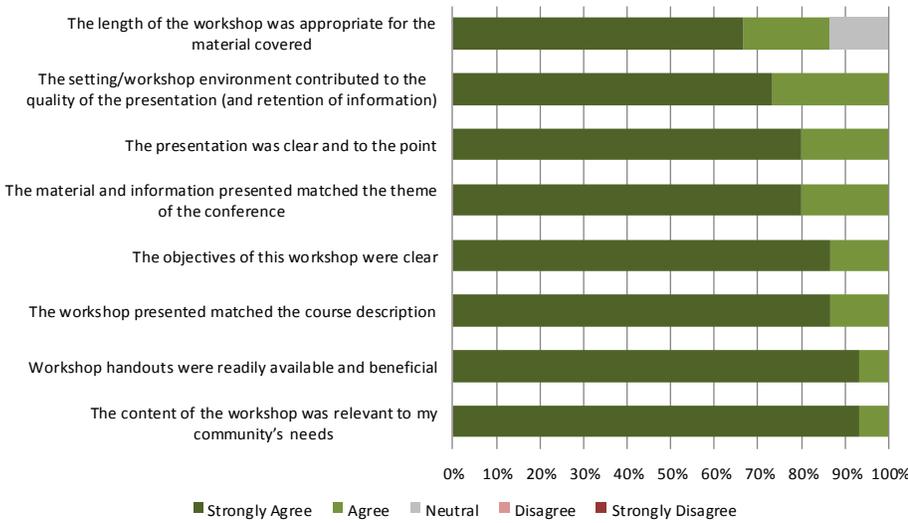
# Organizing for Social Justice & Change

In this workshop, participants will review the Basics of Community Organizing – Direct Action Organizing and Power with emphasis on leadership development and asset based community building. Participants will open up the Organizer’s Tool Box and deepen their understanding of the tools and strategies available for community organizers and leaders. There will be practice exercises aimed at sharpening participants understanding of Self Interest and building a base of relationships. Participants will identify and define key concepts of Racial Justice, Different Levels of Racism – A realistic scenario of routine racism is “unpacked” – offering practice distinguishing and articulating the different forms of racism and developing options (interventions) for challenging institutional and structural racism.

*Presenter:*

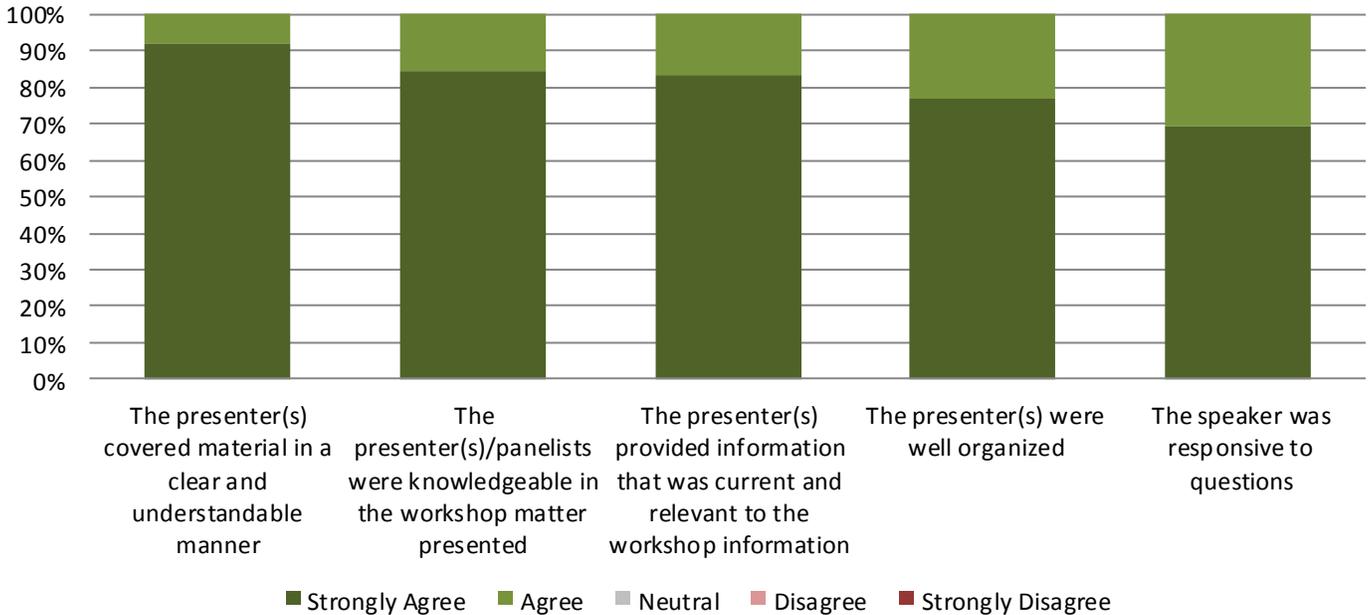
Salvador Miranda, Associate Director/Director of Training, Organizing for Apprenticeship Project, Minneapolis, MN

Evaluation of general workshop items



# Preconference registrants: 32  
 # of survey respondents: 15  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: “The content of the workshop was relevant to my community’s needs” and  
 Weakest response: “The length of the workshop was appropriate for the material covered” and

Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Organizing for Social Justice & Change

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Action

an understanding of different types of racism

Defining "social justice"

everything

racism still exists, albeit hidden, stealth way and we need to fight it - to reclaim american dream

relationships

knowledge of how to bring people together and how to bring people together for the betterment of the community.

the subject matter is real in our nation

ability to teach different interventions for different levels of racism

relationships lead to power

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

ALL important

talk to other participants

Exercises

everything

great

Presenters knowledge and materials

the interaction w each other

super - interactive, thanks for making people actually talk to each other about vision and impact handouts

using examples of racism in a class set-up

the inclusive interactive approach

the chance to talk with my neighbor

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

needed more time

too short!!

nothing

time was short

n/a

not enough time to present

not sure such thing took place

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

Best workshop yet

make it longer

we need more time for workshops around this issue!

Salvator is awesome

none, was great!

great refresher course

the presenter was serious on the subject matter

This focus is critical

great job

needed a bit longer for deeper conversation

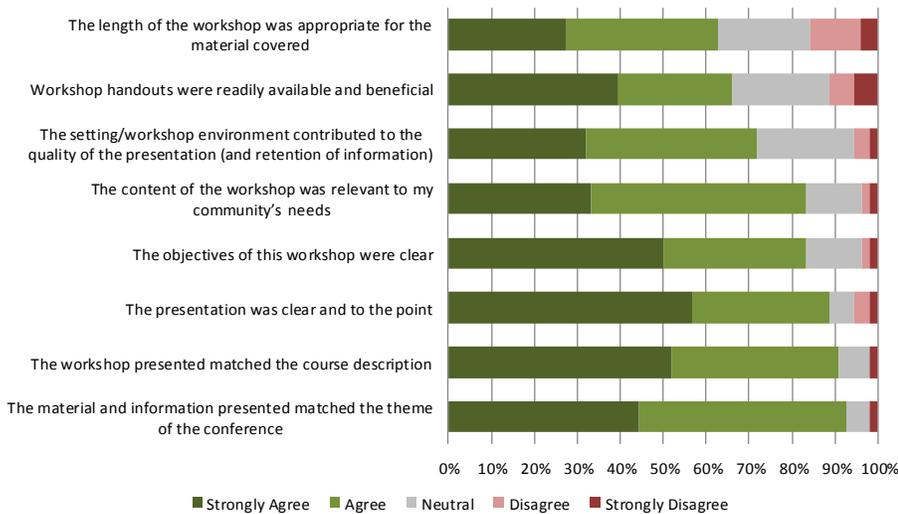
# Organizing for Sustainability – Neighborhoods, Government, and Local Utilities Under One Tent!

This workshop is a three-part presentation and Q and A opportunity. It will cover how municipalities can develop neighborhood programs, through the lens of Asset Based Community Development, that support and facilitate the creation of neighborhood associations and build social capital; how a neighborhood in Riverside, CA, that accessed these programs went on to create a neighborhood association devoted to neighborhood-wide green initiatives (WoodStreetsGreenTeam.com); and how that neighborhood was able to build a neighborhood movement autonomously but with strong partnership and collaboration with the local public utility company (GreenRiverside.org). One collaborative effort of that the utility and the neighborhood accomplished was Riverside’s first Green Leadership Summit in 2012.

**Presenters:**

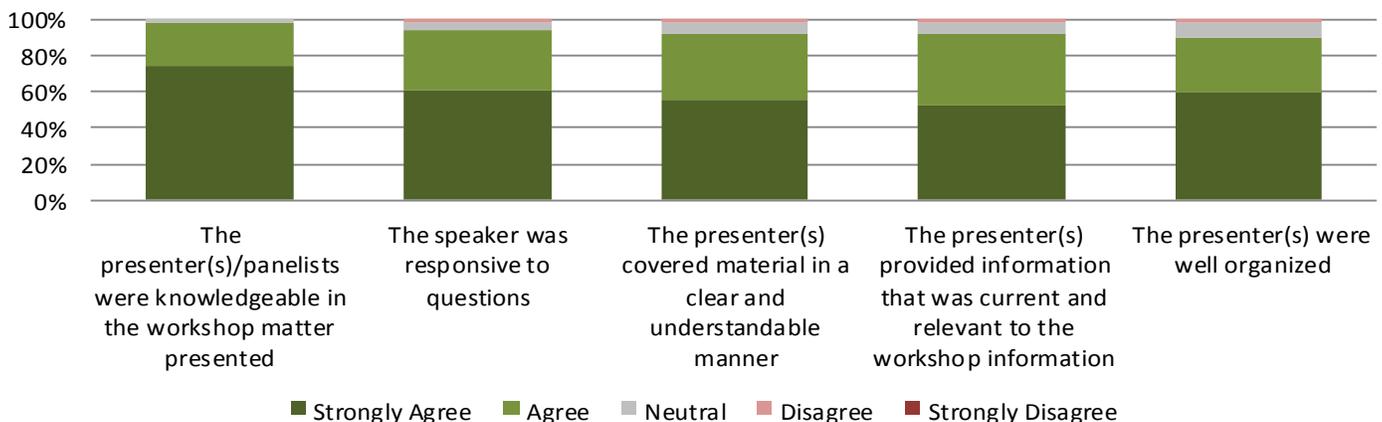
- Eva Yakutis, Community Development Consultant, Riverside, CA
- Justin Scott-Coe, Wood Streets Green Team, Riverside Public Utilities Board
- Erin Gettis, Associate AIA, Principal Planner and City Historic Preservation Officer

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



# Preconference registrants: 54  
 # of survey respondents: 56  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: “The material and information presented matched the theme of the conference” and “The presenter(s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop matter presented”  
 Weakest response: “The length of the workshop was appropriate for the material covered” and “The presenter(s) were well organized”

**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Organizing for Sustainability – Neighborhoods, Government, and Local Utilities Under One Tent!

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

hard to pick just one thing

the importance of collaboration

feedback, mutual goods, accountability

how to make agreements and steps

how to create community based MOAs with the city

main goal of MOA is ongoing communication and trust building.

awesome strategic plan

outreach ideas, goal setting for this type of program (s)

there are successful examples out there -now

the importance of sustainability.

the importance of taking the time to imagine what's possible. something happens when you connect kids to soil...

the need to really focus on how use the earth's resources.

build in environmental approach

small personal and systematic changes can have a significant impact on our world

that I have work to do!

include education and arts in sustainability initiatives

we can change our environment

the facts/ the presenter gave out the 4 principles of sustainability

NSF principles

ABCD model

sustainability

changes I can help make in my community.

sustainability and learn to have a vision and to utilize it.

Understanding how I can help in so many ways

vision and action plan

Partnerships

Development of communities can only be sustainable if its bottom up i.e. people talking change.

Successful Acts

Asset-based planning.

It's a complex issue helped by coordination

It takes a village to make itself comprehensibly sustainable.

How the community & gov't can work together to get green.

All was good. Great diversity of presenters

community garden

1. sustainable communities are way of the future.

2. Neighborhoods and institution can work together if pursued actively.

The "neighborhood thing..." the concept and the purpose and building community capacity, as all, and the green thing too.

Getting the interest of the neighbors networking planning the interaction of all.

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

how to implement + strategies with different partners

best practice -good work process

# Organizing for Sustainability – Neighborhoods, Government, and Local Utilities Under One Tent!

## What part of this workshop was most useful? Why? Cont.

all  
strategies for MOA were great ideas that i can bring back to LA  
the actual plan how it got started and implemented  
thinking through the MOA process as it can apply to communities of color leveraging their rights and power  
detailed handouts with examples, I can reference later.  
the importance to use of natural steps for being healthy  
should linkage between constructive approach to environmental sustainability community organizing  
the information provide and the credentials of the presenters. the facts provided  
all of it!  
game example of steps to take  
all of the little things we can do to help  
action plan -NSF municipality checklist  
backyard presenter  
info. provided  
handouts  
everything, because I didn't know half of this stuff  
hand out and presentation  
example - Riverside  
The (illegible) issue that relate to community taking charge  
Presentation - speaker knowledgable  
How to frame sustainability  
the neighborhood thing  
everything  
Great integration of powerpoint with additional storytelling that blended into the materials.  
the examples  
Getting the community involved with upcoming programs  
Handouts  
Role of the RNP board - because comparing and getting info and ideas from other neighborhood set-up, in important and useful.  
wood street green tear info

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

all was very good  
discussion of school district results  
2nd half was to much detail -almost lost interest although good presentation  
make acronyms clearer at the beginning or use less of them  
examples of success stories. asking participants to share examples from their own communities might have been a good idea.  
too much material to cover in time allotted. handouts -hard to figure out which ones were under discussion during presentation  
the facts that were provided were flashed up on a screen but not always explained how the numbers were reached  
break out session --not enough time  
group work

# Organizing for Sustainability – Neighborhoods, Government, and Local Utilities Under One Tent!

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why? Cont.

group work

The establishing background information was good but could have been shorter too much city history (given the time constraint)

references to John McKnights breakout session, wasn't there, didn't follow.

none. was ok

Too much "context" - all the history did not helpme. I don't care about the biographies of your mayor

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

this presentation does not address the role of transit sufficiently. the voluntary simplicity of not owning a car is that most necessary and least understood all environmental actions

this wasn't a short term process

would have been more helpful to talk about (eligible) of MOA and MOU and have a representative of each side that talked about the process not results.

Thank you! very great work!

truth is could have been we- no I- regarding presenters

interesting info!

lots of great info --maybe too much? helpful to hear so much hopeful activity.

