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Meeting: Nature in Neighborhoods conservation education grants review
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Place: Room 270
Purpose: Review pre-applications and identify proposals that most strongly meet grant criteria and Metro's Natural Areas levy framework.
Outcome: List of applicants to invite for full applications.

- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and introductions – All
- *Briefly describe your background and experience and how it applies to the grant review committee*
- 8:45 a.m. Nature in Neighborhoods grants overview – Heather Nelson Kent
- 8:50 a.m. Review of meeting materials and disclosure of conflict of interest– Crista Gardner
- 9:00 a.m.. Elements of compelling grant proposals:
- *In general, what did you find compelling about the grant proposals?*
- 9:15 a.m. Split into two grants review teams
- #1– 30 (Connecting people with nature and Developing conservation leaders)
 - #31 – 54 (environmental literacy)
- 9:20 a.m. Review of pre-applications – Heather Nelson Kent (#1– 30); Crista Gardner (#31 – 54)
- *Which, if any, of the low or medium ranked pre-applications should we continue to consider? Why?*
 - *Which, if any, of the high ranked pre-application should we no longer consider? Why?*
- 11:00 a.m. Break – All
- 11:10 a.m. Full Review Committee Discussion - All
- *Is it a well-rounded package of projects? Is anything missing?*
 - *Is it a well-rounded slate of projects with broad geographic and demographic reach?*
- 12:30 p.m. Outcome: Consensus or majority consideration of which applicants to invite back for full applications up to \$1.05 – 1.4M (150% - 200% of available funding).
- *What questions or feedback do we have for each of the successful applicants?*
Process improvements for staff?
- Next steps March 17, 2014, Final applications due to Metro
April 14, 2014, Grant review committee meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.