

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE	)	RESOLUTION NO. 12-4342
APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN JOINER,	)	
SHAWN DECARLO AND ANISHA	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha
SCANLON AND THE REAPPOINTMENT	)	Bennett, with the concurrence of Council
OF JEFF BISSONNETTE TO THE NORTH	)	President Tom Hughes
PORTLAND REHABILITATION AND	)	
ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE (NPREC)	)	

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.140 provides for a North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee (NPREC); and,

WHEREAS, Metro Code 2.19.140(b) authorizes seven citizen representatives for NPREC membership; and,

WHEREAS, vacancies have occurred in the NPREC membership; and,

WHEREAS, the Council President has appointed Steven Joiner to the position of Kenton neighborhood representative, Shawn DeCarlo to the position of St. Johns neighborhood representative and Anisha Scanlon to the position of University Park neighborhood representative, subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; and,

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030 states that advisory committee members and alternate members are limited to two consecutive two-year terms; and,

WHEREAS, Jeff Bissonnette's initial term has expired and he has expressed interested in serving another term; and,

WHEREAS, Jeff Bissonnette is a member in good standing and his reappointment is supported by the Committee and Committee Chair; and,


WHEREAS, the Council President has reappointed Jeff Bissonnette, subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council confirms the appointment of Steven Joiner, Shawn DeCarlo and Anisha Scanlon and the reappointment of Jeff Bissonnette to serve on the North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.



Approved as to Form:

  
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 Alison Kean Campbell, Metro Attorney

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-4342, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN JOINER, SHAWN DECARLO AND ANISHA SCANLON AND THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JEFF BISSONNETTE TO THE NORTH PORTLAND REHABILITATION AND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE (NPREC)**

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Date: April 19, 2012

Prepared by: Karen Blauer, 503-797-1506

## **BACKGROUND**

The eight-member North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee (NPREC) is charged with making recommendations to the Metro Council regarding policies and the administration of the rehabilitation and enhancement program for the North Portland area, including recommending projects for funding.

Metro Code 2.19.140(b) authorizes membership on the Committee, including seven citizen neighborhood representatives. Metro Code 2.19.030, concerning membership of advisory committees, limits these representatives to two consecutive two-year terms. The term of one member, Jeff Bissonnette, representing the Cathedral Park neighborhood, has expired. Mr. Bissonnette is a member in good standing and Councilor Rex Burkholder, chair of the NPREC, supports his reappointment. Furthermore, Mr. Bissonnette has expressed interest in serving a second term on the NPREC.

Three vacancies have occurred in the North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee membership. Metro Code Chapter 2.19.140, "North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee (NPREC)," provides for the NPREC and subsection 2.19.140(b) authorizes representatives for Committee membership and representation criteria. The vacancies in the NPREC membership exist due to term limits for members representing the Arbor Lodge, Kenton, St. Johns and University Park neighborhoods.

A recruitment effort to fill the remaining positions was launched in March 2012 with a letter sent from Rex Burkholder, Metro Councilor and North Portland Enhancement Committee chair, to approximately 350 community leaders (including representatives of North Portland neighborhood and business associations, local schools, nonprofit and advocacy organizations, cultural groups and government officials and staff), as well as to local residents. In addition, an advertisement was placed in the local newspaper, the St. Johns Review. The announcement directed those interested in applying to Metro's website where more details and an Applicant Interest Form were posted. The advertisement and a copy of Councilor Burkholder's letter appear here as Attachments 1 and 2.

A panel comprised of past Metro grant selection committee members and community organizers reviewed and evaluated applicants and provided a recommendation for nominations to the Metro Council. A copy of the panel's recommendation appears as Attachment 3. The panel included Mike Salvo (resident of University Park, vice president of the North Portland Business Association and former member of the North Portland Enhancement Committee), Robin Plance (former chair of Friends of Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association and former member of the North Portland Enhancement Committee), Doretta Schrock (vice chair of Kenton Neighborhood Association and former member of the North Portland Enhancement Committee) and Tom Griffin-Valade (District Director of the North Portland Neighborhood Services office).

Two candidates applied for the Kenton and St. Johns positions; one for University Park. The panel recommends the appointment of Steven Joiner (Kenton), Shawn DeCarlo (St. Johns) and Anisha Scanlon (University Park). All are active in and knowledgeable about their neighborhoods, have professional expertise and credentials that will be an asset to Metro's committee and decision-making process, and received "high" ratings from the review panel. Copies of the candidates' applications and the review panel's recommendations are included here as Attachments 4, 5 and 6.