I question the claim about endless energy. somewhere there is a chart that shows what resources are needed to make solar panels/ wind mills etc. they came from around the world and have an impact on the earth. so while these might be endless sun/wind --the materials needed to capture that energy are not endless. one issue that you might need to address is that it's good for the economy to imprison people's prison systems are a huge business.

likewise --it seems a little simplistic to say that we could simply shift war dollars to other projects. I'm not sure this gets to the root issue, which I believe has something to do w/ our money system ( read "web of debt")

great topic, excellent expertise, maybe a rehearsal, more planning.

more audience interaction, less lecturing. ( my workshop will have the opposite problem: too much interaction and possibly not enough substance) it is difficult to find balance.

speakers did a great job...going to discuss the materials and info with our sustainability director

good job

loved it. (eligible) of the vision for my community :)

this workshop should have been longer!

keep up the hard work.

Limited time for questions!

good maps & photos

less content, more depth.

Discussing how to overcome basics would have been nice

just wish you had more time or make each of the presenters a single class

Wish had more time for questions

Workshops need to be 1.5 hours or provided as an "option" to be between 1.25-1.5 hours; a lot of information too dense and if there are multiple presenters they need more time to not feel rushed.

it was well covered by presenters

I'd suggest that NUSA team make ALL presented materials available online so we can reread it and download it to use it. Thanks!

Really enjoy this class, the info, thinks I can use back at my office. Very informative!

Excellent Program!!

# Partnerships that Work: When Cultural Communities and Government Collaborate

To battle disparities in the American Indian community the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors group has entered into two very distinct, historical and innovative agreements with the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Public Schools. The Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Minneapolis promotes a sense of urgency and promise to develop reciprocal paths of participation and success. It establishes a working partnership of dialogue, action and measurable results in areas such as housing, health, economic development & employment, family wellbeing and public safety. The Memorandum of Agreement with Minneapolis Public Schools recognizes shared responsibility for Indian Education and the need for joint commitment to overcome a legacy of educational failure.

**Objectives:**

- Provide structure to productive relationships between cultural communities and government entities.
- Having an agreed understanding for mutual responsibility.
- Identifying goals and objectives to be worked on by both parties.

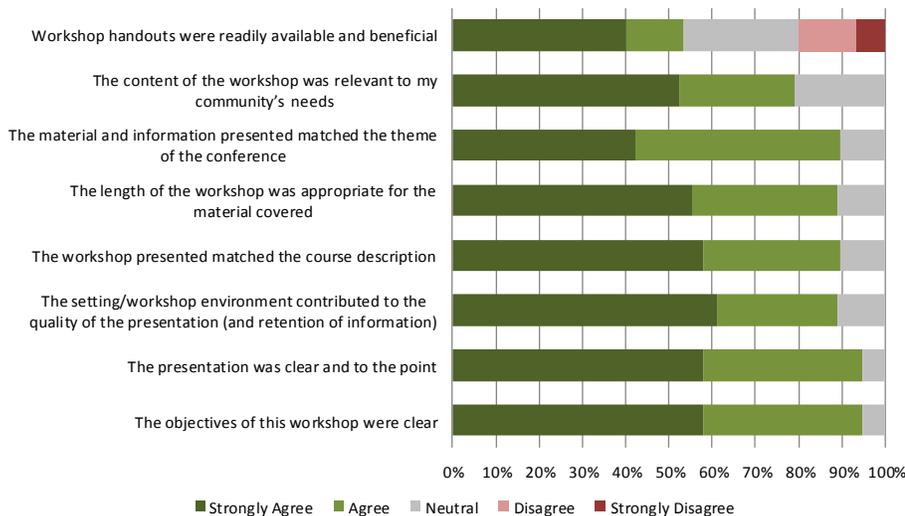
**Presenters:**

Noya Woodrich, President/CEO, Greater Minnesota Council of Churches  
 Danielle Grant, Director of Indian Education, Minneapolis Public Schools  
 Louise Matson, Program Director, Division of Indian Work

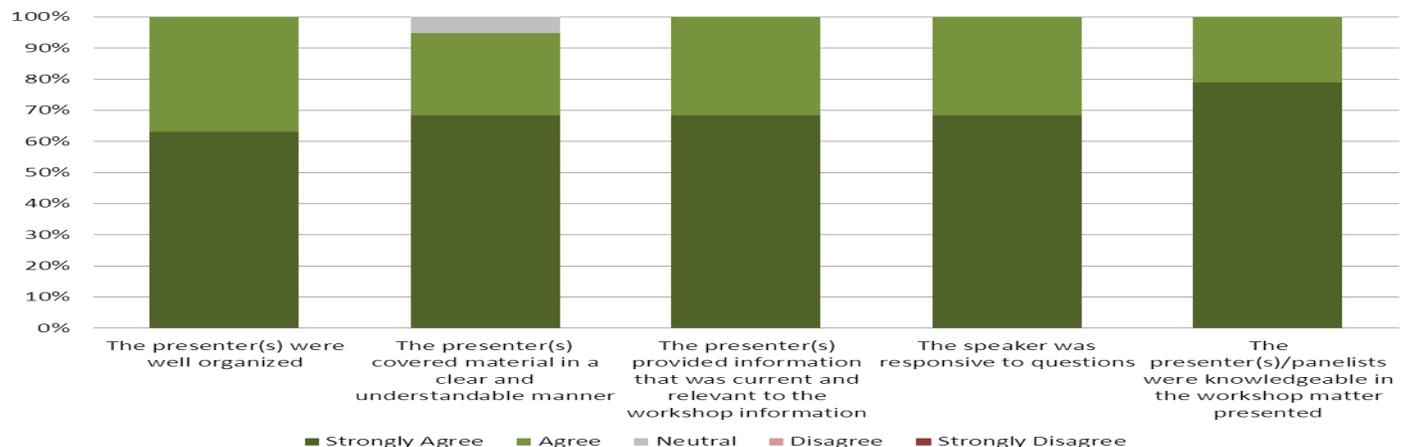
# Preconference registrants: 51  
 # of survey respondents: 19  
 Average # of survey responses: 19

Strongest response: “The objectives of this workshop were clear” and “The presenter(s) were well organized”  
 Weakest response: “Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial” and “The presenter(s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop matter presented”

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Partnerships that Work: When Cultural Communities and Government Collaborate

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

having mutual understanding and accountability with community and government/ decision maker  
needs to be from the community.

bringing people together and continue to work towards success

all of the MOU information -very insightful -informing clinics

these are the same issues we face (eligible)

how to work together to improve outcome

use of surveys of group members

goals for MOU w/ city

increased my understanding of the MOA and other relevant items

cultural identity is community development sustainable by the community for their community

we do not have an Indian population, but we do have a Hispanic population. Creating memorandums will be the take away to open doors

bottom up approach is critical in government development

the discussion point of involving kids in the feedback of program planning as far as their own education

community ownership critical key to any initiative within a neighborhood to be successful

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

how do we make people responsible? close the achievement gap. these questions need to be answered to progress forward. right?

all of it. was very informative

100 %

statistics

understanding how to organize a MOA from start to finish

yes, the MOU structure was helpful

explained implementation of MOU , I work w/ the city in this area but w/ other cultural groups

partnership collaboration with other ethnic. racial groups is a stronger goal for sharing strategies going forward for healthy educated minority communities.

learning what worked and the steps taken to make it work

the establishment of an (eligible) city driven up by the people

I thought all of it was

the willingness of the stakeholders, community, government and others to collaborate in a positive way to achieve a common good and objectives

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

can't think of one. pay attention to success, right?

all was useful

none

sub committee goals -strategies

# Partnerships that Work: When Cultural Communities and Government Collaborate

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

I (illegible) you for your commitment to stay focused and bring ideas to our people  
Richard white

fantastic presenters. i'm a very hard person to keep entertained... i was totally engaged :)

good job

great, great, worthwhile workshop

none, good job!!!

there were no handouts available and there was a lot information packed into presentation, it would have been helpful to get handouts and contact info for presenters.

I'm a minneapolis resident

council of ethic minority groups addressing (MOA) impacting all based on what has been established  
time for questions

given the dynamic approach, why not a complete holistic agenda for all minorities within Minneapolis, the focus area being, education, health, etc

good (illegible) of speakers!

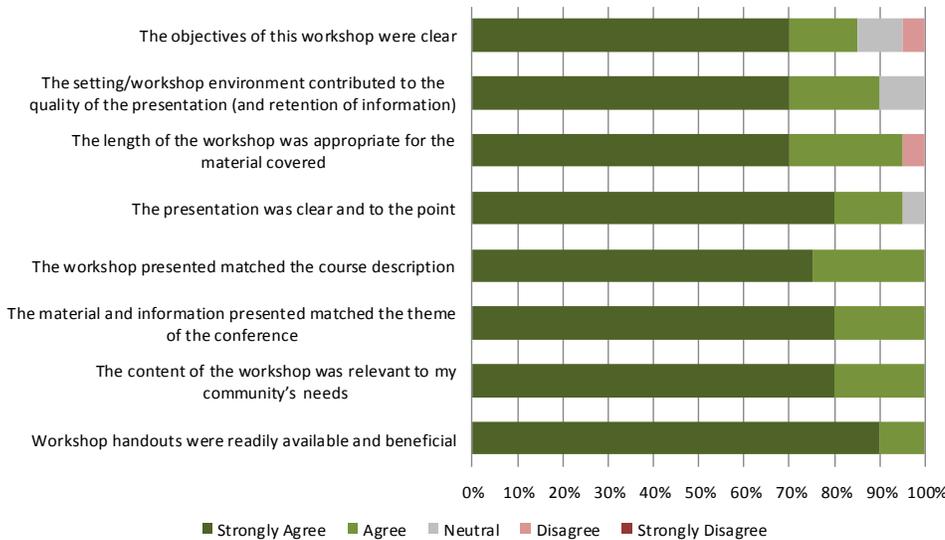
# Priorities to Policy: Latino Residents Transform Governmental Relationship – Invisible no More!

Engage in a robust conversation with residents leaders from within Latino community as they create a “real time” policy agenda with the City of Minneapolis and State of MN. Resident leaders mobilize and take ownership of the Latino Engagement Taskforce and drive the relationship with the City of Minneapolis and policy makers to be the first city within the United States to adopt policies that support President Barack Obama’s Deferred Action for Undocumented Students; creating a vision that brings the Latino community out of the shadows and into the spotlight for strong policy development.

*Presenter:*

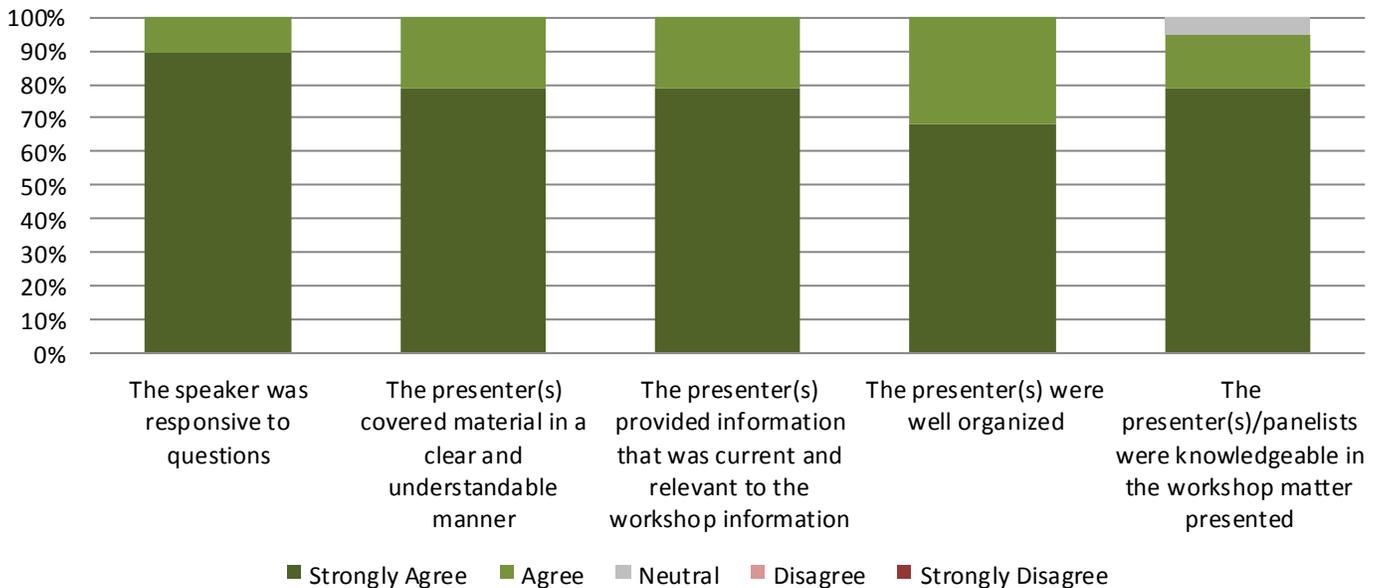
Mariano Espinoza, Access and Outreach Specialist, City of Minneapolis, City of Minneapolis – Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR)

Evaluation of general workshop items



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Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Priorities to Policy: Latino Residents Transform Governmental Relationship – Invisible no More!

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

That there is an active latino community

Inspiring and amazing story of determination, strength and resiliency

manners in which to outreach to the latino community

You have to go out to do outreach, but the best organizing comes from within communities based on priorities.

Challenges to working w/ latino comm.

What I learned is that nothing is impossible

Thank you for being here. Using radio was such a good suggestion

Keynote speaker next year

City as an organizing power for latinos

no words, incredible, powerful

Trust people can change they want to see in the world

All was amazing

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

all

listening to discussion about how to engage priority population

hearing their stories

Knowing they have been so successful

hearing from youth

I loved the organization. I loved the pictures. The presentation was well presented. I love your passion. I wish all latinos had your drive.

Just the stories from the panelists were very powerful!

Honesty of presenter

The background knowledge of the organizers and the personal stories of the panelist

The panelist

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

Q/A - unfocused, rambled, not well facilitated

Would love to hear more from other panel members

The power point was a bit useful because people saw images of their organizing. Yet the people were most powerful

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

Why is this not on the plenary?

Story is amazing - congratulations to City of Minneapolis LETF

Keynote!

Very inspiring. very real

Better interpretation system

amazing

more of the same.

None, that did an amazing presentation

everything was powerful.

