Community Design Workshop

October 10, 2015
Why are we here today?

- Welcome and Overview
- What have we been doing to date?
- Planning 101
- Breakout Sessions – Let’s Get to Work
- Sharing and Feedback
- Next Steps, Lunch
What have we done to date?

- Kick Off/HUD Site Visit
- Beecher Survey (78% Response Rate)
- Resident Survey
- Coordinating Committee + Task Force + Meetings
- Community/Resident Events + Special
- Stakeholder Interviews/Meetings and Briefings
- Russell Neighborhood Survey - Ongoing
- Complete Existing Conditions Assessment
- Newsletter, Social Media, and outreach efforts launched
What have we learned?

- Significant community assets and strengths upon which we can build; but there are many challenges too.
- Key projects already underway create momentum for positive change.
- Need more resident voices at the planning table.
Several significant planned and potential investments can support revitalization

- Former DAV Thrift Store purchased by ACE Hardware
- Porter Paint site
- Vacant factory
Planning 101

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- Resident and Community-Supported Planning Process
- Beecher Terrace units must be replaced (on-site, within Russell and elsewhere in Louisville)
- Baxter Square Park will remain (Cemetery + Historic Olmsted Park)
- Plan for the long-term; implementation will likely take 10 to 20, or more years to complete
- Plan should encourage economic and cultural diversity in a mixed-income community
- Energy-efficient, “Green”, and Sustainable
- Market-Driven and Financially Feasible Plan
- Build upon and Leverage Other Local Initiatives and Resources
Commitment to Work Together

- Working through the difficulties and challenges
  - Decades of disinvestment
  - Crime and violence
  - Distrust and hopelessness
  - Anger and frustration
  - Differences of opinion
  - Finding the money
Today’s Task – Share YOUR Vision for Russell

- Work together to develop a vision and plan for Russell
- Visit and Address the questions at each work station
- Share your ideas and ask questions
- Listen to others and encourage those who haven’t spoke to participate
- Go at your own pace
- Put all ideas on paper
Station # 1 – Housing Design and Character

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Station # 2 – Retail, Services & Other Amenities

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Station # 3 –
Open Space and Recreation

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Station # 4 – Transportation and Access

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Station # 5 – Kids Zone

Kids and Youth plan their ideal community
Station # 6 – Planning 101

Get your planning questions answered
Let’s Get to Work!
Reporting and Sharing

- Results from each workstation
- Highlights from Vision Russell Tree
What’s next?

- Continue to meet with Task Forces (see newsletter and [www.visionrussell.org](http://www.visionrussell.org) for more details)

  Education Task Force Meetings - Tuesday, October 13\textsuperscript{th} 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

  Neighborhood Task Force Meeting – Tuesday, October 13\textsuperscript{th}, 6:30 p.m.

  People Task Force Meeting – Monday, October 26\textsuperscript{th}, 11:30 a.m.

  Housing Task Force Meeting – Tuesday, October 27\textsuperscript{th}, 10:00 a.m.

- Take ideas and outcomes from today, and develop into preliminary plan alternatives and strategies

- Share those preliminary plans and strategies with community - DECEMBER 2015

- Refine and present draft plans to community for additional feedback – MARCH 2016

- Submit Draft Plan to HUD – July 2016
LUNCH!