Russell Neighborhood Choice Planning Grant Application

Project Updates
Beecher Terrace Resident Meeting 2
September 16, 2014
AGENDA

- Welcome
- Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant
- Partners, Committees, Task Forces
- Next Steps in the Planning Process
- Results of Exercise from 1st Meeting
- Conversation with our Choice Neighborhoods Planning Coordinator, Rhae Parkes, EJP Consulting Group
When speaking, pause frequently so the interpreter can translate what you said.
• Planning grants are funded by HUD – up to $500,000.
• Funds used to develop a **Transformation Plan** for the Russell Neighborhood, including Beecher Terrace.
• Focus on housing, people and neighborhood.
• Application submitted on 8/9/2014.
• HUD received 50 applications!
• Awards are anticipated in January 2015.
• 2 years to complete Transformation Plan.
**RUSSELL NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES**

- North: Market Street
- South: Broadway
- East: 9th Street
  (Roy Wilkins Ave.)
- West: I-264
  (West of 32nd St.)
LEAD APPLICANT

Louisville Metro Housing Authority

Tim Barry – Executive Director
Bernard Pincus – Project Manager
Kathleen O’Neil – Assistant Project Manager
Diane Foster – Community and Supportive Services
Wavid Wray - Financing
Coordinating Committee
Gretchen Milliken, Develop Louisville
Tim Barry, Louisville Metro Housing Authority

Community Advisory Committee
Marshall Gazaway, Beecher Terrace Resident Council
Dan Crutcher, Louisville Central Community Centers
THREE TASK FORCES

- PEOPLE
- HOUSING
- NEIGHBORHOODS
TASK FORCES CO-LEADS

People
Reverend Jamesetta Ferguson - St. Peter’s Church
Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt – Louisville Metro Public Health & Wellness

Housing
Johnetta Roberts – Community Ventures Corporation
Virginia Peck – Develop Louisville

Neighborhood
Sam Watkins – Louisville Central Community Centers
Scott Love – Louisville Forward
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Door knocking campaign
- Accessible community meetings accessible:
  - Translation
  - Childcare, transportation & food offered
  - Very interactive
- Collect contact information
- Website will post all CNI-related materials (e.g., meeting notes, agendas, etc.)
- Multiple ways to provide input:
  - Interactive website
  - Small group meetings
  - Community information fairs
  - Meetings
  - Focus groups
  - Resident survey
  - Telephone
  - other ideas?
UNDERSTAND CURRENT CONDITIONS

DEFINE THE VISION

DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD, PEOPLE AND HOUSING

IMPLEMENT THE PLAN

TIMELINE AND PROCESS
RESULTS FROM EXERCISE AT FIRST MEETING

Strengths and Things to Build On

**Beecher Terrace**
Many concerned, positive neighbors
Sober Living section of the site

**Russell Neighborhood**
Strong mass transportation (bus lines)
Variety of churches
Baxter Community Center and Other Community Centers (LCCC)
Close to Downtown
Neighborhood Assets – YMCA, Western Library, Fire House
Good community members
Needs/Weaknesses

**Youth**
More activities for youth
Structure, increase safety, curfews

**Beecher Terrace Site and Units**
Improve parking and lighting
Create state of the art community center
Buildings dated, upgrade plumbing and drainage systems

**Occupancy Criteria/Management**
Noise control/loud music
More careful screening of new residents
RESULTS FROM EXERCISE AT FIRST MEETING

Needs/Weaknesses

**Crime/Safety**
- Non-residents trespassing/negative influence/gambling
- Reduce and prosecute crime
- Drug dealing/drug-related problems
- Stronger policing/community–oriented policing
- Heavy traffic/speeding/traffic calming features

**Neighborhood**
- Need grocery store in area
- More jobs in area
- Cleaner/greener neighborhood

**Other**
- Improved transportation/bus lines
- More unity among residents/lack of community

Full list of results will be posted at [www.lmha1.org](http://www.lmha1.org)
**NO RELOCATION OR DEMOLITION AT THIS POINT**

**REMEMBER:** Planning grants **CANNOT** be used for:

1) Demolition;

2) Relocation; or

3) Replacement housing.