# Putting Creativity to Work: JXTA Lab a Neighborhood based Urban Youth Staffed Designed Enterprise

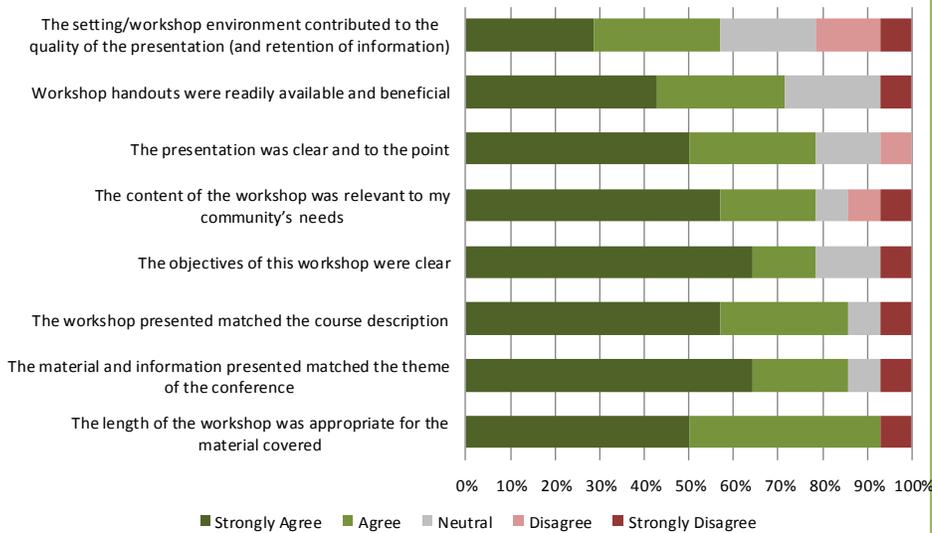
The Directors of Juxtaposition Arts will provide an overview and share success, challenges and best practices related to a developing a viable social enterprise business that meets a triple bottom line. Train & Employ local youth, create bridges to regions creative economy, build profitable business in order to lessen reliance on grant and other contributed revenue.

**Presenters:**

DeAnna Cummings, Executive Director, Juxtaposition Arts, Inc., Minneapolis, MN

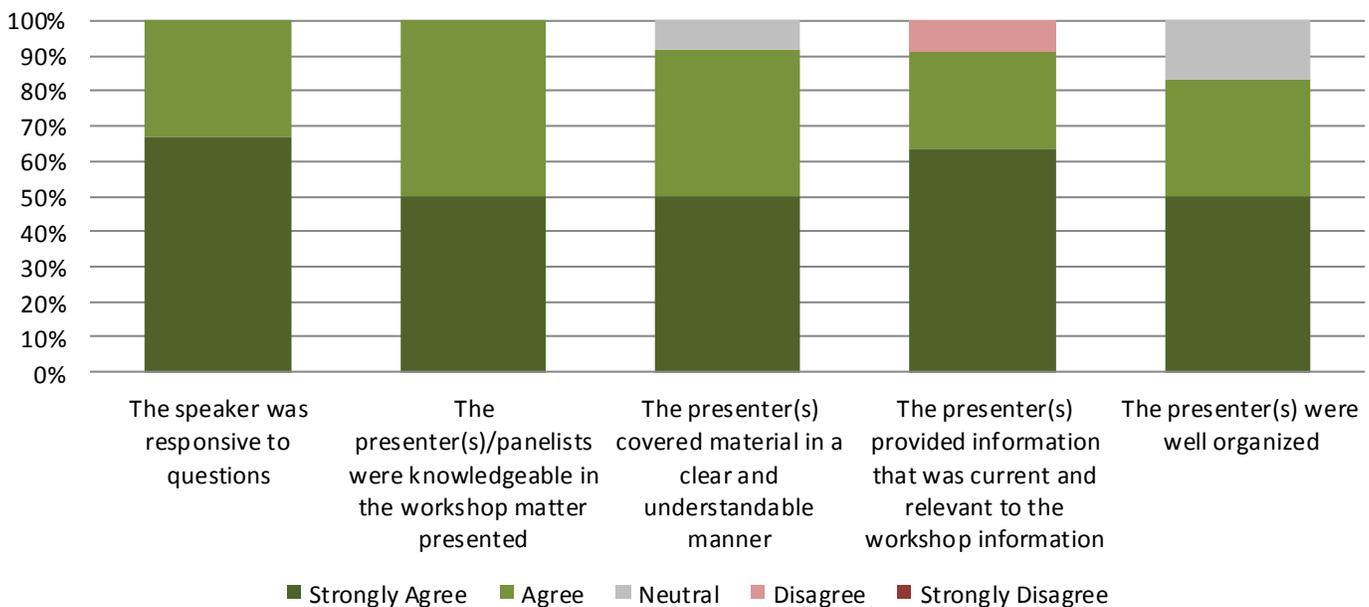
Roger Cummings, Artistic Director, Juxtaposition Arts, Inc.

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



# Preconference registrants: 29  
 # of survey respondents: 14  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The length of the workshop was appropriate for the material covered" and "The speaker was responsive to questions"  
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**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# Putting Creativity to Work: JXTA Lab a Neighborhood based Urban Youth Staffed Designed Enterprise

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

We're doing mural projects too. LOVE social enterprise model!

The info of how they got to do the murals. Our city doesn't see eye-to-eye w/our residents.

Learned a lot regarding Juxta philosophy & their role in the community & future plans.

Relationships between art in a community and poverty rates. LOVE IT! Who gets what out of what and to what end? (Good advice in general. Timely for me. Thanks!)

Loved the story about how you changed a city policy regarding the banner w/ the gun image.

Factual Info on youth employment in the arts & its benefit

I love the ideas: T-Shirts, murals, art in general

Energy/Possibility

The importance of being in "the neighborhood" giving back & the benefits of the arts on communities.

How I may be able to use "the arts" to enhance my neighborhood

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Opportunities for youth to have 21st century skills.

How they get to be.

What work take place w/ youth so that I am better at making referrals.

General info about the organizations. Even though I live in the Twin Cities and have heard of it, I never really paid that much attention.

To create a program like this at Powderhorn

Info to support Juxta's work was very helpful & these facts can help to support youth programming in

Photos

Well organized - presented from real experience.

Q&A

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

N Minneapolis stats (we're from out of area, high level would have got it done).

None. Was all useful

It was all useful & informational

n/a

I would like to have some of the photos in the handouts.

It really was more for the Minneapolis attendees.

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

Brilliant!

None

You spoke out in terms of an economic driver. While I understand that, I've become sensitive to the idea of art and education in general about building a "workforce." You can note any education in MN and (lately on tv) to know what I mean. In the meantime, I didn't hear you talk about art and creativity as a basic human need. It seems like that got lost along w/ the idea of developing critical/creative

You are awesome :)

Thank you!

Keep up the good work!

While I appreciate the involved relaxed group atmosphere, I think you may be more effective standing and/or walking around the room while speaking & addressing the group & relaying information

# RNeighbors, Growing Great Neighborhoods

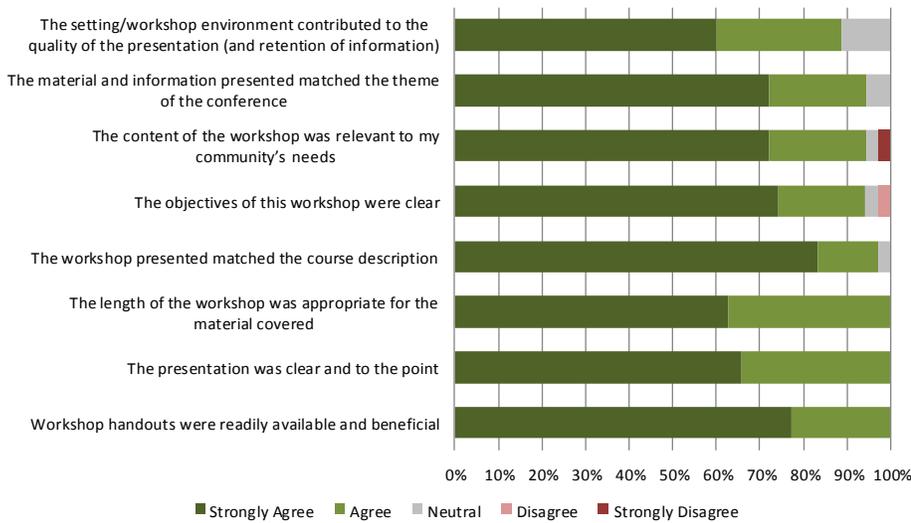
RNeighbors serves as a resource center helping Rochester’s neighbors build community by providing tools to grow strong neighborhood connections. RNeighbors supports neighborhoods by nurturing our current 42 registered Neighborhood Associations, reviving dormant Neighborhood Associations, and providing tools to help sustain and grow active associations. To accomplish this, we partner with many community entities across differing. With our assistance, work can be done on a grassroots level to facilitate citizen engagement and empowerment, working towards community resilience in emergency situations. This session will be an overview of what makes this nonprofit work, being a neighborhood resource for the diverse populations of Rochester.

**Presenter:**

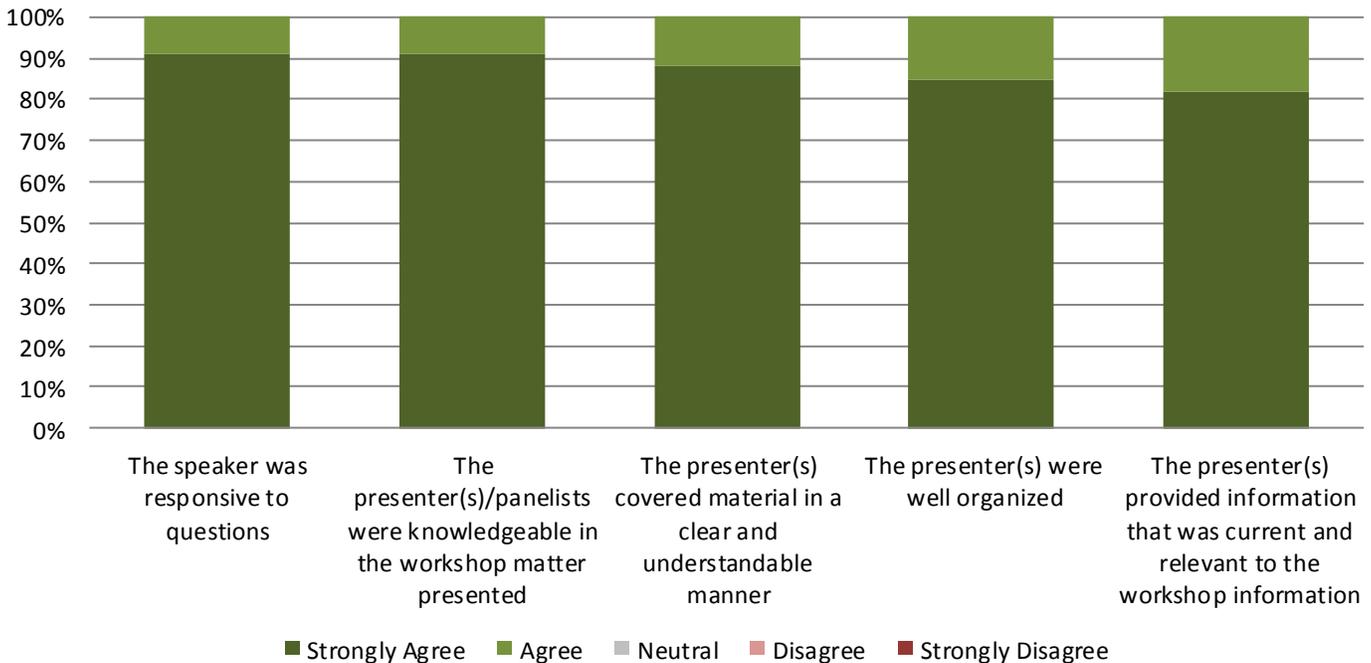
Rene Lafflam, Executive Director, RNeighbors, Rochester, MN

# Preconference registrants: 68  
 # of survey respondents: 36  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: “Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial” and “The speaker was responsive to questions”  
 Weakest response: “The setting/workshop environment contributed to the quality of the presentation (and retention of information)” and “The presenter(s) provided information that was current and relevant to the workshop information”

Evaluation of general workshop items



Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# RNeighbors, Growing Great Neighborhoods

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Good ideas

Handouts

Tools for neighborhoods

Street mural great idea

The ordinance handbook sample to leave w/

The most (illegible) sane walking space to get the resident in place to make it look better.

So many fun & creative ideas for neighborhood building!

ordinance booklet

events - street painting

The "make a difference in your hood" brochure is great - can't wait to replicate

City ordinance book

Hope to apply some to my city

branding is important

creative programs to get people out with each other

Have seminar organization - fresh ideas and new energy

ordinary people can do extraordinary things

branding of Rneighborhoods and government - City Council, IBM, Rneighbor leader working together.

Good perspective and play among each other

Amazing programs & inspiring

Important to find a way to involve individuals

Create excuses for people to get out of the house

liked the printed ordinance guide

Rcolorful corners

Not really sure - City proved funds!

(illegible) concept, ways to get people interested and ongoing involvement

importance of backing of city and benefit of dedicated full-time staff. (Exec. Director)

Getting neighbors involved and organized that they can assist where needed planning others

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

organizational ideas

ways to get neighborhood residents involved

make a difference in your neighborhood brochure

Ideas that are transferable

Project ideas presentation

Concrete examples of neighborhood association creation, projects, presenters were great - great energy & they worked so well together

Literature, ideas, enthusiasm, engaging youth

ideas

great info

Guidance for projects/programs

Liked well-coordinated team presentation approach

Volunteers (illegible) in their strengths and skills

resources

very good "real world" suggestions.

They presented, how they started, their challenges & how we can do it too!

# RNeighbors, Growing Great Neighborhoods

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why? Cont.**

good interaction among presenters, well organized

all parts were great

All of the workshop was useful

Ordinance summary, Rcolorful comes ideas. These are great ideas that wil help out in my community

The above statement and the how to let people of of the know understanding all of help.

This session was most helpful of all the others. grass roots neighborhoods doing great things :).

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

NA - all good info, thank you

program details

all was good

All of the information was useful. Communication is still one of the most useful tools that an individual at all

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

Good job

great buy in from public officials

They provided a great visual presentation :)

This was the BEST session of the conference I've been to!! Great job! Great Energy!

Your branding/logo cool ideas fresh, creative, workable. your presentation was best I attended thank you :)

Could use a tangible hard copy of power point - lots of information

warmest room of ALL conference yeah!!

need more space in the room, lighting was bad.

