

Meeting Summary, February 10, 2023

Portland Children's Levy Community Council

PCL's Community Council convened for its first meeting at New Song Community Center on Friday, February 10th. Council met in-person and Open Signal streamed/recorded for members of the public to view. Council members attended a breakfast gathering before the meeting began. They had the opportunity to informally meet and fellowship with one another and PCL staff. Ten of 12 council members attended the breakfast and meeting. Council meeting agenda focused on the following objectives:

1. Building trust with one another through introductory objectives
2. Develop group agreements
3. Describe the PCL, its key components, and the Community Council's role in PCLs future funding processes.

The council members received a warm welcome and words of encouragement by Commissioner Ryan, chair of PCL's Allocation Committee, to start the meeting. Agenda activities included a Dinamica Activity where members found "common bonds" with each other and PCL staff. Council brainstormed and worked to create group agreements for future meetings. They collaborated in small cooperative groups to learn more about PCL- its structure, its results, and their role in PCL work. The meeting concluded with a reflection activity where members gave feedback on how the meeting went.

Council plans to convene four more times this year during March, May, September, and November. Future meetings will on learning about and shaping PCL's new Community Engagement process and learning about PCLs past funding processes. Council will develop questions and advise on methods resulting in community engagement plans and recommendations for PCLs Allocation Committee.