




# Choice Neighborhoods



## Envision Napier and Sudekum Newsletter

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# ENVISION Napier and Sudekum Town Hall

6 p.m. Jan. 12, 2017  
Church of the Messiah  
88 Lafayette St.

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## The Choice Neighborhoods Initiative

The (CNI) program is a national initiative designed to support locally driven efforts in revitalizing neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD-assisted housing. The goal is to provide money toward helping local communities with the development of a neighborhood transformation.

In order to meet HUD's requirements for planning such a project, HUD prefers that local leaders, residents and stakeholders come together to create and implement a plan that transforms the distressed HUD housing and addresses the challenges in the surrounding neighborhood. This includes public housing agencies, school officials, members of the police department, business owners, nonprofits and private developers.

**Choice Neighborhoods is focused on three core goals:**

**Housing:** Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood;

**People:** Improve educational outcomes and services for youth with supports delivered directly to youth and their families; and

**Neighborhood:** Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families' choices about their community.

# Envision Napier and Sudekum

In July 2016, Nashville was one of the 10 cities awarded a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). MDHA serves as the lead grantee, with Martha O'Bryan Center as the co-grantee.

The \$500,000 grant award will fund a comprehensive revitalization plan for the Napier Place, Sudekum Apartments and the surrounding area focused on the core goals. To achieve these core goals, the residents and stakeholders must develop a Transformational Plan. This plan will become the guiding document to revitalize Napier Place and Sudekum Apartments while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding area and positive outcomes for families.




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## Community Advisory Group (CAG)

The **mission of the CAG** is to aid in the planning and redevelopment process of transforming the existing Napier and Sudekum community and the surrounding area.

The **vision of the CAG** is to serve as a collaborative effort led by MDHA's new Recapitalization Team along with our co-applicant Martha O'Bryan Center. Our goal is to move forward in our planning phase of developing a successful neighborhood transformation plan and build the support necessary for that plan to be successfully implemented.

The **CAG is the CORE GROUP** that serves as the creative visionaries of the planning process for the redevelopment of Napier Place, Sudekum Apartments and the surrounding area.

The CAG is made up of the following: residents of both public housing properties, local church leaders, business owners, community organizations, local developers, community members and residents from the surrounding area.

**If you are interested in serving on the CAG, please call 615-780-7067.**

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## Martha O'Bryan Center to Hire Residents as Survey Proctors



The Martha O'Bryan Center will be in charge of hiring residents of Napier Place and Sudekum Apartments. The hiring process will take place from Jan. 12 to 31. Beginning Jan. 12, applications may be obtained at [www.nashville-mdha.org/choice-neighborhoods](http://www.nashville-mdha.org/choice-neighborhoods). Residents may also pick up a printed application at Pruitt Library, Southside Enterprise Center and the office of the social services coordinator, which is located in the Napier Place management office.

### More on the survey:

Martha O'Bryan Center and the survey proctors will conduct a survey of all households within the Napier and Sudekum community and the surrounding area, which includes businesses, organizations and other residential areas.

The purpose of the survey is to identify the needs of those who live in the community. We are going to ask questions about your housing, neighborhood and schools. We will use your responses to create a plan for a realistic, viable, mixed-income and sustainable neighborhood with access to well-functioning services, high quality public schools and education programs, public assets, public transportation and improved access to jobs. Responses to the survey are strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone.



# The Planning Process

The planning process is a total of a two-year period. At the end of the two-year period, it is hoped that our Metro Council, MDHA Board and HUD will stamp their approval on our work efforts which is formulated in a Final Transformational Plan.

In the initial planning process HUD outlined three core areas of focus; however, in the early conference call meetings, HUD identified a fourth core goal which is education and stated that this area needed a separate focus in the planning process. Therefore, we have established a

frame-work for planning; outlining four core areas of focus: People Work Group, Housing Work Group, Neighborhood Work Group and the Education Work Group. Each CAG member decides which “Work Group” they feel best fits their specific area of concern and expertise and will serve throughout the planning process.

Each of our CAG members commitment to work on a specific “Work Group” is vital to an effective and successful planning process and a completed Transformational Plan at the end of the two-year period.



## Target Neighborhood

1– Sudekum, 2—Napier, 3-Napier Elementary, 4-Cameron College Prep, 5– Johnson School, 6– Trevecca, Nazarene University, 7-Napier Park/Recreation Center, 8– Mildred Shute Mini-park, 9– Dudley Park/Dudley Head Start, 10– Nashville City Cemetery, 11– Nashville Public Library Pruitt Branch, 12– Lindsley Avenue Church of Christ, 13– Al-Frooq Islamic Center, 14– St. Luke Primitive Baptist Church, 15– Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, 16– Church of the Messiah, 17 – Napier Community Center, 18 – Neighborhood Health at Napier Place, 19 – Safe Haven Family Shelter, 20– Wayne Reed Christian Childcare Center, and 21– Dollar General/Southside Enterprise Center





*Join us as we plan for the future of Napier Place, Sudekum Apartments and the surrounding area.*

## Schedule of Events: January, February & March 2017

### January 2017

#### **Community Advisory Group (CAG)**

8 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12  
Sudekum Community Room

#### **Resident ONLY Meeting**

1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12  
Sudekum Community Room

#### **Town Hall Meeting**

6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12  
Church of the Messiah

#### **Focus Group: Open to the Public**

A community conversation about planning  
4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19  
Pruitt Library

#### **Choice Neighborhoods Meet –N- Greet**

12 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31  
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### February 2017

#### **People Work Group Meeting**

10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7  
Sudekum Community Room

#### **Housing Work Group Meeting**

10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9  
Napier Place Community Room

#### **Education Work Group Meeting**

10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14  
Sudekum Community Room

#### **Neighborhood Work Group Meeting**

10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16  
Napier Place Community Room

#### **Focus Group: Open to the Public**

A community conversation about planning  
10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23  
Pruitt Library

### March 2017

#### **Community Advisory Group (CAG)**

8 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 16  
Napier Place Community Room

#### **Resident ONLY Meeting**

1 p.m. Thursday, March 16  
Napier Place Community Room

#### **Town Hall Meeting**

6 p.m. Thursday, March 16  
Church of the Messiah

#### **Focus Group: Open to the Public**

A community conversation about planning  
4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2 & 30  
Pruitt Library



Lead-Grantee

Recapitalization Team

**Aaron Darden**, Director  
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Co-Grantee

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### Task Force



Napier & Sudekum United

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### HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL STAY INFORMED

- ⇒ Scheduled Town Hall Meetings
- ⇒ Community Focus Groups called "Community Conversations"
- ⇒ Posted Updates on the MDHA Website
- ⇒ Access via email and a hotline for questions
- ⇒ Quarterly Newsletter Updates
- ⇒ Special Events/Activities
- ⇒ Social Media @NashvilleMDHA
- ⇒ Social Mixers

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Where your input matters!*



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