

LAPANO



Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon

2009



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In 2009, APANO called a statewide community retreat in order to define strategic objectives for the next two years. Over 70 Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans responded to the call and spent two days in Mt Angel for community building and small group visioning in order to move APANO forward into 2011. We have made excellent progress thanks in large part to the support of the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), collaboration with IRCO's community development program, and the support of over 200 new contributors and community advocates.

APANO has become more grounded as an organization, with a clearer sense of purpose, and a more consistent commitment in communications and community organizing. As APANO grows into 2011, your help is needed as a volunteer advocate and financial supporter of our shared work. APANO is at its best when it is convening our diverse and complex communities, striving to build consensus around policy issues that impact our communities, and working to register, educate and get out the vote during elections.

TIME LINE

Feb. 26th, 2002

PPS Budget Forum



Organized by the Education Committee, the Forum provided an opportunity for community members to advocate for educational needs of the API community and develop budget recommendations to Portland Public Schools representatives; 70 community members participated

2002



Meetings were organized between the Education Committee members and PPS representatives to advocate for curriculum redevelopment, appropriate staffing, adequate funding, re-evaluation of certification process, and foreign language assessment within Portland Public Schools

2002

Marshall High School Principal Hiring Process 2002



APANO organized a group of 6 API parents to provide input to PPS representatives on the desired qualities of a Marshall High School Principal

2003

Youth Leadership Project



Organized a 12-week Leadership Development workshop series with 9 participants; increased number in youth participation at events and developed relationships with new API organizations and members (i.e., K-GRO, JAOL, etc.) interested in working with APANO



We mobilized on Election Day! We defeated Measure 58



We organized a candidate forum

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1 Organizational Development Establish a fully seated, diverse and representative Board of Directors capable of directing and/or implementing administrative priorities. Including but not limited to adopting By-laws and Policies, completing 501c3 application, establishing fiscal year budget, and building membership base.

- Elected a new slate of officers: Co-Chairs June Arima Schumann and Pamela Phan, Treasurer Thomas Ngo, Secretary Emily S. Ryan, Thach Nguyen, and Alex Arzadon.
- Established Executive Committee which meets monthly
- Adopted a Memorandum of Understanding with IRCO facilitating APANO's independence as an organization
- Approved By-laws in preparation for 501c3 application
- Approved Budget and Fundraising Plan for 2010
- Established system for receiving donations and base-building
- Completed a Board retreat including board training

2 Building Voices, Building Visions Building relationships across communities, identifying issues from a broader diversity of API communities, recruiting new members and developing new and stronger leadership.

- Trained 40 facilitators and organizers for 10 Many Rivers Project Listening Circles
- Conducted 10 listening circles and completed report and recommendations
- Trained 30 captains for Legislative Day who helped mobilize and coordinate 35 legislative visits in Salem
- Co-led rapid response community speakout on neighborhood safety and justice at Beaumont Middle School
- Wrote a public letter in response to the tasing of a University of Oregon Chinese international student
- Responded to growing concerns about educational equity for immigrant and refugee English Language Learners in Portland Public Schools.

3 Policy Advocacy Agenda Build stonger non-partisan political power through leadership development and policy advocacy. Establish a legislative agenda, highly visible API civic engagement events, and create opportunities for APANO members to explore their interest in public office and policy work.

- Hosted Budget Advocacy meetings with City of Portland and Multnomah County
- Completed 3 Policy Position papers on Oregon State Budget Cuts, Health Equity and Reform, and - Immi gration and Civil Rights
- Involved over 100 people in Health Equity and Reform Campaign
- Collected and presented over 300 Health Equity postcards to Oregon legislators
- Involved over 80 people in Legislative Day
- Organized the APANO Health Equity And Reform Team (HEART) to carry forward work
- Established Urban Ecology Project with Hmong, Youth, Environmental Justice and City of Port land partners
- Endorsed Yes on Measure 66/67 and organized 1000 Get Out The Vote phone calls

Dec. 3rd 2003

All Children Achieving: A Great School For Every Child How Do We Get There?

Collaborated with Portland Schools Foundation and other community-based organizations to organize the Forum Series – brought educators and parents together with business, civic and community leaders to explore schools' most pressing challenges.

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Citywide Public Involvement Standards Taskforce

APANO participated in a project organized by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement at the City of Portland to discuss Citywide Public Involvement. The goal of the taskforce was to come up with public involvement standards recommendations for the City Council to then adopt.

Taking Leadership in 2010

A few of the areas you can get involved with APANO

Civic Engagement

- ✪ Hosting Multilingual Ballot Parties to Educate Voters
- ✪ Primary (April 29) and General Election Candidate Forums
- ✪ Mobilizing API Voters for the May 18th Oregon Primary and November 2nd General Election
- ✪ Critical Response to Community Concerns

Equity Advocacy in Health, Environment and Education

- ✪ Community Leadership Trainings for Health Reform and Health Equity
- ✪ Winning Policies that Improve Health Outcomes for APIs
- ✪ Community Symposium on Urban Ecology May 22nd
- ✪ Organizing in Portland Public Schools with English Language Learners

Policy Advocacy

- ✪ Building APANO's Advocacy Agenda and Legislative Priorities
- ✪ Meeting Elected Officials and Policy Makers
- ✪ Developing Community Leadership for Policy Advocacy

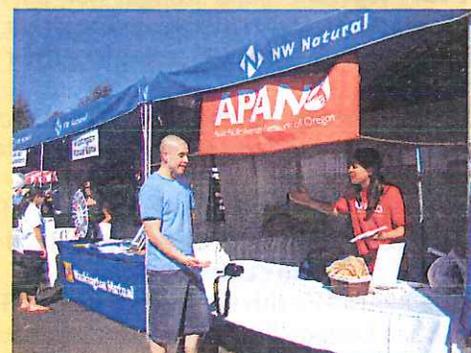


Teens Uniting for a New Era (AFC/APANO)

Youth leadership group was convened in collaboration with AFC's Tobacco Program to support skills and analysis development, community involvement, research and issue-identification; held major community event to premiere video (In My Eyes) that discusses issues of alcohol and drug abuse in API communities



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From September 2007 to November 2008
The API Oregon Vote Campaign was on to
Defeat Measure 58

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