

STRUCTURES COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

To be presented to the General Membership at our April 2022 General Meeting.

To adopt the following:

CHARGE

The East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) is an ongoing group charged to provide leadership, guidance **and advocacy*** to implement the East Portland Action Plan, a guide for improving livability **the lives of residents** in outer East Portland.

*advocacy -- education and promotion of an issue

NOTE: References to the EPAP plan “as adopted by the Portland City Council and the Multnomah County Commission in July 2010” and the second paragraph have been removed as the Structures Committee would like to get agreement that the charge itself is what we agree to. We are not proposing to not include the history part of the charge, but that is not technically part of the “charge.”

We would like to make sure that there is consensus that EPAP’s purpose is still to improve livability in outer East Portland, based on a plan.

To adopt the following:

As stated in the current Structures document:

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Value the past and consider the future in making decisions that contribute to improved livability **lives for residents** in East Portland.
- ~~Build~~ **Develop** lasting community leadership and relationships as a means to laying the groundwork for successful implementation of the Action Plan.
- Develop avenues for partnering by creating opportunities to bridge the work being done amongst EPAP committees and representatives, communities, and neighborhoods, thus building upon common values with respectful collaboration.
- Openness of input and ideas and to respect and value differences of opinion, ideals, and time commitments with civility.
- Ensure opportunities to participate are equitably provided across the spectrum of all interest groups and geographic areas, which may include the provision of translation, interpretation, and childcare.
- Provide a hospitable and welcoming environment to all attendees.
- Prioritize the involvement of underrepresented communities **and commit to racial equity.***
- Work towards the furtherance of actions and strategies as specifically described in the Action Plan.
- Work to resolve conflicts or issues using a restorative justice reconciliation process.

****Racial Equity statement to be included later in the Structures document: EPAP is committed to racial equity. We prioritize leadership and solutions from communities most affected by the issues we face in East Portland.***