

Consulting Parties Meeting #13, Notes

Sept. 2, 2021

### **Project Updates on Demolition**

(Ashley) – Demo projected to be complete by end of this month.

**Phase I Residential** – fully leased. Combined grand opening for Phases I/II was held in June.

**Phase II Residential** (Ashley and Pam)– fully leased; last unit filled over the last week. Large number of returning residents -- 23 in Phase I, 53 in Phase II. Ashley commented this is a high rate compared to other Choice neighborhoods they have worked with.

**Phase III** – just over 60% complete. Delays with materials and appliances preventing turnover to management. Next block of buildings will be ready later this year, followed by third block in Feb. and final building completion in April.

**Phase IV & V** – Submitted tax credit application (9%) mid-August for Phase V. Will be considered for innovation pool, which is subjective at discretion of KHC. Should hear about awards in Dec. Will likely submit a 4% application for Phase IV by the end of year. Per Emily, outcome of the 9% application will determine how we move forward, such as one larger 4% deal for Phases IV-V. Goal is to close in the summer 2022.

**Education Outreach Status Update** – Timeline from July 2021 – June 2022 consists of K-12 curriculum. Physical and Virtual kits, display of artifacts at Frazier, permanent display at new BT, upcoming Family Day on 9-18-21. JCPS Teacher training held July 19-20, Teachers are excited and intrigued on bringing this to the classrooms. They will do a presentation at the Family Day at Frazier (free admission event). More information at <https://www.fraziermuseum.org/september-18>. Pam will send the flyer to the group. Teachers have asked for more resources so Rebecca will reach out to those participating in mitigation activities. Really good to see the cross collaboration among the participants.

### **MITIGATION ACTIVITIES UPDATE FOR STAGE 1**

**Western Archives (Natalie Woods)** – examples of digitized documents were shown, including the ability to word search. Steps to find were reviewed: LFPL website, locations, appointment only form Has rec'd many archival appointments lately. Click link in history narrative, click Separate Flame – takes you to first page of website and the video is found there. She will be at the Frazier Family Day. With Lavel, planning the next Visions of BT – Called “Where Are We Now?” on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30pm, show film and provide an update on activities. Natalie will send the link for National Geographic article.

**Beecher Terrace Story (Lavel)** – no updates other than Visions of BT above.

**Louisville Story Program (Darcy)** – spending more time with people doing fieldwork, including existing participants and new people joining the project. Expecting this work to increase in the next few months with great weather and open locations to connect. Assessing demographics of the work so far and have found the need to target the younger population who are under-represented at this time. Linking arms with more community partners, including Russell a Place of Promise who held an event last week which presented the opportunity to introduce new people to this project. Showed new photos and working on asking folks to dig through amateur photos for history. Newest update since last meeting – a 17K+

photo collection at UofL of Frank Stanley, Sr. (Louisville Defender). The photos are not available online at this time, but the team has persisted enough to liberate those photos. Partnered with someone to scan them, will show them and discuss with people in the program. Photos will ultimately be in UofL online archive. Decent representation of people who lived in Russell among them and will feed into this project.

Interesting history located around music they may work into the project; located small local records of gospel music that was recorded at 15<sup>th</sup> and Magazine, Wilma's Label, Grace Records. Exploring more of this element right now.

In January, adding new capacity/people to the team Jan. 1 on part-time basis, including Walt Smith (West of 9<sup>th</sup> blog) who lives in Russell. He will do leg work to help and get to know his neighbors better. Michael Jones, journalist and historian, works with Ken Clay (Two Centuries of Black Louisville book) and team on follow-up work coming in Jan. He's done a lot of work on music and venues in Russell.

In the expansion phase now for a lengthy amount of time adding more and more data to the project, they will then enter the contraction phase to edit down and get clearer on the focus of the project. This pivot will occur sometime next year.

**Data Recovery & Public Participation / Corn Island (Dave)** – Continuing efforts to finalize contract with JCPS, expect to have it signed in Sept. Have agreement with UofK to store the artifacts. Working on artifacts analysis and background research to get things setup for specialized analysis process. Preparing presentation for conference in Chicago regarding this project. Last week, delivered 5 boxes of artifacts (see slide for examples) and family stories/background research on lots they were interested in. Curious to see what Frazier pulls out of the materials and puts together for the West of 9<sup>th</sup> exhibit. Reviewed status update of findings, analysis and remainder to go. Began with 169 boxes, down to 48 left. Hope to get to the write-up soon and can share more next quarter. Upcoming events – Family Day at Frazier 9/18, Old Clock Tower 9-23, presentation to JCPS teachers TBD.

**Baxter Community Center / Stage 5 / Determination of Effect (DOE)** – working with SCB to finalize building designs, last projection to start construction was Spring 2022.

**Next meeting is Dec. 2nd**

***Conclusion of meeting***