

# 10<sup>th</sup> & Page CDBG TASK FORCE

Minutes

708 Page Street – City of Promise House

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

6:00pm – 7:00pm

## Attendance:

<b>Task Force Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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 Radjavi	X	
Tierra Howard (staff)	X	
<b>Others:</b>		
Dorothy Smith - Tree Commission	X	
Carl Schwarz - resident	X	
Carolyn Dillard -UVA community relations	X	

The meeting began at 6:00 pm.

## Review and Refine Issues – Neighborhood Analysis

The group spent the majority of the meeting identifying issues and identifying specific locations through a neighborhood analysis. The issues and locations that were addressed are as follows:

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Location</b>
Storm water run-off issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schenck's branch (covered, resulting in flooding)</li><li>• Albemarle St</li><li>• 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; Hardy Dr</li><li>• West St &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> St</li><li>• CRHA Property</li></ul>
Limited tree canopy with no shade Ivy on trees is a problem	
Litter/Trash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9<sup>th</sup> St between Anderson St &amp; Preston Ave</li><li>• Along 8<sup>th</sup> St NW between West Main and railroad tunnel</li><li>• Along 7<sup>th</sup> St &amp; Albemarle St</li><li>• Alley behind 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> ½ St</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Albemarle St and Preston Ave</li> <li>• City Facilities maintenance area</li> </ul>
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**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ISSUES**

Issue	Location
Absentee landlords with property maintenance concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Overgrown weeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> St between West St &amp; Preston Ave</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> St between West Main &amp; railroad tunnel</li> <li>• Albemarle St</li> <li>• Lot that City Owns – Parcel 310293000</li> </ul>
Overgrown trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hardy &amp; Page Street</li> </ul>
Junk Cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rennock Properties</li> </ul>

**TRANSPORTATION ISSUES - PEDESTRIAN/VEHICULAR SAFETY ISSUES**

Issue	Location
Pedestrian Safety – unsafe intersections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; West</li> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; Page</li> <li>• Preston Ave &amp; Rose Hill Dr (crossing light is short)</li> </ul>
Pedestrian Safety – lack of sidewalks, poor condition of sidewalks (holes in sidewalk)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Albemarle St</li> <li>• Tunnel</li> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> St between Anderson St &amp; Page St</li> </ul>
Pedestrian Safety – lack of safe pedestrian infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rose Hill Dr</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> St &amp; Forest St</li> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> St/Grady Ave/Preston</li> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> St/9<sup>th</sup> St/Rose Hill Dr</li> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> St/Rose Hill/Harris St</li> </ul>
Vehicular Safety – speeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anderson St</li> <li>• Anderson St &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> St (bottleneck traffic)</li> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> St</li> <li>• West St</li> <li>• Albemarle St</li> </ul>
Vehicular Safety – Poor sight distance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West St &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> St</li> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> St &amp; Preston Ave (signs block view near settle tire)</li> </ul>
Vehicular Safety – lack of infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preston Ave &amp; Rose Hill Dr</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> St &amp; Forest St</li> </ul>
Vehicular/Pedestrian Safety – cars not coming to complete stops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> St &amp; Anderson St</li> <li>• Gordon Ave &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> St</li> <li>• Preston Ave &amp; 10<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• West St &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> St</li> </ul>

## GENERAL SAFETY ISSUES

Issue	Location
Poor Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> st (1100<sup>th</sup> block) &amp; Page St</li> <li>• Albemarle St</li> <li>• Inside Tunnel</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> St &amp; West Main (coming out of)</li> </ul>
Poor Accommodation in play areas for kids – kids play in the street	

## GENERAL CONNECTIVITY ISSUES

Issue	Location
Connectivity issues, difficult to get in and out of the neighborhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East to downtown, South to West Main St, and West to Venable</li> </ul>

## PLACEMAKING ISSUES/AESTHETIC QUALITY ISSUES

Issue	Location
Lack of a "sense of arrival" and lack of attractive "gateways" into neighborhood (entrances, edges, corridors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> St between West Main &amp; Wertland St</li> <li>• Grady Ave &amp; Preston Ave</li> </ul>
Lack of history	

Other issues (NOT related to CDBG funds)

### Social

- Don't know your neighbors
- Substance abuse
- Pockets of poverty
- Blatant disregard for noise ordinance. Seems to be somewhat isolated, but there are 1-2 properties which host large parties (with very loud music) late into the night, sometimes into early morning hours; little to no effective engagement from the PD addressing this recurring issue in a proactive manner

### Parking

Parking demands (permit parking is unfair to residents who pay property taxes, residents pay for other people to park)

### Paving

- General maintenance – west and Anderson paving for water lines This should more clearly reflect that the "general maintenance" issues are more widespread (and more long-lasting) than just the recent, temporary water line projects along West/Anderson and West/9th ... for

example, the surface of 10th Street is all chewed up, including the intersection of 10th and West Main (a primary gateway into our neighborhood) and also including the block in between West Main and Wertland.

### **Land Use**

- The use of the property which fronts West, 9th, and Preston as a junkyard / automobile graveyard is inappropriate with regards to the adjacent single-family residential structures and Residential zoning. Would like more explanation from the City about the use of this property, the permitting of this use, and the compliance with any terms/conditions of any permits, special exceptions, etc. as may be applicable.
- There does not appear to be any guiding vision or area plans in place to provide any framework to the (inevitable) future redevelopment of commercial properties on the edge of our neighborhood (such as Preston/Grady corridor and 10th Street gateway between West Main and Wertland); there should be some neighborhood visioning for what would be desirable and appropriate in those edge / gateway areas, whether it involves form-based guidelines, or amenities/infrastructure upgrades, etc.