



FLINT MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE Meeting Notes April 2, 2013



Members Present

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

Pastor LaTrelle Holmes
Judy Hovey
Supt. Quintin Marshall
Raynetta Speed
Pamela Hawkins
Barry Williams
Charles Tutt

Members Not Present

Linda Boose
Phil Hagerman - excused
Jackie Poplar, City Council - excused
Clarence Pierce - excused

Karen Lopez
Linda Thompson
Franklin Pleasant

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 5:45 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.

Joe King, Northeast Village, felt all the areas north of Fifth Ave. have been left out. He questioned supporting the master plan if they are left out and stated they will fight for the area.

Quincy Murphy, Urban Transformation Development, spoke about the process held to update the Parks & Recreation 5 year master plan and the amendments proposed in conjunction with the public hearing that was submitted to the state for approval. Also, there was a public hearing held to submit for a DNR grant to make improvements at McKinley Park and the proposed development of an 11 acre new park - Atherton Park.

Desiree Duell, Infrastructure Advisory Group member, commented on the MEA Grant and a disconnect of the neighborhood groups and the master plan.

A parent of a student who attends Southwestern Academy commented that the walkway that goes over the highway and the railroad line needs to be refurbished.

Connie, Flint resident, made the suggestion that something be done to lower the water bills.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE:

Co-Chair Bob Wesley stated the Planning Commission reviewed the 8 proposed subareas. The Commission modified some of the areas in size and voted to approve them. In regards to the MDNR grant application, Ed Kurtz, Emergency Manager, withdrew the submittal for the proposed Atherton

Park but did submit the grant application for improvements at McKinley Park. Judy Hovey complimented the Planning Commission for listening and developing the subareas from input from the Steering Committee and the community.

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

Ms. Hunter reviewed the highlights of the workshop along with the preliminary report handout.

DISCUSSION ON SUBAREAS

Ms. Hunter explained the evolution of the subarea plans for this master plan and relayed that people are confusing neighborhood plans with subarea plans. She explained the difference between the different types of plans and a sheet was passed out listing the characteristics for each. The 8 subarea plans are the toolbox for other similar areas in the city. She explained the assets and purpose of each subarea and how each could relate to other like areas in the city. Many areas pull in other assets to build around. They are meant to focus on an area primarily commercial or industrial and subject to change, have had no planning in the past, and can change something about the area. The concepts are to be used to develop the future land use map.

Ms. Hunter clarified that a neighborhood plan is a mini master plan for the area. It is detailed and involved. She stated it is the intention to do a neighborhood plan after the master plan is adopted and the first one will be for the Building Neighborhood Capacity (BNC) area as shown on the subarea map. It will be written in the master plan as such. There is a commitment to work with the 5 entities that were awarded the grant funds. These grant funds will be able to leverage many resources. Also, other existing neighborhood plans will be reviewed and integrated into the master plan and the neighborhood plans already adopted by the City Council will be called out in the plan.

Discussion regarding the comments that the BNC area plan slated for a neighborhood plan was an afterthought and something to pacify the people in this area. The area is too large to be a subarea. Subarea plans are more general and not intended to focus on residential areas. The BNC area is better suited for a neighborhood plan.

VISION STATEMENT AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Ms. Hunter explained that the draft Vision & Guiding Principles evolved from the March 9, 2013 workshop. The Steering Committee members and audience broke into four discussion groups to review the document and discuss what was good and what may be missing. Each group gave a verbal report.

NEXT STEPS

The Vision Statement and Guiding Principles will be modified incorporating the ideas that came out of the group discussions. This document will then be presented to the Planning Commission for review/approval at their April 9, 2013 meeting. The Planning Commission does approve the master plan although it is good to also get approval from the City Council in October 2013 as it would be best to work with the elected officials who are currently in place. Also, the city needs to meet the HUD grant deadline.

The next Master Plan Steering Committee meeting will be held on May 7, 2013, 5:30 p.m. at the Flint Public Library, Second Floor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Sheree J. Pierce