Rainier Valley Steering Committee

**Purpose:** Establishes the vision and overall leadership for the Rainier Valley COO initiative. Provides formal communication and coordination efforts amongst 4 Coalitions in initiative. Sets overall initiative work plan goals and manages progress. Receives updates and makes recommendations to COO Governance Committee. Receives updates from Coordinating Team and Strategy Groups. Reviews site team proposals for implementation funding to ensure coordination and alignment. Makes final community decisions, in conference with HomeSight and other funders (if necessary).

**Members:** 2 designated members representing each of the 4 Coalitions (MCC, OBO, RBAC, S-CORE) and HomeSight executive director.

**Staffed by:** HomeSight project manager.

**Meetings:** During Year 1, this group met monthly. Beginning in August 2016, this group will meet every 2 months (Oct, Dec 2016) or as needed for 2 hours.

**Resources:** Each member of the Steering Committee will receive an annual stipend for their organization (or to the individual if not on an organization’s time) for their participation. In Year 1 this amount was $2000. This will come from the Rainier Valley’s annual infrastructure funding.

**Coordinating Team**

**Purpose:** Tracks progress across all major Strategy areas. Provides opportunity for Strategies to share updates/progress. Opportunity for cross-sector collaboration or problem-solving. Reviews site team proposals for implementation funding to ensure coordination. Makes recommendations to Steering Committee.

**Members:** Chair/Co-Chair representative from each of the existing Strategy groups.

**Staffed by:** HomeSight project manager.

**Meetings:** Beginning in Sept 2016, this group will meet monthly or as needed for 1 hour.

**Resources:** No new resources. Assume Chair/Co-Chair time is covered in their Strategy Team compensation below.

**Strategy Team**

**Purpose:** Implements strategy/sub-strategy work locally in Rainier Valley. Coordinates partner efforts. Applies for and reports on implementation funding received. Course corrects. Provides data on progress.

**Members:** Lead coalition representative for the strategy (Chair or Co-Chair). Strategy partners. Community members interested in Strategy. Funders invited by the Members.

**Staffed by:** Lead coalition representative Chair/Co-Chair

**Meetings:** Beginning in Sept 2016, this group will meet regularly, as determined by the Chair/Co-Chair.

**Resources:** The lead coalition Chair/Co-Chair will be contracted for their leadership and staffing, and not just participation in the group. (Could be to an organization or individual instead of Coalition if preferred). This will come from the Rainier Valley’s annual infrastructure funding.
Examples of Strategy Teams: (existing momentum is high or groups already in place or crosscutting multiple strategies)

- Food Innovation District sub strategy. Chair: RBAC (who?). May already meet regularly.
- Economic Opportunity Center sub strategy. Chair: OBO (who?). Meets monthly already as part of OBO agenda.
- Co work space sub strategy. Chair: MCC (who?). Meets monthly already.
- Housing/Graham street/anti displacement Strategy. Chair SCORE. Meets monthly already as part of SCORE agenda.
- Workforce Strategy. Chair TBD
- Others TBD. (Coop housing, small business, housing policy/levy, community leadership, ?)

Regular Coalition Meetings

Each of the 4 Rainier Valley coalitions meets regularly already. Steering committee representatives in each Coalition will ensure that a regular agenda item or progress report is given about the overall COO strategy work and relevant updates—so as to keep their respective members informed regularly. They will also encourage participation of their members interested in the different Strategy teams.