Excellent!

Copy of slide presentation

I do this in Omaha as a leader of Alliance of Alliances Core team

Very well done

Great program

Best program of the conference so far, excellent takeaway thoughts ideas

Excellent! Great information. Good program to take back.

As a new person I hope I can do something to help all neighbors

Keep it going in Rochester

# Spotlight on Community Media

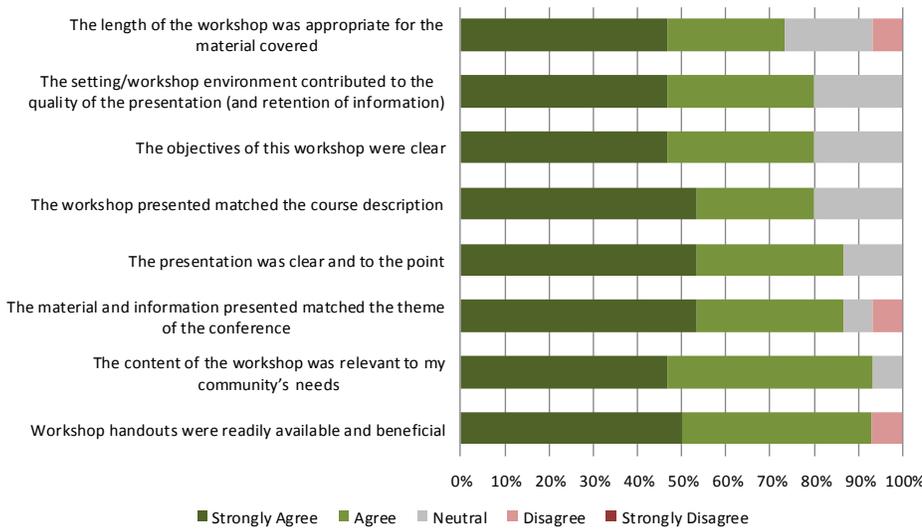
The Minneapolis Police Department recognizes that the interest in communication is as diverse as the community which it serves. While some individuals appreciate general overview communications, others prefer targeted individualized alerts. This seminar will detail MPD’s citywide crime trend alerts, specialized crime alerts for block leaders, and the Fifth Precinct community-focused newsletter.

**Presenters:**

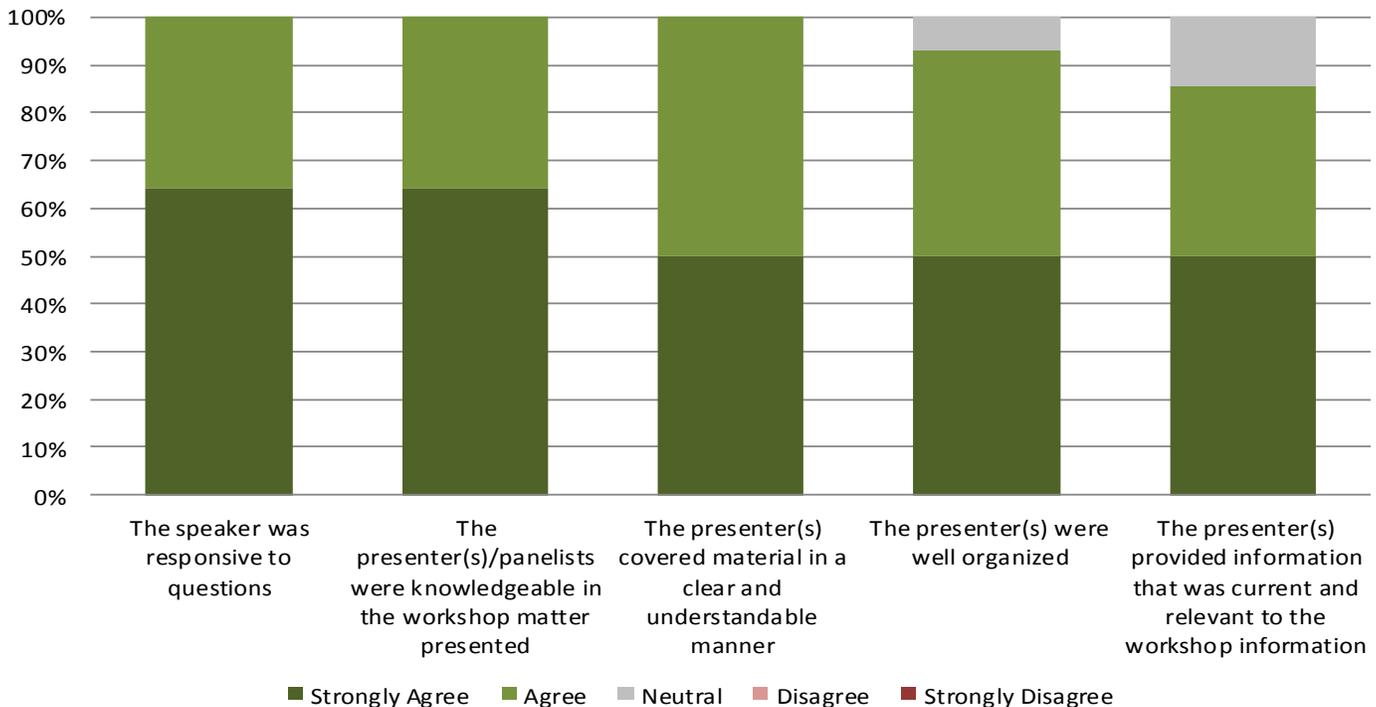
Amy Lavender, Crime Prevention Specialist, Minneapolis Police Department – Fifth Precinct, Minneapolis, MN  
 Chelsea Adams, Crime Prevention Specialist, Minneapolis Police Department – Fifth Precinct  
 Assistant Chief Matt Clark, Minneapolis Police Department  
 Luther Krueger, Crime Prevention Analyst

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**Evaluation of general workshop items**



**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



## Spotlight on Community Media

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Improved tangible, hard copy info

Some great ideas to help take our social media to a higher level

Contact your NA association or your beat officer

Communication, transparency, professionalism are evident through the 5th precincts work to connect to the community

look into govdelivery

Mediation services, inclusion of pictures w/ every article

potential for automated emails to rental property owners w/ verified calls to their properties

Process of engaging citizens w media

Alternate resources (i.e. govdelivery.com)

Good information on your newsletter

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Lots of concrete, organized info. Well outlined. Concrete info v. abstract

Frankly all of the presentation was VERY USEFUL

Rental property issues

Great information. I appreciate you sharing your process and what you include in the 5th precinct newsletter.

e-news letter info, process

Overview of govdelivery.com services, tracking of subscriber statistics

the positive reinforcement

knowing the department has officers going to businesses - many officers don't want to go to that environment

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

Nothing, good stuff - want to hear more!

NONE oops - the woman who interrupted the conversation too many times - perhaps tape her mouth shut

allowance of 1-2 persons to constantly interrupt w/ personal questions

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

Lots of helpful info. Provide a hard copy of power point  
noisy next door

Would love to have this presentation on our statewide level in our community.

Love the CPS GPS!

Great presentation & information

Solid team, well organized, thank you

your cps moved the screens before the chief finished talking. I could not get everything down that I needed - Slow down please.

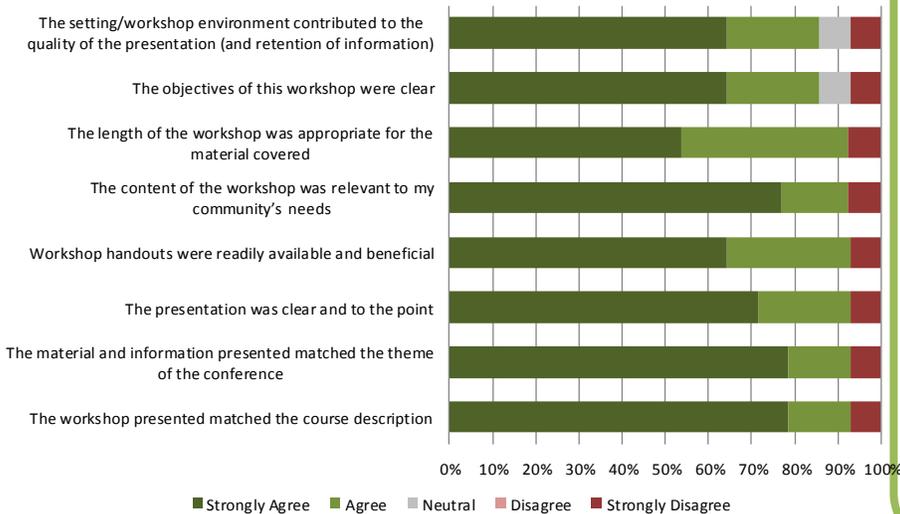
# The Backyard Initiative: A Community Partnership with a Health Care Institution

The goal of the Backyard Initiative (BYI) is to improve the health and healthcare of residents in the Backyard. This initiative began with Allina engaging in many conversations with community stakeholders in May of 2008. Based on these conversations, the Backyard Initiative began with five focus areas: engage communities, build bridges through community partnerships, focus on prevention, expand access to healthcare, and start early with quality early child care and education. Through a series of dialogues with residents of the broader community beginning in December 2008, Allina began to realize that in order for this initiative to be successful, they needed to pause and listen to the community. This began a year-long relationship and trust building process that began to surface the knowledge, experience, cultural values, and health-related priorities of the Backyard residents. This process led to Allina shifting from seeing the community in “their” backyard, to instead, seeing themselves as part of the community’s backyard. Allina refocused its priorities to place community engagement at the core of the initiative and adopted a process for supporting the community to develop its own strategies to improve health. We will talk about the process that this initiative went through.

*Presenter:*

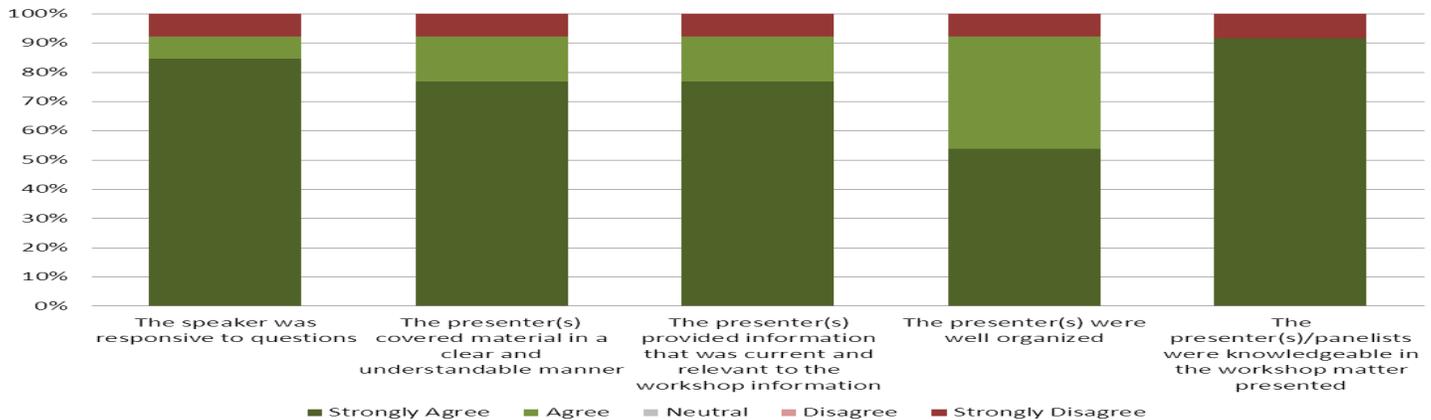
Atum Azzahir, Executive Director, Cultural Wellness Center, Minneapolis, MN  
Earlsworth Letang, Midtown Global Market

Evaluation of general workshop items



# Preconference registrants: 53  
# of survey respondents: 14  
Average # of survey responses: 19  
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Evaluation of Workshop Presenter(s)



# The Backyard Initiative: A Community Partnership with a Health Care Institution

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

wonderful, wonderful presentation! she articulated and embodied the feeling of the community. very inspiring

listen!

in order to be healthy and to have well being we must all act like neighbors and support one another no matter what cultural background we are from.

concepts of relationship "us" vs "you" and who is in who's backyard. concept of community health as being more helpful in the community with the older people and mothers with children

clear understanding of what the program is and what they need socially

a strategy for approach our work

assets thinking! So powerful

definition of health

cultural capital, social capital, cash

know how to listen

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

engaging examples from participants and relaying relevance to all and how we all bring something to all of it

discussion and questions drafted to audience by presenter.

that not only eating right, but the balance that should be in every home that causes poor health

all of it

the informal/conversational tone was a great setting for learning.

learn how to respect cultural value and personal assets. relationship building, door to door.

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

all of it was very useful

nothing

the room set up should have been circular

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

great enthusiastic presentation.

Passionate!!

excellent session, very engaging, very valuable information.

Note: I believe there was a mistake, all the 5s (strongly disagree) should have been 1 (strongly agree) because the comments are positive.

that families with one parent should have more support in balance with their culture and community.

fabulous

loved it!

Awesome workshop

# The Circle of Communication

Successful community building demands effective public outreach. Volunteer organizations must cast a wide net to reach intended stakeholders. Luckily, an expanding world of communication technologies, from traditional newsletters to electronic and social media, offers many forms of engagement opportunities.

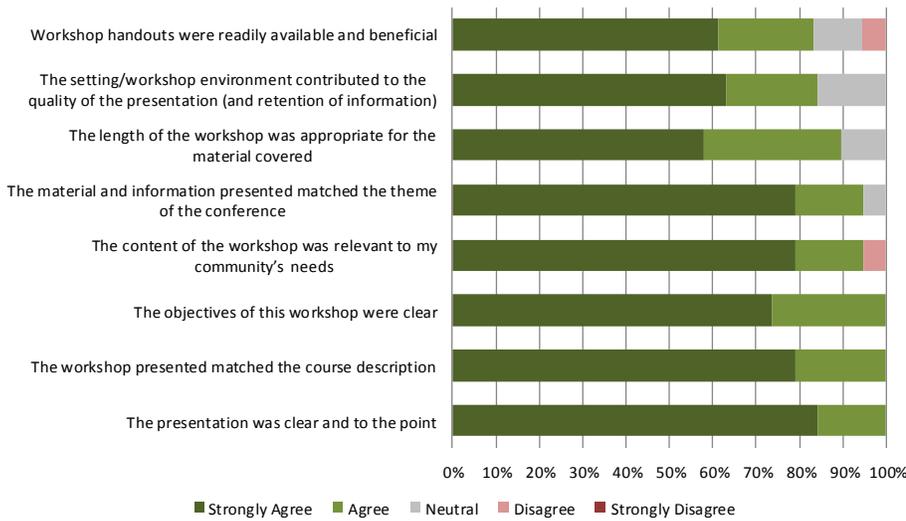
Discover how a dedicated, diversified communication system maximizes your organization’s outreach, while linking various mediums completes a circle of communication that maximizes community building potential.