## **ANALYSIS/INFORMATION**

### **1. Known Opposition**

There is no known opposition to the appointment of Steven Joiner, Shawn DeCarlo and Anisha Scanlon and the reappointment of Jeff Bissonnette to the NPREC.

### **2. Legal Antecedents**

Chapter 2.19 of the Metro Code Relating to Advisory Committees, Section 2.19.140, provides for a North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee (NPREC) and sets forth guidelines for representation.

### **3. Anticipated Effects**

Adoption of this resolution would confirm the appointment of Steven Joiner, Shawn DeCarlo and Anisha Scanlon and the reappointment of Jeff Bissonnette to the NPREC.

### **4. Budget Impacts**

There are no known costs associated with implementation of this legislation.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Tom Hughes, Council President, and Councilor Rex Burkholder, chair of the North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee, recommend adoption of this resolution to confirm the appointment of Steven Joiner, Shawn DeCarlo and Anisha Scanlon and the reappointment of Jeff Bissonnette to serve on the North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee.

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Do you want a say in awarding grants to projects and programs that benefit and promote community in North Portland neighborhoods? Metro is now recruiting community activists to serve on the North Portland enhancement grant selection committee. Applications are being accepted from residents of the following neighborhoods:

- Arbor Lodge
- Kenton
- St. Johns
- University Park

Application deadline

**5 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2012**

To get more details and download an application form, visit

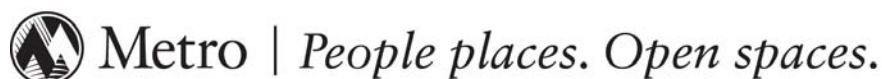
**[www.oregonmetro.gov/grants](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/grants)**

or contact community grants coordinator Karen Blauer at [karen.blauer@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:karen.blauer@oregonmetro.gov) or 503-797-1506.



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March 5, 2012

Dear Friend:

Metro is recruiting for representatives from the community to serve a two-year term on Metro's North Portland Enhancement Committee. There are four open positions to be filled. Applications are being accepted from residents of the following neighborhoods:

Arbor Lodge  
Kenton  
St. Johns  
University Park

Please consider people who you believe would be good prospects to help select local grant projects to fund and encourage them to apply now. **The application deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2012.**

As Metro Councilor representing the district, I chair the committee. Seven citizen members round out the group, all of whom represent neighborhoods within the grant target area. Committee members help develop a plan for administering grant funds, solicit and review grant applications, and select projects to fund that will benefit the area affected by the now-closed St. Johns landfill. The desirable characteristics of candidates include the following:

- respected community leader
- knowledgeable about the interests and needs of the neighborhood and the larger community
- strategic thinker and effective communicator
- able to collaborate with others

Committee members must live within the grant target area and are expected to attend two to three meetings per grant cycle - usually in the spring. Current and past committee members have commented that their work, though limited in scope and time commitment, is challenging and very rewarding. More details about the committee and the grant program are on Metro's website ([www.oregonmetro/grants](http://www.oregonmetro/grants)).

Candidates need to complete the attached "appointment interest form" and submit it to Metro by 5 p.m. Monday, March 26 by US mail (at 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232) or by email (to [karen.blauer@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:karen.blauer@oregonmetro.gov)). A panel of past committee members from North Portland will review applications and forward a nomination to me. The appointment will be confirmed by the Metro Council in early April.

The 2012-13 grant cycle marks the 25th year Metro has invested funds in the community through the North Portland enhancement program. In that time, more than \$2.2 million has been awarded to help fund 460 neighborhood improvement projects. Thank you again for your help with Metro's recruitment for this important committee.

Sincerely,

Rex Burkholder, Metro Councilor (District 5)  
Chair, North Portland Enhancement Committee

Attachment: appointment interest form



NORTH PORTLAND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE  
APPOINTMENT INTEREST FORM

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**COMMENTS:** (this section to be filled out by review panel)

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**INFORMATION**

NAME:	NEIGHBORHOOD:
HOME ADDRESS:	
STREET	CITY STATE ZIP
BUSINESS ADDRESS:	
STREET	CITY STATE ZIP
HOME PHONE:	BUSINESS PHONE:
CELL PHONE:	
E-MAIL:	

Metro strives for membership on its committee that reflects the diversity of the North Portland community. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY:

GENDER:	ETHNIC ORIGIN:
<b>EDUCATION:</b>	
SCHOOL (include high school)	LOCATION MAJOR OR DEGREE





2209 N. Schofield Street Portland Oregon 97217 info@npnscommunity.org

TO: Councilor Rex Burkholder  
THROUGH: Karen Blauer, Grants Coordinator  
DATE: April 10, 2012  
RE: Metro's North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee

Robin Plance, Mike Salvo, and Doretta Schrock were appointed to review the applications of candidates interested in serving on Metro's North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee. Five qualified candidates applied for positions in the Kenton, St Johns, and University Park neighborhoods.

