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# Public Meeting Minutes

## South Queen & South Prince Streets

### Community Meeting

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Date: August 26, 2015

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Community Action Program

Purpose: Inform neighborhood stakeholders about the City's Strategic Economic Development Plan, Hear from neighborhood about neighborhood strengths and opportunities and collaborate with neighbors to support and facilitate ideas for enhanced quality of life.

Presenters: Bob Shoemaker, President/CEO; Marshall Snively, Executive VP/COO, DID Executive Director, Shelby Nauman, Vice President and Dan Jurman, CEO, Community Action Program.

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This meeting served as the second in a series of community meetings to further engage and discuss strengths, opportunities and vision for the areas of South Queen and South Prince Streets with residents and stakeholders as outlined in the 15-year Strategic Economic Development Plan which was released on June 11, 2015.

Marshall Snively welcomed attendees. Everyone in the room introduced themselves (approximately 60 people). Dan Jurman, CEO, Community Action Program host of the meeting, reviewed CAP's mission to address poverty. Dan introduced his draft Anti-Poverty Strategy to work in concert with the Strategic Economic Development Plan to ensure we are investing in all of Lancaster City together.

Bob Shoemaker, Marshall Snively and Shelby Nauman gave a brief overview of the Plan focus area, community engagement, community insights and Plan vision, aspirations and outcomes related to Strategic Economic Development.

The Team facilitated a group dialogue to identify neighborhood strengths and opportunities.

Highlights of the conversation were as follows:

- Litter in the 400 block of South Queen was addressed as a concern. Residents shared their involvement of engaging young neighbors to clean up, helping with moral and taking pride in their neighborhood.
- The need for better code compliance, better enforcement of blight. Blight makes people feel negative.
- Educational campaign/installation of litter receptacles and who's responsible to maintain. A resident asked why trashcans were removed from Rockland Street.
- CAP would like to engage the community by hosting block parties.
- Break down barriers to build social capital. Negative perceptions of the area not being safe are not a reality.
- Engage residents by nominating and supporting Block Captains/Ambassadors.
- Engage nonprofits and businesses to adopt and neighboring residents, what a tremendous impact and effort this could create in a neighborhood/block.
- Celebrate employers who pay a living wage.
- Celebrate Tec Centro and its graduation class, all the students who graduated received jobs paying \$12.50 – 16.50 an hour.
- Gentrification related to housing and job availability was discussed.
- The residents would like to see more law enforcement be engaged in meetings such as tonight.
- Systemic problems as it relates to education, literacy and the challenges of family lives, when parents work multiple jobs just to make a living wage.
- Starting tonight, we need to use our momentum to make a commitment to do something different.
- Paint parking lines to make on street parking less messy.
- Identify and embrace the minority contractors and entrepreneurs in the area.

### **Next Steps**

Dan Jurman, CAP will send out an email with his draft Anti-Poverty Strategy, "Investing in Our Community Through Its People". Dan wants to engage the community and hear their feedback.

Organize a meeting of the Commercial hub anchor organizations and residents to further discuss what opportunities are existing and could be helpful to the area. Enlist help communicating with neighbors and stakeholders about plan goals, strategies and updates.

LCA will research why trash cans were removed from Rockland Street.