**Presenters:**

John Royce, President, California Heights Neighborhood Association, Long Beach, CA

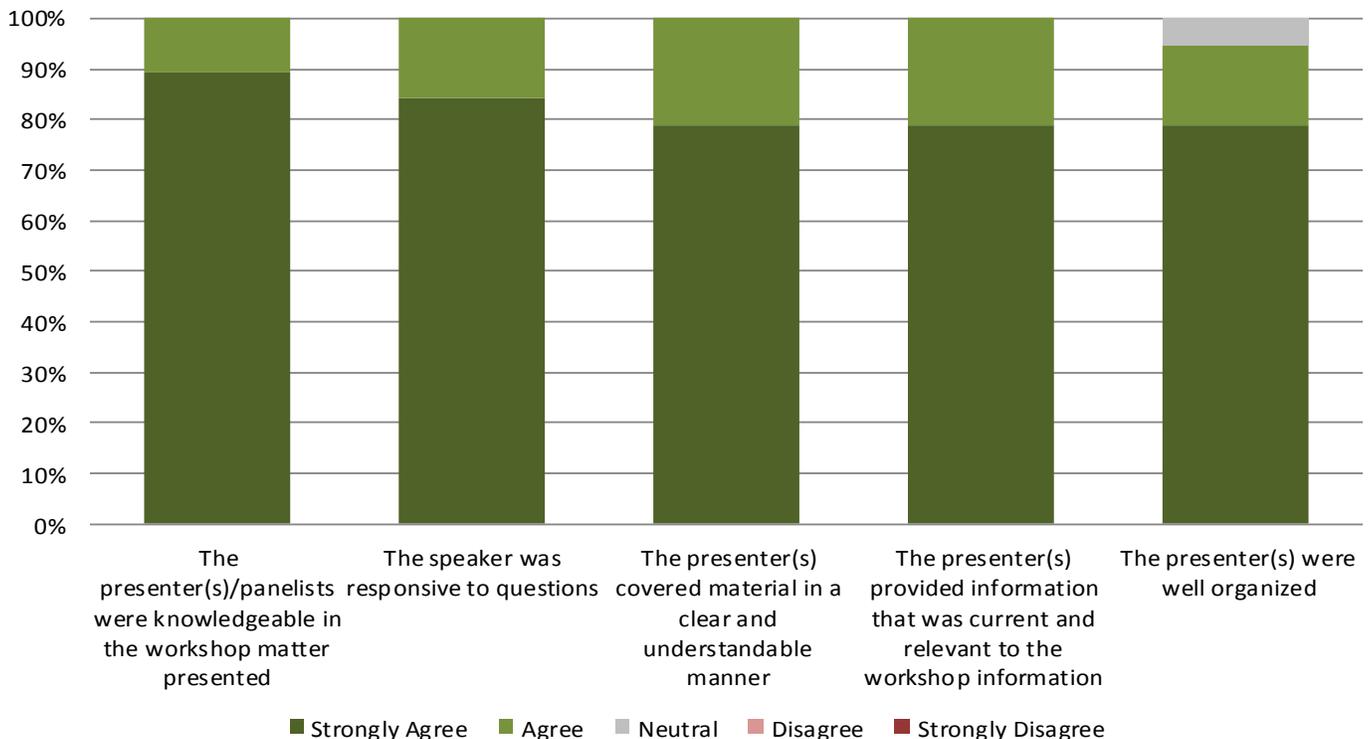
Stacey Morrison, Webmaster, California Heights Neighborhood Association

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



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 # of survey respondents: 19  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
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**Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)**



# The Circle of Communication

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

How to increase access to information, resources

Computers seem to work for a lot of people and organizations

what works electronically

that my community needs to step up

Very - the use of websites

New-information - mail chimp

that communicating need not be expensive in a neighborhood - use approachable channels and manage/(illegible) trends

Linking all communication sources to each other

free email programs to check out

The finding people piece

Connecting all forms of communication is important

I need to connect with all the small organizations in my neighborhood and stop duplicating support - we must connect

awesome

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Neighborhood planning and community development outreach

They keep an open mind

the handout examples

all

The discussion re: communication (illegible) of (illegible) until approach for each neighborhood.

Discussion of how to identify/reach target audiences

all good

content & style

the power point presentation

Tips on email & newsletter information

I appreciated the vertical response tip

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

My attitude! I hate computers and I will go kicking and screaming w/ tech that isn't for everyone.

everything was useful

the media piece

The anti-technology participants detracted from the conversation. Even though making the point not to forget those who aren't connected was valid.

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

In N Mpls it's a very poor neighborhood and a lot of homes can't afford the cost, up keep or monthly fees

Best presentation I have attended! Clear and to the point!

none - patience is a must

There was really too much material to cover in the time allotted. Information flew by quickly

nice job. thank you for the presentation

While every workshop handed out the surveys, no time was allotted for filling them out. Workshops ALL

Great presentation

Thank you!

I'd love to see a group formed that could support each other w communication (a listserv/discussion group of NUSA?). Community connections managers, we could share examples, tips. etc.

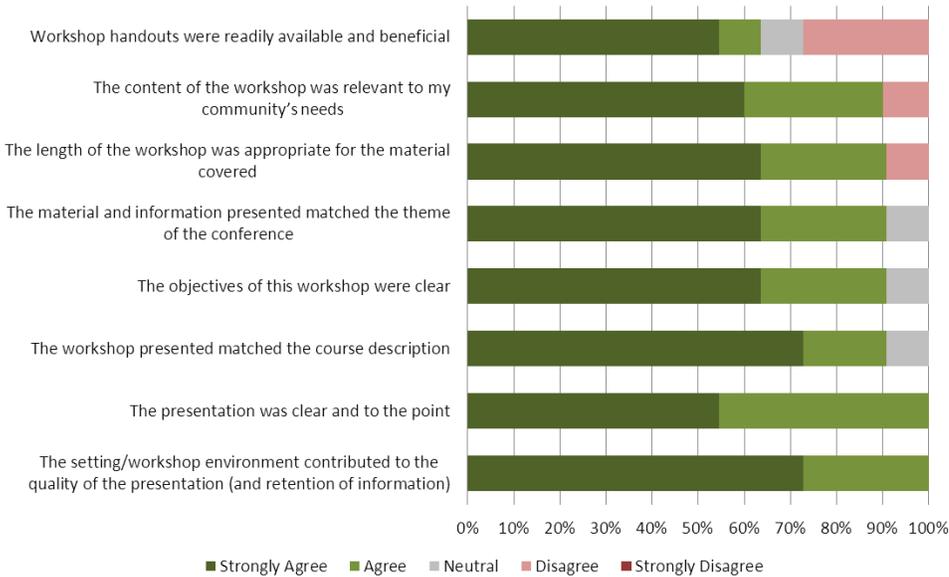
## The Force Behind the Change

Neighborhoods and communities everywhere have the potential to be great! National Mad Dads and the Minneapolis Chapter will share its work of generational engagement of proven intervention and prevention strategies that work; while providing a framework of shaping success within your community to include critical partnerships, positive community outcome and multiple engagement opportunities with multiple connections.

**Presenter:**

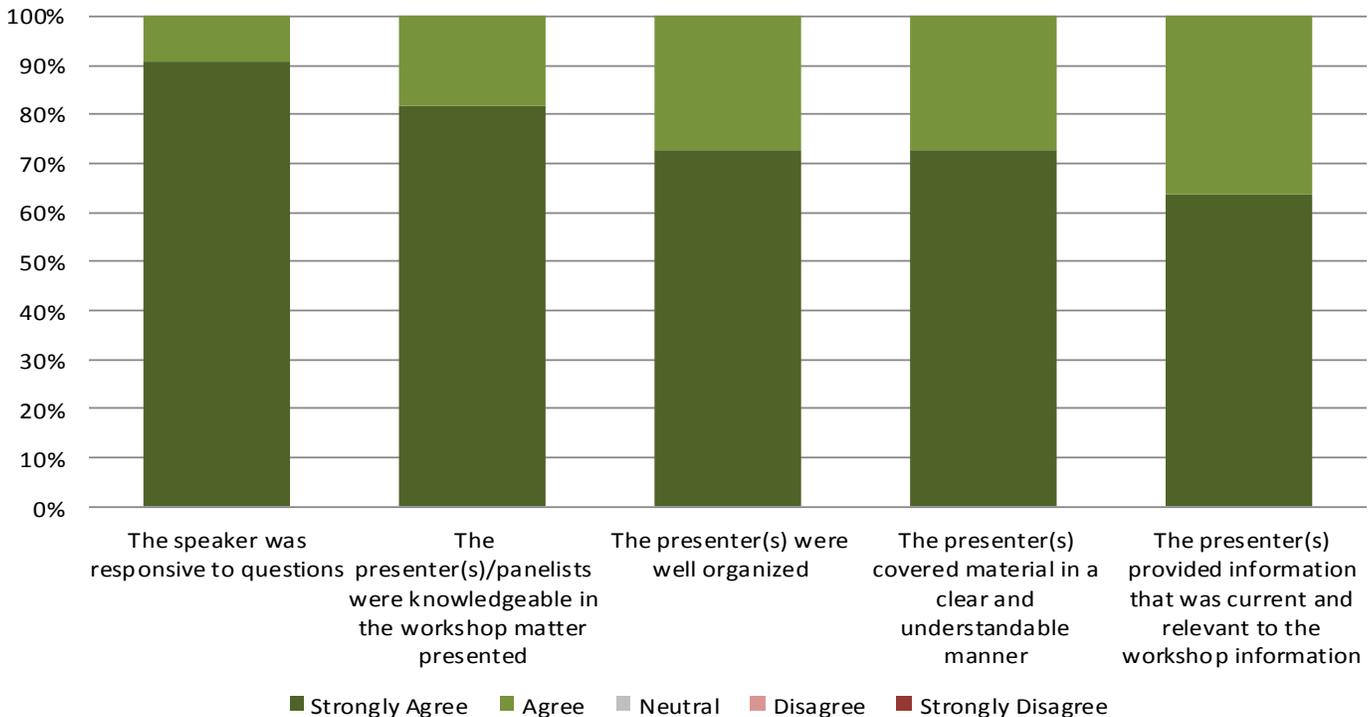
VJ Smith, President, MAD DADS, Minneapolis, MN

Evaluation of general workshop items



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 # of survey respondents: 11  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The setting/workshop environment contributed to the quality of the presentation (and retention of information)" and "The speaker was responsive to questions"  
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Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# The Force Behind the Change

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Relationship building

There is hope for our sons and daughters

We need leaders/role models in our community

hope

How "mad dads" do it

Very empowering!!!

That people can change for the good

The (illegible) team was helpful to take back to my resident member. I (illegible) the workshop this time.

I better understood the comprehensive nature of Mad Dads work

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

relationships

Presentations/demonstrations by the young men

VJ's presentation/style, loving other Madd Dads staff there telling their stories - it was both informative and moving.

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

Presenter talked a lot about what they, but I would have liked to hear more about how to implement similar programs in my community.

focus on black community

NA

All the workshops I went to the importance how to walk in a community to serve all the people

Would have liked handouts, especially the grid describing Mad Dad programs.

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

outstanding

Amazing. Thank you!

This is a great program! I hope to use some of these principals with my mission work in Honduras.

NA

Something we talking about helped after when they have a problem with themself

# The Next Generation: Youth for Positive Change

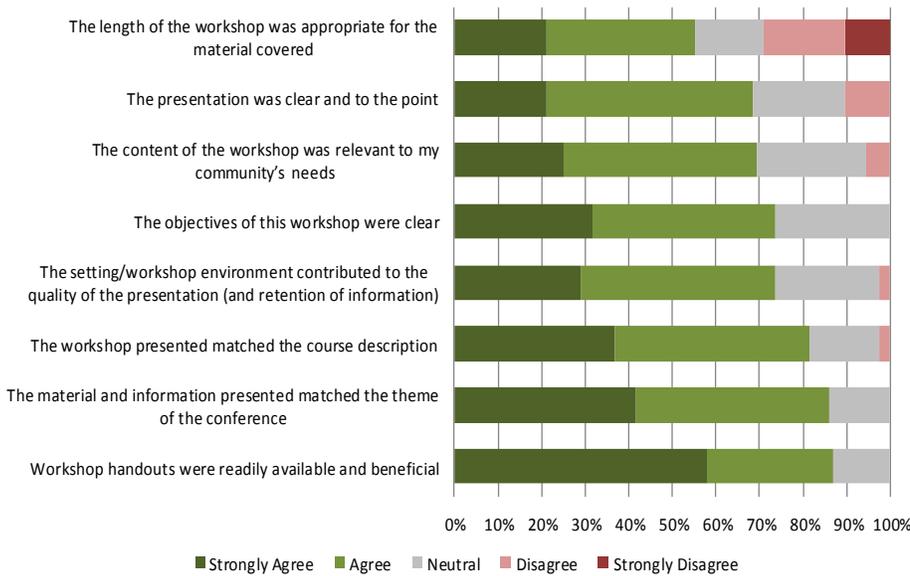
This workshop will explore ways that youth can become more engaged in their communities through service-learning and civic engagement activities. Participants will study innovative strategies for implementing youth led, youth designed, and youth run programs. By the end of this workshop, participants will learn the process of how to successfully empower their youth to become agents of positive change.