Two candidates applied for the St Johns neighborhood position. Both were very well qualified and scored highly. Shawn DeCarlo received high ratings (41 of 45 points) from the appointment committee just edging out the competing candidate. His active involvement in the local and regional social safety network along with his knowledge of North Portland and Metro make him the strongest of the candidates.

Two candidates applied for the Kenton neighborhood position. Again, both were very well qualified and scored within 2 points of each other. Steve Joiner achieved the higher of the two scores. He has extensive experience with Multnomah County community involvement programs and has developed ageing and cultural diversity programs.

One candidate, Anisha Scanlon, applied for the University Park neighborhood position and received acceptable scores from the review committee.

The review panel recommends Shawn DeCarlo, Steve Joiner, and Anisha Scanlon for the three open positions on the Metro's North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee.

Tom Griffin-Valade  
Director  
North Portland Neighborhood Services





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**COMMENTS:** (this section to be filled out by review panel)

**INFORMATION**

NAME: **STEVEN JOINER**

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**GENDER: MALE**

**ETHNIC ORIGIN: CAUCASIAN/SCANDINAVIAN**

**EDUCATION:**

SCHOOL (include high school)

LOCATION

MAJOR OR DEGREE

**WG ENLOE HIGH SCHOOL**

**RALEIGH, NC**

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**RALEIGH, NC**

BA, SECONDARY ENGLISH EDUCATION, FILM, HONORS

**SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

MA, ADULT EDUCATION

- 1. Please describe your leadership style and strengths (e.g., visionary, organizer, analyzer, connector, other) and related qualifications you would contribute to this public service appointment (e.g., project management, accounting, mediation, public relations, other). Why would others describe you as a respected community leader?**

My leadership style focuses on consensus, collaboration, and connections. I work well in the “nebulous idea” phase and feel equally comfortable when it comes to “minutia management”. I’ve worked with nonprofits, funders, and citizen-engagement groups as a program designer, facilitator, convener, and a champion in the fight against redundancy. Others would describe me as a respected community leader because I work to collaborate rather than drive an agenda. My interest is in participation in the decision-making process over some predetermined outcome. My most recent example of this approach is as the Chair of the Citizen Involvement Committee for Multnomah County.

- 2. Please list relevant experience serving North Portland that demonstrates your knowledge of the interests, assets and needs of the neighborhood and the larger community. Give an example of creative or critical ideas you contributed to a project or program.**

I’m active as a community member and, thus far, have focused my attention on understanding the work of the city and county with regards to citizen involvement (The Office of Neighborhood Involvement and the Office of Citizen Involvement respectively). In my capacity as the Chair of the CIC, I’ve met with all the county commissioners and I am familiar with Commissioner Smith’s work as well as her office’s agenda for north Portland.

I attended a Kenton Neighborhood Association meeting last year but had a scheduling conflict (service with the Friends of the Library Board) that precluded me from further participation. Fortunately, that has now changed and I look forward to being more involved with neighborhood issues.

In 2007, I served on the county “Vital Taskforce on Aging” commissioned by then-county Chair Ted Wheeler. We were tasked with creating an “aging-community readiness” report for the community. That report came out in 2007 and is titled “Everyone Matters”. I’ve done similar work in Kansas City, Missouri.

I’ve also worked with Oregon Community Foundation to design their “Boomers and Babies” grant initiative. That program is now in its fourth year.

- 3. Please explain how you keep informed and aware of the community’s diverse needs and priorities. Give an example of tactics you use to communicate effectively with others.**

Before assuming the Chair of the Citizen Involvement Committee, I started the Outreach and Diversity Subcommittee with the goal of identifying and then working with community leaders who represent the varied constituents in Multnomah County. I am of the belief that there is no better resource for knowing the needs and priorities of a given community than community-identified leaders. Since Multnomah County provides resources for the most vulnerable populations in our area, I feel it is all the more important to connect with these leaders to reduce redundancy, create networks

of support, and design meaningful in-roads for citizen participation in decision making processes.

