Second Town Hall Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 12, 2017   6:00pm

Location: Church of the Messiah

Total of 34 attendees

Meeting facilitated by: Janet King, Vickeeta Hall, James Harbison and Aaron Darden

Meeting Business

- Introduction and Choice Neighborhoods Grant process
  - Overview included an outline of the required one-for-one replacement of all existing public housing units, the intent to create a mixed-income and mixed-use community and the vision to increase employment and educational opportunities while addressing community concerns related to health and safety.
- Review of the boundaries of the target neighborhood
  - The review stated the target neighborhood extended from Hermitage Avenue to Nolensville Road. It was clarified that the redevelopment of the Napier and Sudekum residences only represent a part of the overall planning grant.
- Formulation of the Community Advisory Group (CAG)
  - The formulation included an explanation that the CAG would serve as the core group involved in the decision making process throughout the planning grant. Members of the CAG committed to serving on one or more of the four (4) work groups: People, Education, Housing and Neighborhood. The quarterly newsletter was introduced as a reference guide on the grant planning process moving forward.

Open Discussion Items:

1. Resident ownership and investment opportunities
2. Areas designated for safe space for children
3. Opportunities for new and additional food and restaurant services
4. Community building with the police department
5. Alternative names to public housing
6. Workforce and demographic integration
7. Increase in affordable housing options based on various income levels
8. Long-term future of workforce affordable housing
9. Provisions for on-site security
10. Design and space availability of the new community center
11. Resident and community input in the location of new buildings in the design process
12. Make-up of the people work group
13. Childcare for parents working during the scheduled meetings