*Presenter:*

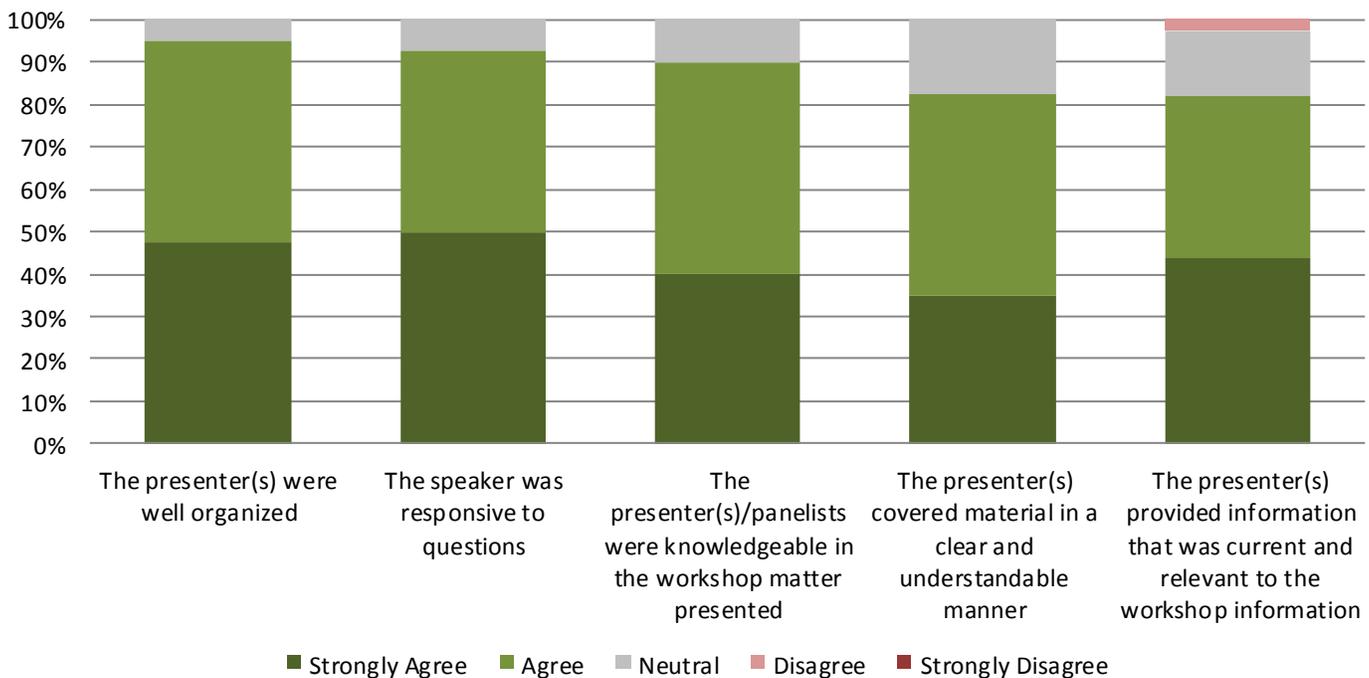
Mary Baskin Waters, Ph.D., President, Columbia Council of Neighborhoods, Columbia, SC  
 Dean Slade, President-Elect, Columbia Council of Neighborhoods (CCN)  
 Bessie Watson, Past President, Columbia Council of Neighborhoods (CCN)

# Preconference registrants: 43  
 # of survey respondents: 41  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
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Evaluation of general workshop items



Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# The Next Generation: Youth for Positive Change

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

The slide about the park board doing activities to engage kids - (illegible) talent shows and such at Volunteering (service learning and civic engagement) is a good way to have teens and young adults to be more aware in their community.

How trying to involve youth into activities/other programs that will benefit them in there future. There's something for all youth ages.

Enhanced youth social recreation, youth violence prevention.

One thing that I'm going to take away is that they try to connect with youth by using things youth use. Also they try to get youth to be more outdoors in their community.

The importance of breaking down sel goals to (illegible) the neighborhoods; building partnerships  
The value of collaborative efforts with existing organizations to enhance goals for a comprehensive approach for reaching and engaging youth and helping them move forward in their own communities.

Importance of using a wide variety of available resources to engage youth

Collaboration among all groups is necessary. must see youth as an asset and empower them.

being strong and responsible

Being strong & responsible

Finding information and how to help our youth in gangs and violence

handout

I learned a lot but thing that i will take back to my community is to connect resources

That adults need to celebrate the youth

Connecting the dots w/ youth and the resources that are available for the youth 100% involvement participation - must be active to achieve more results

Think our neighborhood association need to find a way to get students involved. It's only 5 adults all are senior beside myself and we need to get a facebook account & allow the students to be responsi-  
People are trying to get youth involved in many different ways.

I made history today

Shop with a cop

Youth need to be given the opportunity to be engaged.

Start youth led projects.

Focus of education & health

Engage youth early on

work with groups in the area to meet reets

Celebrate the youth & their achievements

The violence prevention

connecting the dots

importance of starting young (eligible)

youth are our future

must have collaboration to created solid platforms

a few resources and references that were discussed

Young professionals oppportunity

the handouts

# The Next Generation: Youth for Positive Change

## What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?

Enhanced youth social recreation. It showed my what Minneapolis was missing out on & what we need or should do to keep young people doing their best & out of trouble.

List of key (illegible). I also like a programe I head about, shop with a cop because it will be a good All of it, props & in the cities and around the community. Having good communication between each other.

Enhanced youth social recreation because it gave me ideas on what Minneapolis can do.

The power point, the packet of the powier point. Then getting into detail about what their programs The presenters different experiences & background to draw from. Also the different programs not only from SC but the audience

The personal examples shared by the presenters.

Pretty much most but not completed

the audience comments & questions provided the best insights

gun violence and community involvement because gun violence and gangs are things that stop from their dreams.

The community is something can give kids/young teen a great advice

The antedotes of college students. It is a part of experience so it is helpful.

path 4: youth violence prevention

questions from attendees & answers received

I liked the part where Dr. Mary Waters mentioned that we need to celebrate the youth and recognize them

the powerpoint handouts because we can look at them for ourselves & take them home

Explanation of bringing resources and platforms and allowing the youth to present their collective

The presentation speaking of the youth are not physical they are connected in Facebook. Grant writing, but we are not 501c3

The programs created for them & the workers dedicated to improve that "youths" situation.

How to get kids to talk, relate, share just by making them comfortable in an environment they like

Connecting community & neighbor activities to better our children

Positive activities that worked for Columbia

the programs that they have to help youth

all, i'm taking them back to the city

knowlegde and experience of presenters

the presenters collective experience

suggested websites

The fact that there is funding available

speaker were very knowledgable. Wish they could have been more pointed and less tangents.

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

Not sure

Sources & contacts that are not helpful in Minneapolis

Talked a lot about programs that have youth that are empowering people around them but not how they got them to want to do these programs.

Sources and contact information because I don't live in Columbia or will ever go to Columbia.

Some of the words on the power point were too small for me to read.

Not having enough time & losing opportunity to learn more.

# The Next Generation: Youth for Positive Change

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why? Cont.

The PowerPoint - received much more info from the presenters sharing their own experiences.

The powerpoint continues lows of programs but they were often not explained/described

Printed the presentation because it was helpful to have once and take notes

The personal experience part. Cause it has nothing to do with our personal life

all of it was useful

the info was University driven. What about cities that do not have higher education institutions

the length and just taking the whole hour & 15 minutes. It's already early, can we have some engagement?

Very hard decision!! All info was so very beneficial

The programs in the other states.

N/A

sometimes the questions were not answered clearly

Great information - Could have used more time!

Now enough time for question and answers

too many questions and comments from participants --unable to finish materials

all useful, just keep fine tuning

wasn't thorough enough

Speaker Presentation skills - take toastmaster's class

female (Mary?) - low, muffled voice, hard to hear; get to the point! belabored - you truly only have 45 minutes

male (Dean?) - quit fidgeting; great volume but leave sweater and papers alone; quit dancing & pacing - distracting. Good saying - can relate to layman.

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

They should talk less or try to make it more engaging because there are young people attending who It needs to be more teen friendly.

There should be interaction with ppl and less talking so people can be able to stand and be active.

Shouldn't talk so much or have so much words on one slide cause it makes the presentation boring

I would of probly like it if they speaked a little louder. I was sitting in the back. It was hard to listen to them at times.

Presenters clearly care about topic presented

Presenters moved off their prepared presentation into responding to questions/comments from the audience and delved into their personal story points and not return to presentation - poor audience control.

nothing, and it's doing too much!

Nothing. This survey question is doing to much.

To stop avoiding our youths and young adults need more time to educate the low-income, older people gang & violence

workshops more youth driven.

Teach us more on how to motivate the youth and young adults.

too long/over explaining

It's cold in here so I'm sleepy.

But good topic

# The Next Generation: Youth for Positive Change

## What other comments or suggestions do you have? Cont.

Let us continue to provide platforms and resources for our youth and encourage 100% participation w/ efforts for strong neighborhoods and strong cities.

I think the workshop could have been longer and asked the students what do they think. what changes can leader make to help them.

presenters need to be clearer and know material

Needs more time to cover all the topics.

could have been longer

session too long

Tangent conversations happened so the workshop strayed off target

Address the issue of hiring convicted felons and the opportunities they offer!

need more time

fine tune the workshop to improve the great approach of this workshop

too much attention to Q & A

I would like to thank the team for their presentation. Great job!

You should have lead with youth outreach and youth initiatives. You got off track because your presentation wasn't really addressing why we were all there. Thus, questions trying to answers based on class description. These should be put in a box of a back table - not collected by a person who is standing there reading them as you hand them to her. I'll turn it in later.

# The Northside Achievement Zone - Leading Authentic Community Collaboration Resulting in Authentic Community Change

In 2008, over 40 organizations in North Minneapolis came together and made a commitment to create a culture of achievement in a geographic Zone in North Minneapolis. The result was the formation of the Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ).

The purpose: End multigenerational poverty and curtail the pervasive, negative disparities of health, wealth, and achievement for its families and children.

The mission: Ensure that all youth will graduate from high school ready for college.

**Presenters:**

Sondra Samuels, President & CEO, Northside Achievement Zone, Minneapolis, MN

Chad Schwitters, President and Executive Director, Urban Homeworks

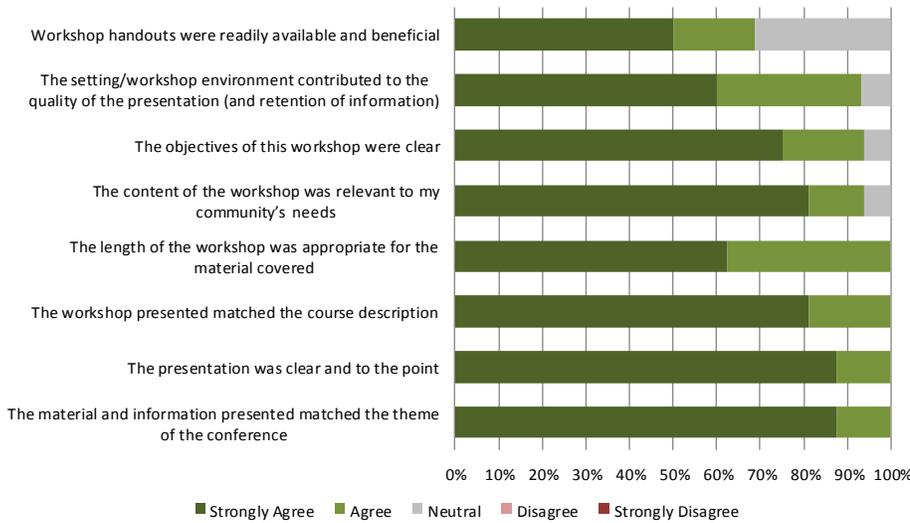
Dianne Haulcy, COO, The Family Partnership

Charity Friederichs, Career Navigator, Northside Achievement Zone

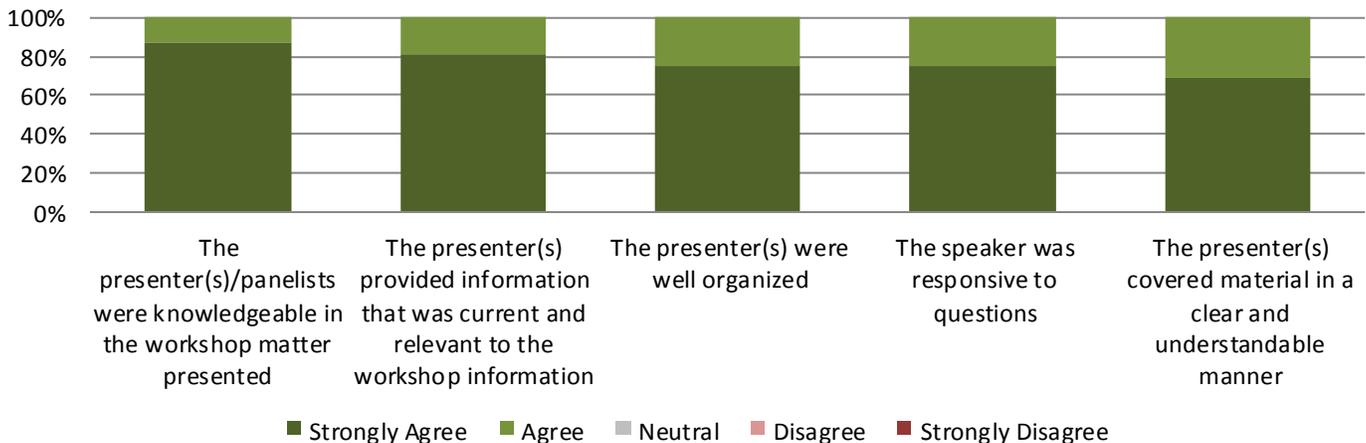
Bruce Murray, Program Manager, Northside Achievement Zone

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# of survey respondents: 16  
Average # of survey responses: 19  
Strongest response: "The material and information presented matched the theme of the conference" and  
Weakest response: "Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial" and

Evaluation of general workshop items



Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# The Northside Achievement Zone - Leading Authentic Community Collaboration Resulting in Authentic Community Change

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

The collaborative model for nonprofit organizations

non-profit organizations need to collaborate for the good of the community

I loved the part about egotistical programs weeded out - it's about the families

How to operate a (illegible "promd"?) neighborhood

role of whole of society in development

The best interest of children is the best interest of all

create one system of connected support

Understanding of how NAZ is operating in community of North Mpls

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

a new way of providing services

the personal testimony - it provides a real life example of what collaboration can do for people

Opportunity to see the presenters in person

Collaboration efforts

practicality of the project

Changing personal belief systems; understanding (illegible) bias, stats accurate, understanding assets, using strength based approach, deliverable outcomes, evidence based plans, progress monitoring

Hope for Northside youth

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

none it was all good/useful information

none

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

would like to have a copy of the presentation - hopefully most of it is online

great workshop

Way to go for Minneapolis-North mpls

How about technology access for your families (devices and connections) helped (illegible)

fantastic!

none i've needed for engagement

Great presentation and passion!

great engaging speakers!

Offering incentives to families; evaluation component is thorough, intentional & purposeful

Good presenter!

