

NOTES
PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION
Tuesday, June 28, 2016
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

I. PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION – Walking tour on Cherry Avenue

Members Present: Commissioners Kurt Keesecker, Genevieve Keller, Corey Clayborne, Jody Lahendro, Lisa Green, and Taneaia Dowell;

City Council Present: Bob Fenwick, Kathy Galvin

Staff Present: Missy Creasy, Brian Haluska, Alex Ikefuna

Call to Order: by Vice Chair Keesecker at 5:00 p.m.

The group met at Tonsler Park and walked across Ridge Street to Elliott Avenue. Concerns were raised by residents about the traffic in this area and residents requested a means of crossing Elliott Avenue. Mr. Ikefuna noted that the traffic engineer was looking at this area.

The group moved back to Cherry Avenue. Residents provided highlights of the report submitted on the Cherry Avenue Fifeville area. They noted the following concerns:

- Traffic is at volumes much higher than the area was designed to handle
- A real super market is needed on Cherry Avenue
- There is nothing on the street to draw people on foot
- Significant cut through traffic to reach the University
- Development should be 2 story with commercial on the first story and low income housing above
- There need to be places for kids to go besides the Park
- UVACCU needs an ATM on Cherry Avenue
- Walkable neighborhood, pedestrian safety and right-of-way challenge on Cherry Avenue

The group continued walking down Cherry toward the University. There was discussion about access to food. It was mentioned that there should be a location for food trucks to be setup and a location for businesses such as Relay Foods to provide food for the area.

At the end of the tour, Mr. Keesecker asked to group to provide 3 items which would be important for small area planning in this area. The following was noted:

Zoning changes

Improved streetscape all the way down Cherry

Form Based Code and Neighborhood Conservation overlay on Cherry and Roosevelt Brown to the hospital.

Adjourn at 7:00.