



Public Meeting Minutes

South Duke Street Community Meeting

Date: May 10, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, 466 Rockland Street

Purpose: To continue discussions with community members and neighborhood partners on planned projects and initiatives for the South Duke area community and neighborhood opportunities.

Presenters: Marshall Snively, Executive VP/COO, DID Executive Director and Shelby Nauman, Vice President of the Lancaster City Alliance

Prepared by: Lancaster City Alliance

This was the second meeting with South Duke Street community members since launching the Building On Strength Plan and there were many project updates to share with the community. The Lancaster City Alliance promoted the community meeting through social media, WLCH, letters to commercial property owners and door to door flyers distributed on South Duke Street. Meeting summaries from all past meetings can be found on the Lancaster City Alliance website.

Shelby Nauman welcomed attendees (about 30 people attended).

Shelby Nauman thanked and introduced Chris Lopez, Principal of Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School.

Mayor Gray commended the neighbors for coming together to discuss a vision for the neighborhood and stated he was there to hear from the neighborhood.

Marshall Snively summarized the Building On Strength Vision, Aspirations and Outcomes of the Plan by year 2030. Shelby Nauman gave an overview of the Plan Strategies and a brief overview of progress made towards Plan implementation.

Partner Updates:

Carlos Graupera, SACA; Conestoga Plaza groundbreaking and future development plans

Marlyn Barbosa, SACA; Tec Centro programs

Luis Torres and Jeremy Raff, Mix at Arbor Place; new reading program, site beautification

Cheryl Holland Jones, Crispus Attucks; Soul-Full Food Truck Social Enterprise, Summer Camp in partnership with Thaddeus Stevens College

Megan DeMarra, CAP; Soul-Full Food Truck

Karen Schloer, Boys and Girls Club; Cal Ripken Field Project

Schirlyn Kamara, Nu-Life; Summer Camps, Adult Sewing program, Mother's Day Fashion Show, new program in partnership with Nikki Vasquez, owner of that shuu girl boutique.

Charlotte Katzenmoyer, City of Lancaster; update on high speed internet project, Public Arts study, new art project at the Roberto Clemente Park wading pool

Group Discussion: What are the short and long term needs and opportunities for this neighborhood?**Short term**

- City's Adopt a Block program
- Litter cleanups
- Install trash receptacles along the S. Duke corridor
- Fitness track; resources to get healthy – reduce preventable disease, ie diabetes
- Middle and HS kids need a venue
- Community Center to serve people of all ages; place to hold dances for youth
- Lift up and support existing buildings so people want to go there
- Increase pedestrian safety, repair street lights that are not lit
- Work with Police to patrol Price School basketball courts
- Develop a survey and focus on existing residents and stakeholders to ask what the community wants/needs

Long Term

- Fill empty storefronts- existing and soon to be empty
- Determine how local makers can benefit from groups visiting Lancaster
- Would like to see cafes, galleries, young adult venues; variety of entertainment offerings
- Develop a co-op in neighborhood for economic growth; "incubator model", Candy Factory for Southeast
- Create identity for neighborhood retail like the 300 block of N. Queen has done to create value in concert with Downtown success
- Affordable housing
- Transportation to jobs
- Resources for women dealing with anxiety and depression – YWCA is far for women living here
- Make sure anything we bring in to this neighborhood is affordable and accessible

Next Steps

- Develop Neighborhood survey to be disseminated with help of attending partners and neighborhood leaders
- Neighborhood Safety Audit completed by neighborhood volunteers to identify issues/needs and develop maintenance requests for City, PPL and property owners

