



**Choice Neighborhoods Steering Committee
Meeting Notes
September 16, 2015**



Members Present:

Tiffany Mayers
Linda McKnight
Sandra Robinson
Denise Smith-Allen (Co-Chair)
Officer Terry Lewis
Chris Frye
Judith Ledford
Donna Calvin

Terraca Rogers
Elizabeth Jordan
Rafael Turner
Art Wenzlaff
Captain Leigh Golden
Housing Commissioner Geraldine Redmond (Co-Chair)
Dianne Broadway

Members Not Present:

Housing Commissioner Willie Duncan
Adrian Walker
Jim Schoenfield

Lauren Chom
Raynetta Speed

Staff Present:

Kristin Stevenson
Kevin Schronce

Adam Slater
Frank Woods

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-Chair Denise Smith-Allen called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm. The meeting was held at the Atherton East community room located at 3123 Chambers St. Flint, MI.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Everyone in attendance was asked to introduce themselves and state their affiliation/interest in the Choice project. There were 15 of 20 Steering Committee members and 13 Atherton East residents and members of the general public in attendance.

CONSULTANT PRESENTATION:

Adam Rosa from the Camiros planning team gave a brief presentation. The presentation included an overview of Camiros and the type of work they have done. He gave examples from their work in Rockford, IL such as the establishment of a grocery store only three years after starting the Choice planning process, and the entrepreneurial opportunities that came about through educational and job skills training.

LARGE GROUP DIALOGUE:

Adam then opened the floor for questions and dialogue. Those in attendance were invited to ask questions about Camiros, their work and their plans in Flint. The discussion centered around the timeline for the project, resident engagement, transportation to and from community meetings, the need for there to be activities for children at meetings and other ideas for projects at Atherton East. Adam Rosa asked those in attendance when the best time to have meeting at Atherton East would be and the majority replied early afternoon. The date for the community meeting was decided and announced, for Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Ideas for good locations to hold larger community meetings were shared. The final location for the October meeting will be determined and announced at a later date. Adam Rosa suggested to host an informal meet and greet at Atherton East the day before or the day of the community meeting to advertise the event, Atherton East programming and for the residents to become more familiar with the Choice team. The residents seemed receptive to this idea.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Adam Rosa ended the meeting at 7:30pm and thanked everyone for their participation.