



FLINT MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
December 4, 2012



Members Present

Jim Richardson, Co-Chair
 Bob Wesley, Co-Chair
 Bryant Nolden, City Council
 Jackie Poplar, City Council
 Elizabeth Jordan, PC Rep
 Linda Boose
 John Henry

Judy Hovey
 Barry Williams
 Supt. Quintin Marshall
 Franklin Pleasant
 Everett Cole
 Raynetta Speed
 Charles Tutt

Members Not Present

Pastor LaTrelle Holmes
 Phil Hagerman
 Karen Lopez
 Linda Thompson

Pamela Hawkins
 Chia Morgan – excused
 Clarence Pierce

Staff Present

Sheree Pierce, Real Estate/Zoning Coordinator
 Kevin Schronce, Assoc. Planner

Staff Not Present

Megan Hunter, Chief Planning Officer
 Matthew Williams, Assoc. Planner

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. The meeting was held at the Flint Public Library, 1026 Kearsley St., Flint MI. Megan Hunter and Matthew Williams were not able to be at the meeting as they were attending a mandatory HUD conference per the Community Challenge Grant.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Co-Chair Richardson stated that this is a working meeting for the Master Plan Steering Committee. Therefore, public comment will be limited to the first ten minutes in order to allow for dialogue between Steering Committee members. At the end of the meeting he will ask if there are any additional comments. There were no public comments at this time or at the end of the meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE:

Co-Chair Bob Wesley stated the Planning Commission did not meet. There were no updates.

2013 MEETING SCHEDULE (in Steering Committee packet)

Co-Chair Richardson made an inquiry of the Steering Committee members pertaining to the 5:30 p.m. meeting time and the general consensus was to continue with this meeting time.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Brandon Nolin, Houseal Lavigne, and Kevin Schronce, Assoc. Planner, gave an update on the community engagement efforts. DIY Kits were distributed and many responses have been received. All 6 advisory groups have participated in the DIY Kits. The 3rd & 4th wards still have some openings to fill in the Advisory Groups. There are 385 persons signed up on a list that are interested in the Master Plan. At the November 15, 2012 community workshop meeting there were 45 new people in attendance and at the November 28, 2012 there were 55 new people (duplicates not included in total). There are questionnaires to fill out and interactive planning tool maps on the website for public input. Several adjustments were made to the website from the

suggestions received.

The information collected at the workshops, individually and collectively will be summarized and shown on the website with overarching themes. We will see what citizens have to say from the collected efforts and information to compile solutions and goals.

On December 13, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. the Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce will host a business workshop at the Insight Institute with master planning consultants Houseal Lavigne. This workshop will engage the business community and get their perspective and feedback. We are working with the Chamber to get various business owner contacts as well as through neighborhood meetings. The business meeting will be open to all business owners.

Steering Committee members inquired about how we are getting input from young people. Co-Chair Jim Richardson responded that individuals should take DIY Kits to their church and various community groups. Associate Planner, Kevin Schronce relayed they have already started having meetings with some youth groups and will start going to the schools after the first of the year.

COMMUNITY DATA PROFILE

Daniel Gardner & Brandon Nolen from Houseal Lavigne, presented preliminary community data profile information. They stressed the information presented was still preliminary data that was unframed. Further comments and questions should be directed to Megan Hunter.

This data will become components of a larger existing conditions report. These are trends, not predictions. The Genesee County data shown is inclusive of the City of Flint data unless otherwise stated. Following are a few examples of some preliminary data in the report.

Population- change in Flint: lost 23,000 from 2000 to 2011 approx.

Household Income- Flint incomes may be growing. Flint is getting more middle income households. Between 2010 and 2011, the average income among Flint households increased by 7.1% to \$33,029 in 2011.

Poverty- This rate has increased by 15% points between 2000 and 2012, growing to 41.2% in 2010. More of Flint's youth are living in poverty.

Education- While Flint has four colleges and universities; Flint's population has a relatively low level of attainment in post-secondary education. It is estimated that as of 2010, nearly 83% of Flint residents received their High School diploma or equivalency.

Labor Employment- Flint lost one-third of its primary jobs over the last decade. Historic employment estimates for 2002 through 2010 indicate that the number of jobs offered by employers in the City of Flint has steadily declined over the last decade.

Housing Stock- It is estimated that in 2012, the City of Flint has approximately 54,479 total housing units with approximately 78% of those housing units being occupied.

Retail Market Analysis- Many of the retail properties in Flint have limited lot depth to their adjacency to residential properties. These and related physical limitations have resulted in a large number of small scale commercial properties with a limited number of mid-to-large sized retailers and retail centers.

NEXT STEPS

On Thursday, December 13, 2012 there will be a Master Plan community workshop session held at GCCARD. A Parks & Recreation Master Plan input session will be held on December 18, 2012 at the Flint Public Library. The existing plan expires in 2012 and needs to be updated to be eligible for any DNR grants. The next Master Plan Steering Committee meeting will be held on January 15, 2013, 5:30 p.m. at the Flint Public Library, Basement Level.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Submitted by: Sheree J. Pierce