

10th & Page CDBG TASK FORCE

Minutes

Carver Recreation Center

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Attendance:

Task Force Members	Present	Absent
James Bryant	X	
Taneaia Dowell	X	
Vezena Howard		X
Joy Johnson		X
Sharon Jones	X	
Seth Kelley	X	
Tim Padalino	X	
Lyle Solla-Yates	X	
Ali Rudjavi		X
Tierra Howard (staff)	X	

The meeting began at 6:00 pm.

Visioning Exercise

The group completed a visioning exercise for the 10th & Page Neighborhood. The common themes that came up out of the exercise include: safe, family-oriented, connected, diverse, and historic. Other characteristics include: accessible, clean, respectful, fair, inclusive, heritage, heart, and community, friendly, and togetherness.

Neighborhood Assessment

The group conducted a neighborhood assessment for the 10th & Page Neighborhood. The group identified the following strengths in the 10th & Page Neighborhood:

- Center/heart of the City, central location and on the bus line, close to hospital, downtown, employment, shopping
- Safe and connected
- Diverse
- Quiet
- Accessible and walkable
- Affordable
- Integrated
- Friendly
- History
- Good school (venerable)

The group identified the following weaknesses in the 10th & Page Neighborhood:

Environmental

- Storm water runoff issues
- Limited tree canopy with no shade
- Schenk's branch is covered (resulting in flooding)

Social

- Don't know your neighbors
- Substance abuse
- Pockets of poverty

Maintenance

- Property maintenance issues
- Absentee landlords are not invested in the neighborhood
- General maintenance – west and Anderson paving for water lines
- Snow removal with new curb cuts, at the end of Page street, the City pushes all of the snow towards one end of the road and residents have difficulty getting out
- Curb maintenance – overgrown grass and weeds along railroad on Albemarle street and throughout entire neighborhood

Transportation

- Speeding on 10th St, Page St, Anderson St, and West St
- Parking demands (permit parking is unfair to residents who pay property taxes, residents pay for other people to park)
- Gordon and 11th Street needs a flashing light

Accessibility & Connectivity

- Connected but not connected, issues with connecting to/accessing downtown
- Lack of connection east to downtown, south to west main, west to venable
- Albemarle Street sidewalk
- Curb-cuts on 10th

Housing

- Increasing cost of housing

Miscellaneous

- Lighting on 11th & Page
- Zoning is suburban-like