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Public Meeting Minutes

South Queen & South Prince Streets

Community Meeting

Date: June 28, 2016

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Salvation Army

Purpose: Inform neighborhood stakeholders about the City's Strategic Economic Development Plan and updates on the South Queen and South Prince corridors.

Presenters: Marshall Snively, Executive VP/COO, DID Executive Director, Shelby Nauman, Vice President

Prepared by: Lancaster City Alliance

Shelby Nauman welcomed the meeting participants and thanked them for participating. Host, Captain Tim Sheehan also welcomed the group and shared information about the Salvation Army property and programs relevant to the neighborhood discussion. Two Lancaster City Police Officers participated in the discussion. Special thanks to Hector Garcia for Spanish translation assistance.

Shelby Nauman and Marshall Snively of Lancaster City Alliance shared information about the City's Economic Development Plan and information specific to the S. Prince and S. Queen corridors related to housing and homeownership, positive momentum in the neighborhood: SPCA expansion, CAP Outdoor Classroom, Water Street Mission Kitchen Makeover, RFP for Queen and Vine Intersection, KOZ business park almost full, Springhouse Brewery on Hazel Street.

Community Feedback:

800 block of S. Queen has converted to a largely rental block and quality of life has decreased. Incidents of domestic violence, lack of maintenance and pride in homes has negatively impacted the neighborhood.

Investors lack responsibility and responsiveness in areas they feel are already distressed.

Farnum Street between Queen and Prince should be a one way street- too narrow and congested; many accidents.

Properties along 300 Beaver with large numbers of people living in single family units.

Double parking along S. Queen is a real issue for neighbors and drivers, education and enforcement needed.

Mom's House, located on the 400 block of S. Queen has difficulty attracting volunteers- they feel unsafe and there is no guaranteed parking.

The overall impression of the S. Queen and Prince Gateway is negative.

Cars speed over the bridge into City and drive aggressively.

Mom's House staff attempted to do a beautification project where they would purchase supplies but neighbors were hesitant, lack of trust / relationships and much diversity to the extent communication is a challenge.

Issues focused on 100 S. Queen area:

High density properties and resident behavior/ lifestyle makes it difficult to change the look and feel of the area. Lots of trash, loitering, littering and unkempt property conditions.

Trees interfere with street light effectiveness.

Private lots behind Lancaster Early Education Center are used for car repair, leave trash behind, signs and cameras have not been a deterrent.

Parking in loading zones is common; even at the Lancaster Early Education Center which has a load zone for mothers and children to use for drop-offs and pickups of infants and children.

Frequent panhandling in front of Southern Market Center

Opportunities:

Work with codes enforcement to improve property conditions

Ensure rental licensing protocols are being followed

More lighting would deter negative behavior

One property where there are chronic nuisance issues can negatively change the dynamic of a block. Work with neighbors who can help recognize and document.

Gateway project for Queen and Vine would have a positive impact on 100 block of S. Queen/Prince areas

Leverage positive projects and clusters of homeowners and invested businesses to impact quality of life block by block

Inclusion is key to improving quality of life in the community. Work off of assumption that people want to embrace and contribute to the community, help solve problems and make the community better for children.

Blue safety lights like at F&M

Next Steps:

LCA will create an action plan to improve physical environment on 100 S. Queen and work with police and housing on targeted enforcement opportunities.

LCA will initiate meetings with stakeholders to improve block conditions in areas prioritized by stakeholders.