Engagement Plan

Neighborhood Time frame 2023-

Armatage 2024

Plan detail

Demographic group	Renters	BIPOC Residents
Numbers or percentage	14.1%	16.9%
Initiative, activity, project or program	Renter Engagement Project	Renouncing Racial Housing Covenants
Barriers to engagement	Accessing larger apartment buildings. Difficult for ANA to know when new renters move in (there's no process to get notifications). Historically under-engaged group that doesn't always attend other meetings/programs. More rental housing turnover than owner-occupied housing units.	History of racial housing covenants in Armatage and surrounding communities. Pervasive racial disparities throughout Mpls.

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Outreach and engagement strategies	Connect with property managers/owners (we started this in 2022) and work to build a contact list that the ANA can use regularly.	Continue to recruit and invite BIPOC community members to run for the ANA Board during Annual Meeting & Board Election.
	Send an annual targeted mailing to renters. Partner with Armatage PTA to table and have activities at PTA events to reach more renters who have school age children.	Host another Jim Crow of the North screening, possibly in partnership with another neighborhood.
	Continue to adapt Armatage Welcome Bags to be more relevant to renters and work to find and bring them to more new residents who rent.	Share information on renouncing racial housing covenants in ANA communications and at annual events so residents can apply to renounce their home's covenant on-site.
	Hold annual community-building events at the Washburn Tot Lot, which is surrounded by affordable rental housing. Hold a free annual gathering & dinner focused on issues that are important to renters.	Partner with AREA, Free the Deeds, Armatage Elementary Welcoming Equity Committee, and other neighborhoods on community workshops.
	Continue to build the ANA's list of current block leaders and reach out to this list regularly so they can identify new renters.	Social media/eNews campaign.

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Resources needed	Contact information for property owners/managers. Addresses of rental units. Block leader contact info. Renter advocacy printed resource (goal: update and print annually). Postcards to mail. ANA flyer with QR code ANA reserve funds for annual renter-focused gathering.	Workshop/training facilitators ANA Communications (newsletters, eNews, social media) Printed info on Just Deeds and housing covenant history to flyer, door knock, etc.) Tablet or chromebook and display info for tabling at events. Just Deeds Minneapolis assistance.
Partners in the work	City of Mpls Block leaders Crime Prevention Specialist Armatage Elementary	Armatage Reparations & Equity Action (AREA) Mapping Prejudice Free the Deeds Just Deeds Minneapolis
Person(s) responsible	ANA Coordinator ANA Board Members ANA Green Team and Community Engagement Committee Members	ANA Coordinator ANA Board Members ANA Green Team and Community Engagement Committee Members

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	Each year: Jan: get updated rental license list. Reach out to property owners, block leaders asking for new renter info for Welcome Bags. Feb: Update renter print resources for Welcome Bag and annual outreach events Mar: Reach out to block leaders May-Aug: hold annual events including a pop-up at Washburn Tot Lot July-Aug: create invite to renter gathering & mail to all Armatage rental properties.	Both years: April: Mailed info on Board Election to every address in Armatage that highlights invitation for BIPOC community members to run for the board. May-Sept: share info on renouncing racial housing covenants at outreach events (main summer community-building event, PTA events in spring, pop-up event at the Washburn Tot Lot, Annual Meeting, movie in the park, etc.). Sept-Nov: hold equity-focused workshop or training. Ongoing: have a notary party to help neighbors renounce
	Aug-Sept: hold annual renter gathering & free dinner Ongoing: work to get more Block Leader contact info. Partner with Armatage PTA to participate in school events.	covenants.

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Quantitative goals	Reach 20 new renters/year through the Welcome Bag program. Reach 25+ renters through annual renter gathering and pop-up events. Obtain contact info for at least 50% of renters at the free annual gathering/dinner for the Armatage eNews. Continue to increase renter representation on the ANA Board.	Greater attendance of neighbors who identify as BIPOC at ANA meetings and events. Help at least 25 Armatage neighbors renounce their home's racial housing covenant by Dec 2024.
Qualitative goals	Continue to develop the list of Armatage Block Leaders to help identify new renters who move in on their block. Have meaningful conversations at the annual renter-focused events to understand issues important to renters and to help renters understand how the ANA can better support them. Welcome new renters to the neighborhood and help them feel connected to their community.	The ANA Board is reflective of the community. Elevate BIPOC voices in Armatage. Own the painful history of racial housing covenants and how they shape the neighborhood and why renouncing is critical.

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Outcome of engagement	More representation of renters on ANA Board and committees.	Greater representation of BIPOC residents on the ANA board.
	More renters have the ability to become involved in neighborhood decision-making.	More renounced racial housing covenants in Armatage.
	More renters receive communication from ANA and understand how ANA can support and advocate for them.	Greater understanding of issues impacting residents who don't identify as white and how the ANA can be a better advocate.
	Renters feel more connected to the ANA and the neighborhood as a whole.	
	The ANA better understands issues that are important to renters in the neighborhood and can better advocate for neighbors who rent.	
Next steps	Continue conversations around issues identified and adapt programs/events to better address.	Continue to work to elevate BIPOC voices within Armatage. Work to renounce all racial housing covenants in Armatage.
	Continue to work to get info when new renters move in.	
	Continue to build representation of renters on the ANA.	

2025 Amendment

Armatage

TIMELINE

Jan - Fire & Ice Event w/MPRB

Feb - Neighborhood Happy Hour

Apr- Earth Day Clean Up/Happy Hour

May - Neighborhood Day/Tool Swap/Annual Election

June - Movie in the Park/Happy Hour

August - Summer Jam

Sept - Happy Hour

Nov - Fixit Clinic

GOALS

- 1. Board member recruitment
- 2. Volunteer recruitment
- 3. Continue to engage renters