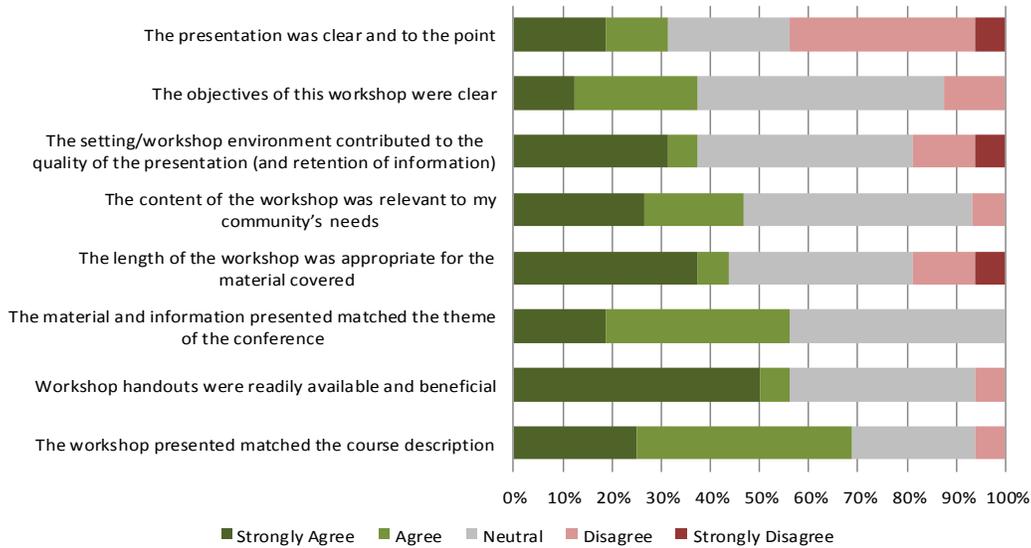
# Towards Green Communities

The workshop/panel will discuss efforts on developing low-carbon communities and smart houses, environmentally-friendly, and disaster-resilient green communities. The panelist will also discuss how the United States and Japan are launching the Tohoku Green Communities Alliance to develop and deploy clean energy technologies, to promote the building of green communities.

*Presenter:*

Mr. Kaoru Tsuchiya, Associate Professor, Edogawa University, Tokyo, Japan

Evaluation of general workshop items



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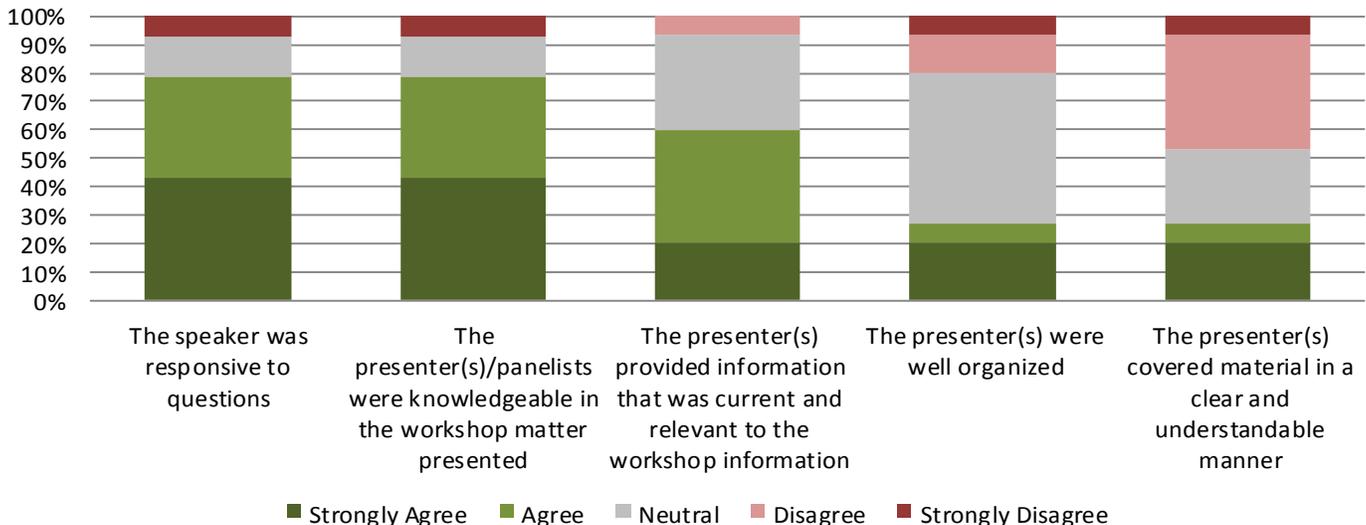
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Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



## Towards Green Communities

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Energy concerns and solutions should be "local" and to take advantage of the existing national assets as it pertains to topography of the land or if you live where it is windy

Info re: move from big companies to small for hydro electric energy

What communities are working on internationally

I loved the presentation. Great photos!

Nothing

Great ideas

None

Going from centralized elective/energy system/big companies to a dispersed energy system/using natural energy effectively to district community base

Its all about sustainability!

Community GIS mapping ideas

there are great community-based solutions growing elsewhere

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Useful to know what is the thinking and trends in another country

Mr. Gatewood was helpful as moderator

Photos were good for last presentation super to go global

Hearing from a variety of presenters

Small hydro!

Loved the idea and concept

None

The idea of green tech

None - Not clear to hard to follow instructor

Very interesting to be exposed to ideas from Japanese re small hydroelectric generations

Everything equally

info about disaster preparedness

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

The workshop was all useful

1st Presenter - There were not enough of Ms. Ouchi's packets which she made reference to. She also was having difficulty getting PowerPoint pages in presentation order

Went 10 minutes over & couldn't hear her

Mr. Tsuchaya also needed to practice with tech a/ beginning. Mr. Maeyama re: small hydroelectric generation

First presentation was a little confused and unclear

All

It's so clear that these presenters are quite knowledgeable, but its hard enough to speak in public without the nervousness of having to speak a foreign language. Perhaps a translator would have put the presenters - who cam from such a long way - at ease while better communicating the process Japanese cities have taken to become more sustainable. I can't help but feel I've missed out on something because of lack of clarity on communication.

The lack of English

All of it - instructor not clear in communication

Needed COPY OF POWERPOINT for small hydroelectric generations in Japan! Presentation

Hydro-electric generation info - not so relevant to my community - and yet it was interesting - especially current examples of HOW electricity is being generated.

Presenter had a lot of information - too much - and seemed not very comfortable just talking about it - may have been because of doing presentation in English

## Towards Green Communities

### What other comments or suggestions do you have?

Perhaps it would have been useful to have presentations in Japanese w interpreter for 1st 2 people

Handouts were very helpful to overcome language barrier

Thank you for sharing your knowledge and experience!

Didn't understand

Please improve English - just a suggestion

It was hard to follow the instructor

Japanese interpreter? Although presenters knew English.

Great speaker.

It's very difficult to do a cross cultural presentation - context and practices in Japan are so different than in US; I found it hard to follow and relate to the stories of the presenters because there was little explanation or translation of the Japanese context.

Also, the presenters were far more detailed & complicated than they needed to be to get the basic ideas across.

I appreciated the willingness of presenters to share in an English speaking group - very difficult and very brave.

Thank you for sharing your work!

# Training Diverse Community Leaders through the People's Academy for Community Engagement

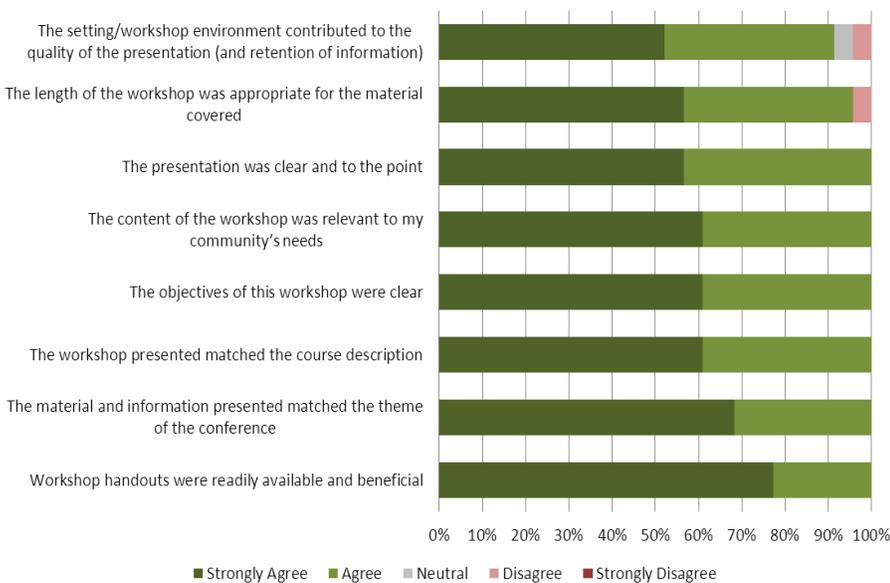
PACE (People’s Academy for Community Engagement) is a civic leadership development program launched in 2012 by the City of Seattle’s Dept. of Neighborhoods. The participants were drawn evenly across Seattle and half were from historically under-represented communities including: people of color, LGBTQ, and immigrant and refugee communities. This session will provide an overview of the PACE program, Seattle’s Public Outreach and Engagement Liaison (POEL) program, and the Neighborhood Matching Fund program. There will be an emphasis on how these programs work towards race and social justice. In addition, conference participants will learn 6 strategies for Inclusive Outreach and Public Engagement (IOPE) and discuss related experiences and learning in small groups.

**Presenters:**

Christa Dumpys, Neighborhood District Coordinator, City of Seattle, Department of Neighborhoods, Seattle, WA

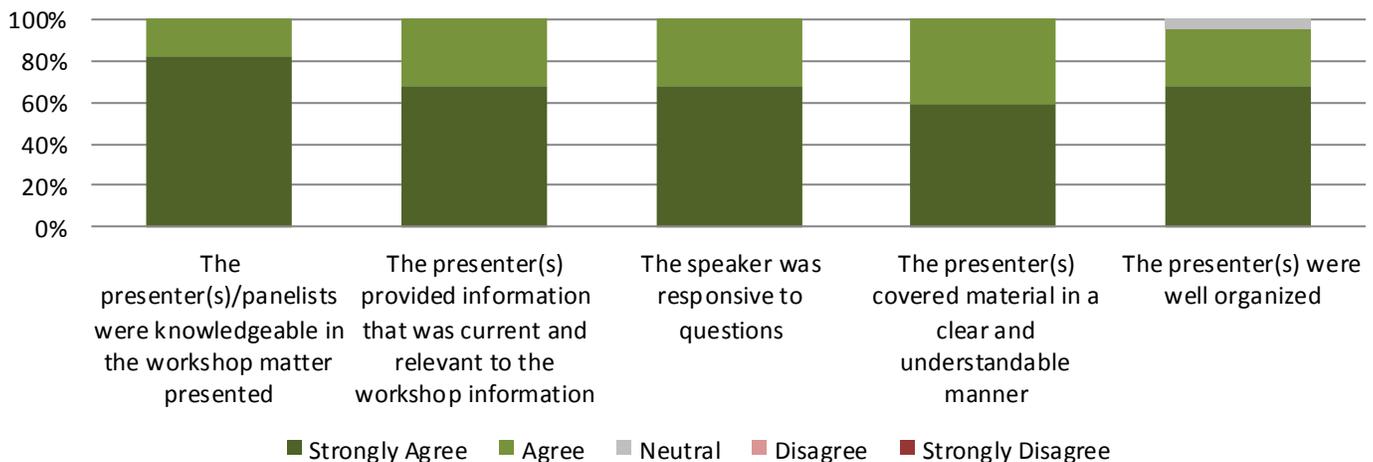
Kerry Wade, Neighborhood Planning and Outreach Specialist, City of Seattle, Department of Neighborhoods

Evaluation of general workshop items



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Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Training Diverse Community Leaders through the People's Academy for Community Engagement

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

POEL program is awesome, would want to replicate model in my dept

zip drive

Great presentation!

Empowerment of residents is critical to improving communities

More community facilitation from the community

Leadership academy should include projects

True grassroots empowerment is respectful, not enabling; requires insight and, most importantly, building relationships.

How to get neighborhoods involved

"inclusion"

Address the community as a whole, but address the different cultural

engaging independent contractors

paying folks in the community to create relationships

thumb drive w (illegible) & powerpoint

Information, Lanyard, Zip drive

model to implement in our neighborhood

The 6 strategies for engaging communities of color

Strategies for inclusive involvement/leadership

Good, lively workshop modelling different presentation/engagement strategies

It went too fast but...we got a usb stick

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

POEL program

Great presentation

personal testimony

City presentations

Love handouts on thumb drive

all good

It was all very useful

Great presentation! Thank you

different models of engagement - zoning example

fun game to realize what we do not know

Diversity

6 points

practical examples & projects

The information about how PACE was formed. The successes, challenges and how the program works. It explained how the process could be replicated.

Presents frameworks of programs

2 presentations & trusted advocate testimony followed by discussion

Definitely the breakout session. The conference NUSA should make sure there is more of that! I compliment them for being the only ones to have us exchange.

# Training Diverse Community Leaders through the People's Academy for Community Engagement

## What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?

diverse presentation approaches!

Game show

Breakout questions were too broad

yay for non-paper handouts!!

none

I was greatly offended when after asking for one of the PDF lanyards I was given a look as if I was less than acceptable. When I asked again and explained that I was a conference participant, I was given one with an apparent reluctance. Being a person of color my sense was that this person is not truly comfortable with people of color.

none

Family Feud - fun but not useful

none

Not conducive space for the team game & small group

Family Feud - fun but took too long

The quiz - once was enough.

## What other comments or suggestions do you have?

Love the story share by the Somali Refugee POEL

Overall workshop - excellent

Not enough time

Jeopardy groups should have faced the audience

-would have been easier to feel included from the audience

+great variety to your presentation - kept us engaged

bigger room

yay - not much paper!

wanted more time!!!

awesome

Great family feud session

love the paperless options

Thank you!

Good to have graduate of the POEL and PACE to attend and speak

Great job

enjoyed you.

none

Make this topic a solid and structural part of NUSA. I missed more solid attention to organizing.

15 mins more would be better

EXTRA NUSA: Please make it glocal:globallylocal

I'd love to experience more of the offered workshops, even Saturday or Sunday.

