

A proposal for East Portland Chairs, meeting of April 1, 2015, (this is not an April Fools Joke)

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Creation of East Portland Neighbors Coalition (EPNC) or some name like that....

Let this discussion commence:

It is time that we form a better union. It is very apparent that ONI and the City of Portland does not understand the needs of East Portland Neighborhoods and its service areas and indeed the population of East Portland.

We as individual organizations cannot match the influence and control that the Portland City Bureaus have on us, and the diminished political clout without being joined together.

We need a new union; one that is created to bring equality to each organization, but provides cohesiveness and compliments each of the following organizations: Argay, Centennial, Glenfair, Hazelwood, Lents, Mill Park, Parkrose, Parkrose Heights, Pleasant Valley, Powellhurst-Gilbert, Russell, Wilkes, and Woodland Park Neighborhoods, East Portland Action Plan, East Portland Neighbors, Inc. (501c3) , East Portland Chairs Group, East Portland Land Use & Transportation Committee, East Portland Parks Coalition, and other community organizations within the East Portland Service area who wish to participate. The current Chairs Group will be the starting functionaries of the Future EPNC Board, which will consist of delegates from each organization and one vote from each organization.

The coalition function is to support and complement each organization to create equitability, and sustainability to each organization but to not override or dominate or diminish any of the coalition with overarching policy other than what is described by law.

The business function of EPNC may be conducted by East Portland Neighbors Inc., which would provide the services it currently does, but will include the hiring and management of an agent and support staff and outside counsel and services to conduct the business functions. It will form a 501c4 organization for the writing of, procuring of and receiving of grants. It will cover insurance and financial accounting for all of the organizations involved. It will have the fiduciary function of the organization. Its function will be to keep the organizations in compliance with all laws concerning the organization but will not conduct rules or laws to govern or override any of the other organizations. Each member organization must send delegates to the EPN Board to participate and make decisions.

All of the committees and groups will keep functioning as they have with the goal of making East Portland in its current service area a sustainable and equitable place to live, work and play.

No one group may override by policy or edict, the will of any of the other groups; nor inflict policy that they do not wish to participate in.