



FLINT MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE Meeting Notes March 5, 2013



Members Present

Jim Richardson, Co-Chair
Bob Wesley, Co-Chair
Bryant Nolden, City Council
Jackie Poplar, City Council
Elizabeth Jordan, PC Rep
Everett Cole

Pastor LaTrelle Holmes
Judy Hovey
Supt. Quintin Marshall
Clarence Pierce
Pamela Hawkins
Raynetta Speed
Barry Williams

Members Not Present

Linda Boose
Phil Hagerman
John Henry
Franklin Pleasant

Karen Lopez
Linda Thompson
Charles Tutt

Staff Present

Megan Hunter, Chief Planning Officer
Sheree Pierce, Real Estate/Zoning Coordinator

Kevin Schronce, Assoc. Planner
Matthew Williams, Assoc. Planner

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. The meeting was held at the Flint Public Library, 1026 Kearsley St., Flint MI.

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. The audience will be invited to participate in small group discussions on sub-areas. There was no public comment.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE:

Co-Chair Bob Wesley stated the Planning Commission has been receiving updates regarding the master plan process.

ADVISORY GROUP UPDATES

K. Schronce reported the Natural Resources, Open Space Conservation Group worked on the City of Flint Parks & Recreation Master Plan update that was submitted for approval on February 28, 2013. They also are looking at some frameworks with sustainability and liked the City of Lansing's goals. The Housing Group met 3 times and reviewed the housing inventory, heard from Victoria Morckel about Youngstown and reviewed Lansing and Detroit's goals. The Public Safety Group held discussions regarding gangs and related crimes and reviewed key data points. They also participated in the DIY kits.

M. Williams reported that the three groups, Transportation, Economic Development & Education, and Infrastructure and Community Facilities each met 3 times. At their first meeting they reviewed their roles and responsibilities; the second meeting they reviewed the Community Data Profile and Existing Conditions report; and the third meeting they discussed visioning and goals of the group.

UPDATE – VISION AND GOALS WORKSHOP (Saturday, March 9, 2013)

K. Schronce informed the committee that to date 446 people are registered for the workshop. 85% are Flint residents, 53% female, 45% male, 53% African American, 45% Caucasian, 25% age 15 - 34; 55% age 35 - 64; 20% age 65 +. Wards 3, 4, and 8 have the lowest registration per ward. In regards to the youth, staff has reached out to the Boys and Girls Club, Youth clubs, International Academy and will pass out postcards to schools tonight.

Ms. Hunter distributed the discussion guide for the community workshop and noted that the graphic version will be posted by Wednesday on the master plan website. They are almost to the target number for table facilitators as they have 48 and need 50 persons. Various other volunteers will serve in a variety of roles and all volunteers will have training and instructions. The media will be present at the workshop (ABC 12 News), an article about the event was on MLive, ABC 12 News will interview Ms. Hunter, a Planning Commission representative, and a representative from America Speaks on Thursday, and Paul Herring will videotape the event. Also, staff will place follow-up calls and reminders to people who have registered.

DISCUSSION ON SUBAREAS

Co-Chair Richardson explained that the goal is for this committee to work toward making a recommendation to the Planning Commission for 8 subareas for targeted planning per the HUD grant and consultant contract. The consultants provided a map with 14 proposed areas as a starting point for discussion. Ms. Hunter explained the characteristics of a subarea and showed a presentation of various areas that the consulting firm Houseal Lavigne had prepared subarea plans for in other locations. Subareas are small nodes that could be something different than what exists, and need to have an asset or be seen as a rapidly changing area. They could also be folded into larger existing plans, but not a neighborhood plan. Examples are a riverfront concept, key transit nodes, downtown streetscape, business/commercial corridor. The committee members along with the public in attendance broke into 4 groups to discuss what areas that may be eliminated, additional areas to add, or revise proposed area. Each group reported on their discussion and recommendations. The input will be recorded and assembled and forwarded to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission meets on March 12, 2013 and will discuss the recommendations and at their March 26, 2013 meeting will vote on the final 8 subareas.

NEXT STEPS

Co-Chairman Bob Wesley encouraged everyone to attend the Planning Commission's next two meetings and voice their opinions on the subareas.

The next Master Plan Steering Committee meeting will be held on April 2, 2013, 5:30 p.m. at the Flint Public Library, Basement Level.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Sheree J. Pierce