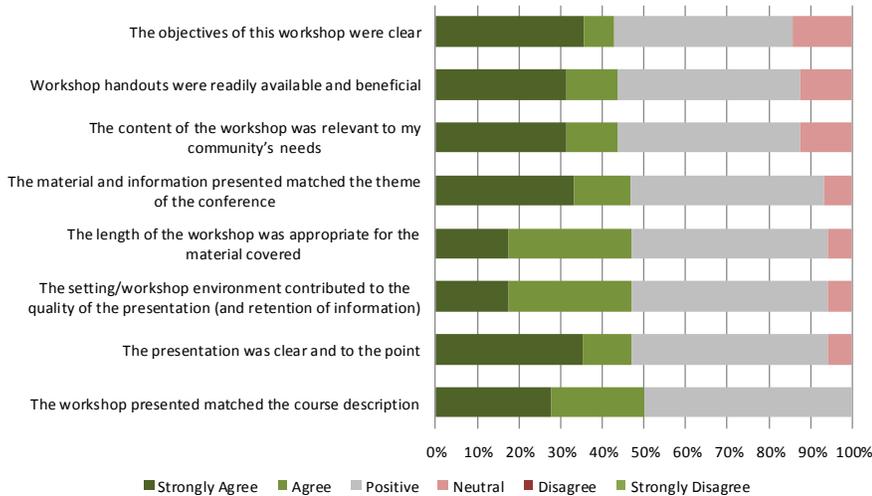
# Transforming Families through Community Collaboration

Jeremiah Program, founded in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is a nationally recognized model that uses a two-generation strategy to break the cycle of poverty. This workshop will provide information about how to create a community collaboration to transform families from poverty to prosperity through education and employment.

*Presenter:*

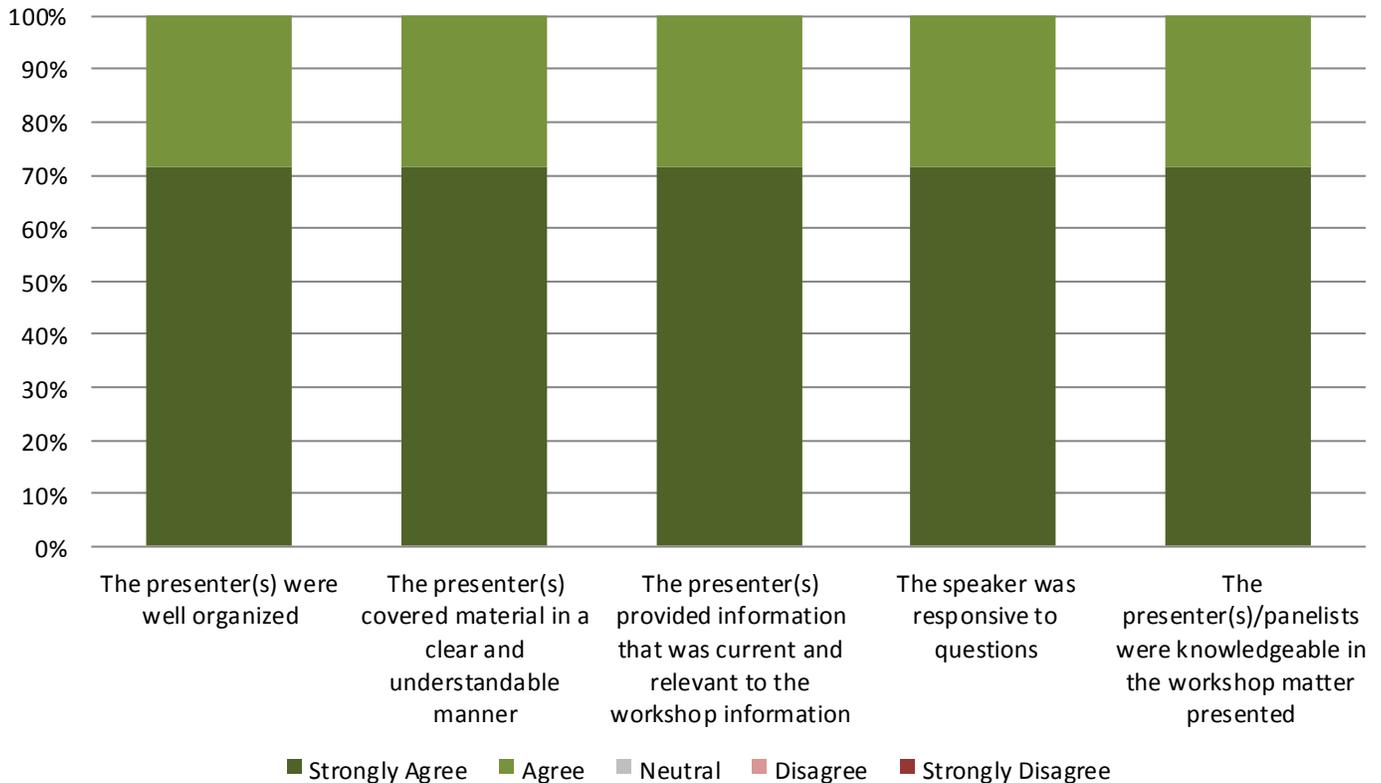
Gloria Perez, President & CEO, Jeremiah Program, Minneapolis, MN

Evaluation of general workshop items



# Preconference registrants: 29  
 # of survey respondents: 9  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The workshop presented matched the course description"  
 Weakest response: "The objectives of this workshop were clear"

Evaluation of workshop presenter(s)



# Transforming Families through Community Collaboration

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

Jeremiah model already replicated in Dayton OH at the Glenn

The Jeremiah Program

There is hope for poor single moms.

This was the best presentation that I went to. The model is incredible.

Great!

Education key to having women and children out of poverty

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

Good understanding of issues facing single mothers

I was late but the last (illegible) information was good

Knowing what some of the resources in the community are.

Good statistics; very helpful to understand focus of program

connected me to local programming in my own town that could resort in a meaningful partnership

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

unknown

N/A

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

exploration of outreach to others not in structured program

She made her presentation wonderful

N/A

# Whole Community Emergency Management: Building Resilient Neighborhoods

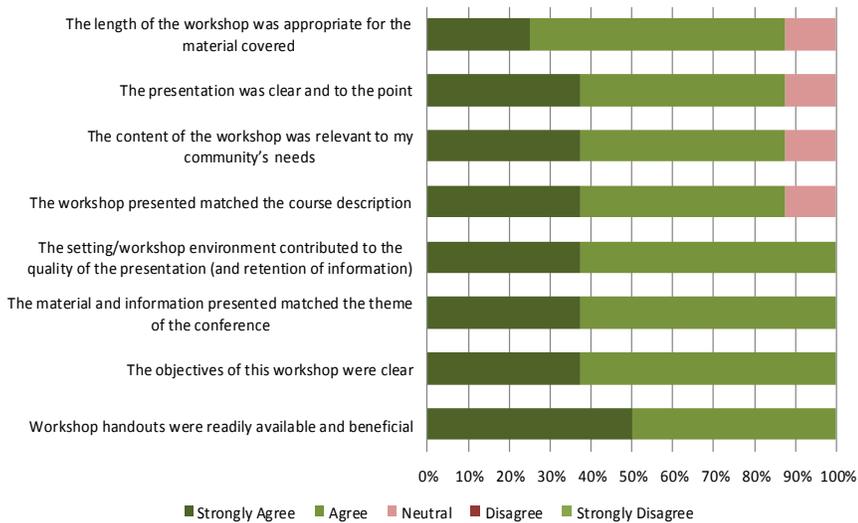
Emerging infectious diseases, new natural hazards resulting from changes in the climate and new political movements that use violence as a tool, all of these threats and hazards require neighborhoods and communities to be prepared in new and important ways. This workshop will explore the resources available to organizations to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from natural and man-made disasters.

*Presenter:*

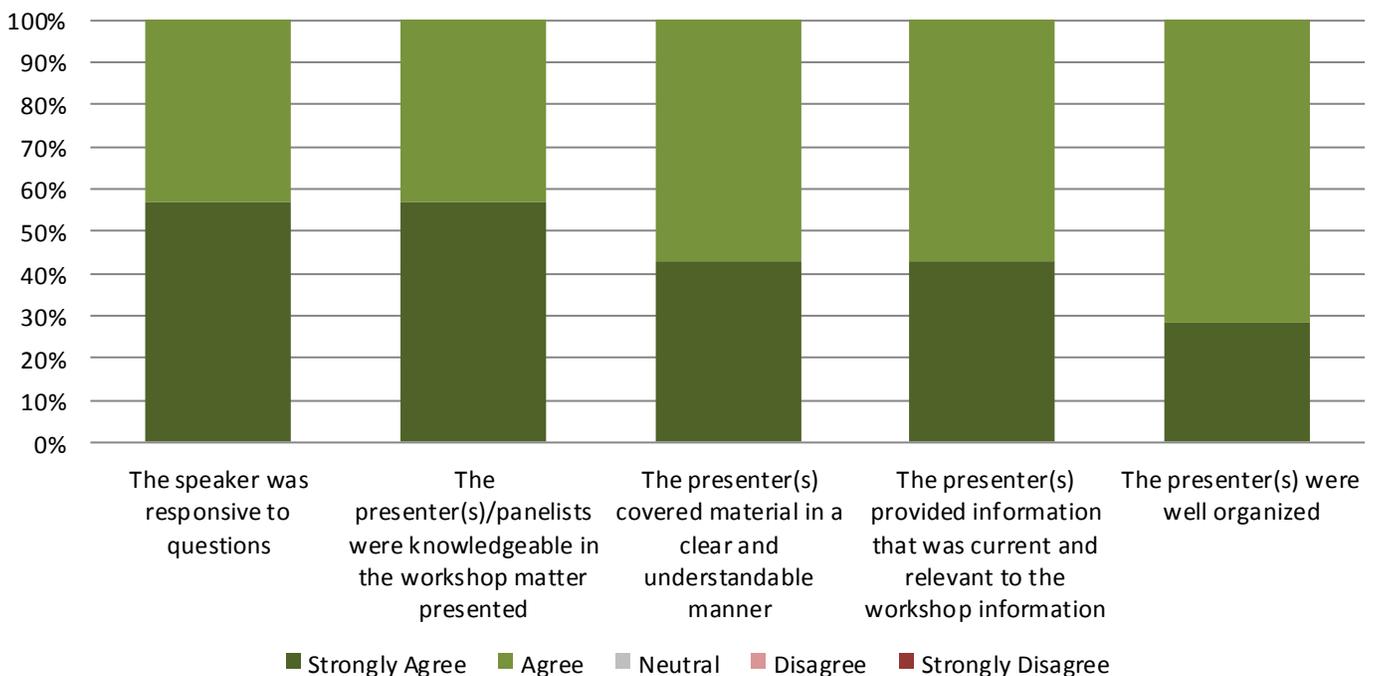
Bill Anderson, Emergency Management Assistant, Office of Emergency Management, City of Minneapolis, MN

# Preconference registrants: 47  
 # of survey respondents: 8  
 Average # of survey responses: 19  
 Strongest response: "The presenter (s) were well organized" and "The speaker was responsive to questions"  
 Weakest response: "The presenter (s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop matter presented" and "The presenter(s) were well organized"

**Evaluation of general workshop items**



**Evaluation of workshop presenters**



# Whole Community Emergency Management: Building Resilient Neighborhoods

**What's the most important "take away" from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood and community?**

organize neighbors and be prepared

The topic was interesting and great to know about what could be done

I would like to take (illegible) how to be safe in a stones weather. How to be safe

all of it

The federal agencies are looking at assisting people in the long term

every community needs a disaster resilience plan

**What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?**

How it works and doesn't work - so what's needed to fill in the gaps.

the discussion

Some kind (illegible) be safe from bad stone weather one (illegible) be not blow away in stone weather.

all of it

The sharing of stories from the attendees

**What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?**

some of the questions were not helpful and were off topic which diminished the impact of the presentation. missing the cert

**What other comments or suggestions do you have?**

more time and more focused bringing up questions.

could have been longer

Use end of workshop for question, not middle (after first presentation)

# Neighborhoods, USA 2013 Conference Financials

# Financials—Income

<i>Income</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Allina Health		\$ 1,500.00
Bush Foundation		\$ 25,000.00
Centerpoint Energy - MMB		\$ 3,000.00
City of Minneapolis	Council Member Quincy's Office	\$ 2,000.00
City of Minneapolis	Neighborhood and Community Relations Department	\$ 32,000.00
Conference Registration	<i>607 Registered</i>	\$ 87,500.00
Exhibit Booths		\$ 1,950.00
Headwaters Foundation	Pending	\$ 100.00
Leech Lake	Pending	\$ 2,300.00
LISC		\$ 500.00
McKnight Foundation		\$ 25,000.00
Meet Minneapolis	Pending	\$ 4,480.00
Minneapolis Foundation		\$ 1,500.00
Nexus Community Partners		\$ 5,000.00
Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation	Pending	\$ 1,000.00
Tshirt Sales		\$ 850.00
Twins - MMB		\$ 1,000.00
Vikings		\$ 500.00
Wells Fargo		\$ 5,000.00
Xcel - MMB		\$ 3,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 203,180.00</b>

# Financials—Expenses

<i>Expense</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Scholarships		\$ 6,975.00
Conference Coordinator Support		\$ 16,000.00
Design		\$ 3,075.00
Event Expenses (total)		\$ 28,880.00
	<i>Nicollet Island Opening</i>	\$ 10,840.00
	<i>Minnehaha Closing</i>	\$ 6,340.00
	<i>Transportation</i>	\$ 11,700.00
Food (total)		\$ 80,239.90
	<i>Nicollet Island Opening</i>	\$ 11,629.78
	<i>Hyatt food Contract</i>	\$ 68,610.12
Tours	<i>Food</i>	\$ 1,894.31
Registration		\$ 4,591.44
Merchandise		\$ 2,867.49
Speakers Fees		\$ 30,500.00
AV Equipment		\$ 38,392.50
Photographer/Video		\$ 2,000.00
Volunteer Support		\$ 3,593.80
Supplies		\$ 625.28
Signage		\$ 1,644.69
Marketing		\$ 2,700.00
Printing of conference books		\$ 5,518.84
Entertainment		\$ 3,800.00
Misc / Incidentals		\$ 3,712.90
Hack-A-thon		\$ 1,516.17
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 238,527.32</b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>\$ (35,347.32)</b>

# Neighborhoods, USA 2013 Conference Registration

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Marycruz	Lozano Rios			
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Jay	Peterson	Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association	Minneapolis	Minnesota
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Ricky	Pickens	Flintridge Center	Pasadena	California
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