**4. Please summarize relevant experience working with people of varied backgrounds and under-represented groups. Provide an example of project or program that required you to engage with others collaboratively.**

My worklife is a study in collaboration. As a teacher, I worked with diverse audiences. In particular, my work in special education in the San Francisco Bay Area put me in regular contact with at-risk youth and the under-represented communities from which they came. As a nonprofit professional, I interact with organizations that work with constituents across the socio-economic spectrum. As a concerned and active citizen, I strive to give voice to the underrepresented and to provide access to the resources that citizens need to make a positive difference in their own lives and communities.

Applications are due at 5 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2012. Send or deliver to Karen Blauer at Metro by US mail (600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232), by fax (503-797-1849), or by email ([karen.blauer@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:karen.blauer@oregonmetro.gov)).



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**COMMENTS:** (this section to be filled out by review panel)

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**GENDER: MALE**

**ETHNIC ORIGIN: WHITE**

**EDUCATION:**

SCHOOL (include high school)

ARCHBISHOP WOOD HS

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

LOCATION

WARMINSTER, PA

STATE COLLEGE, PA

MAJOR OR DEGREE

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Please describe your leadership style and strengths (e.g., visionary, organizer, analyzer, connector, other) and related qualifications you would contribute to this public service appointment (e.g., project management, accounting, mediation, public relations, other). Why would others describe you as a respected community leader?

I consider myself to be an architect of ideas. Some of my core strengths are an ability to analyze a situation quickly and determine a course of action. One of my key assets is the ability to truly see all sides of a complicated situation. In my experience internationally and domestically, I have worked in a variety of diverse settings to help improve low-income communities self-sufficiency. Growing up barely middle class in the suburbs, I experienced the fracturing of community that can come with distance and car culture. My goals since college have been to work building community for the benefit of all.

Specific to this appointment, I am very familiar with a breadth of social service organizations throughout Portland. Living in North Portland, my familiarity extends even further. I have been Metro Service Manager at Oregon Food Bank for the last 5 years (at OFB for 9 years). In this capacity I have disbursed directly, or overseen the administration of, over 4 million dollars in direct grants to programs in Portland, many of them in North Portland. These grants have come directly from Oregon Food Bank or the local, state and national levels, including federal funded programs such as the Emergency Food Assistance Program.

Those that know me know my passion for equality of voice and representation. I am a detailed oriented person who knows what questions to ask. I admire sustainability and direct action and would seek to support programs demonstrating these qualities and others.

1. Please list relevant experience serving North Portland that demonstrates your knowledge of the interests, assets and needs of the neighborhood and the larger community. Give an example of creative or critical ideas you contributed to a project or program.

I have served in a capacity in my Home Owner's Association in North Portland. I also applied for the Main Street St. John's coordinator position last year. Most of my direct board experience and other committee experience is broader to the Portland area or 3 county regional area or Statewide. However, I have worked directly with dozens of programs in the North Portland area, most specifically related to the provision of emergency food. Over the years I have worked with my staff to open hot meals sites and emergency food box sites in North Portland. We partnered with Red Sea Church to offer hot meals to families in St. Johns. I also worked extensively with St. Andrew's Episcopal Food Pantry on Lombard to continue providing services in North Portland when William Temple House was no longer able to fund the program. Currently I am working to create a free Farmers' Market style distribution called Harvest Share in North Portland to replace a program that is no longer functioning.

2. Please explain how you keep informed and aware of the community's diverse needs and priorities. Give an example of tactics you use to communicate effectively with others.

I am out on the ground talking to volunteers and staff of social service agencies every day. I talk to clients regularly about their struggles and how agencies can better assist them. I am also a member of the Portland / Multnomah Food Policy Council and in this capacity have been holding city wide listening sessions on the concept of Food Justice. Last week we met at the North Portland library with over 25 community members. I facilitated the discussion with the end goal of increasing input to the City and County on policy related to food. In the role I am in at the food bank I can generally see the economic situation of low-income communities 12 – 18 months before the data starts to reflect the situations of more affluent community members. My ear is constantly to the pavement. So much so

that I have to remember to look up and take some encouragement wherever I can find it once in a while.

3. Please summarize relevant experience working with people of varied backgrounds and under-represented groups. Provide an example of project or program that required you to engage with others collaboratively.

My current employment requires working with a wide variety of stakeholders and communities within Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington and Clark County, Washington. I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Mongolia for 2 years and I lived and worked in Madrid, Spain for 2 years. The sum of my experience has been in working with diverse groups of people. My focus has usually been on low-income communities primarily but not exclusively. I have also been an AmeriCorps\* VISTA leader, which required me to work with young people from all over the country coming to Oregon for the first time to work with social service agencies. I am a natural speaker and meeting facilitator.

An example of a collaborative project I am currently working on is working with a social venture to get 1 million children's books into low-income households. Nothing is too big or too small to make a difference!

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my skills and experience to help my community.

**Shawn DeCarlo**

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**GENDER: FEMALE**

**ETHNIC ORIGIN:**

**EDUCATION:**

SCHOOL (include high school)	LOCATION	MAJOR OR DEGREE
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VISTA HIGH SCHOOL	VISTA, CA	GENERAL ED.
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MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	PORTLAND, OR	CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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1. Please describe your leadership style and strengths (e.g., visionary, organizer, analyzer, connector, other) and related qualifications you would contribute to this public service appointment (e.g., project management, accounting, mediation, public relations, other). Why would others describe you as a respected community leader?

As a community leader and activist I am driven by my desire to help others. I am striving to make a long lasting large impact on as many people as possible so I may one day make a positive impact on the child I chose to give up for adoption. I am very passionate about the preservation and restoration of our communities. My community leadership and activism is a huge part of how I define myself. I have been told I am inspiring, empowering, a true visionary, unique and what this community needs, time and time again by the members of the St. Johns community.

I am a great public speaker, very organized, reliable, flexible, hardworking and determined. I keep myself well informed on events, news and other non-profits around all of Portland. I am an outside of the box thinker and a fast learner.

I have experience in project management, volunteer management and recruitment, business planning, grant writing, working with a large diverse demographic of people, working with the City of Portland educating the public, filling out reports and applications with various organizations and with the City of Portland, finding corporate funding, and community preservation and restoration.

People describe me as a very well respected community leader because of how much time, energy and good will I give to the community. I am among the most active volunteers in the St. Johns community. I spend much of my time in meetings with other local leaders trying to find ways to help one another. More than anything, people are very impressed with my work with the non-profit I founded here in North Portland.

2. Please list relevant experience serving North Portland that demonstrates your knowledge of the interests, assets and needs of the neighborhood and the larger community. Give an example of creative or critical ideas you contributed to a project or program.

I am founder and director of a small North Portland non-profit in St. Johns called Portland Organic Productions or PDX Organic. PDX Organics mission is To Achieve Sustainable Community Growth through Revitalization and Preservation of our Natural and Rural Areas. I founded Portland Organic Productions to keep the public and private waterways and surrounding areas clean through cleanup activities and litter control.

"I used to spend hours walking along the river bank in Cathedral Park picking up trash with a baby (Thor Foss). As a nanny and a mother I found it very rewarding, however, daunting. I had been longing to make this World a better place and create a positive global shift. My hope is that my son, whom I gave up adoption because of my young age, would be impacted by all my love and dedication to the good of humanity. I knew I could not do this alone...."

PDXOP went about this mission by creating the Cathedral Park Clean UP (CPCU) events. These events have occurred consecutively every other month since inception. In the last two years PDXOP's events have removed over ten thousand pounds of trash, including tires, syringes, and glass off the bank of the Willamette River in Cathedral Park. PDXOP has made a direct impact upon the beauty, health, safety, vitality, and preservation of St. Johns.

During the last year PDXOP has secured a small grant with the City of Portland to do graffiti abatement. With this grant we have removed graffiti from the Cathedral Park Neighborhood through out 2011 and will be doing so in 2012 as well.



**Now in our third year I am focusing on expanding our project. We will be doing Clean UP and Community Growth Events throughout St. Johns and further down the Willamette in 2012.**

- 3. Please explain how you keep informed and aware of the community's diverse needs and priorities. Give an example of tactics you use to communicate effectively with others.**

**The biggest key for me has been spending time with members of the community listening. Meetings, friendships and sharing are three things that carry me through this community. I also get information from being very active in the social media, mailing lists from many local organizations and companies, reading the St. Johns Review, The Oregonian and many other local papers.**

- 4. Please summarize relevant experience working with people of varied backgrounds and under-represented groups. Provide an example of project or program that required you to engage with others collaboratively.**

**Majority of my Clean UP events attract a very diverse backgrounds and under-represented groups. The elderly, college students, grade school children, teachers, and people who have court mandated community service all work together to clean UP the Willamette River for us to enjoy. These clean up events require me not only to engage with others collaboratively but to manage the volunteers by keeping them in the scope of the project, educating them on why we do the clean UP events , keep all the volunteers safe, manage supplies, work with team leaders and teachers to keep volunteers informed and upbeat. During our events we like provide free food, live music and paint and toys for children to play with. These extras helps people come together and enjoy one another's company.**

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