



## FLINT MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE Meeting Notes January 15, 2013



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### Members Present

Jim Richardson, Co-Chair  
Bob Wesley, Co-Chair  
Bryant Nolden, City Council  
Everett Cole  
Linda Boose  
Pamela Hawkins  
John Henry

Judy Hovey  
Barry Williams  
Supt. Quintin Marshall  
Clarence Pierce  
Franklin Pleasant  
Charles Tutt

### Members Not Present

Pastor LaTrelle Holmes  
Phil Hagerman  
Karen Lopez  
Linda Thompson

Elizabeth Jordan, PC Rep - excused  
Chia Morgan  
Jackie Poplar, City Council  
Raynetta Speed - excused

### Staff Present

Sheree Pierce, Real Estate/Zoning Coordinator  
Kevin Schronce, Assoc. Planner  
Matthew Williams, Assoc. Planner

### Staff Not Present

Megan Hunter, Chief Planning Officer

### CALL TO ORDER:

Co-Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Flint Public Library, 1026 Kearsley St., Flint MI. Megan Hunter, Elizabeth Jordan, and Raynetta Speed were not able to be present at the meeting as they were attending a HUD workshop for the Community Challenge Grant.

### PUBLIC FORUM:

Co-Chair Richardson stated that this is a working meeting for the Master Plan Steering Committee. Therefore, public comment will be limited to the first ten minutes in order to allow for dialogue between Steering Committee members.

On January 22, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. the Flint Area Public Affairs Forum will host a panel session - *Flint's Master Plan: Our Assets and Challenges*. The panel consists of Megan Hunter, Councilman Bryant Nolden, Victoria Morckel, UM-Flint, and Jim Richardson with Mayor Walling as the moderator.

It was noted that the Steering Committee and Advisory Group meeting minutes are not at the Library kiosk and the Master Plan website doesn't seem to be used enough.

Jack Minore provided handout material pertaining to the benefits of cycling and the economic benefits due to bicycle recreation and tourism.

Michael Harris relayed that the Library has donated space for the Afro-American Hall of Fame and that it should not be left out in the Master Plan.

## **PLANNING COMMISISON UPDATE:**

Co-Chair Bob Wesley stated the Planning Commission held a special meeting just prior to tonight's Steering Committee meeting for a briefing/status update from the master plan consultants, Houseal Lavigne regarding the current master planning process and related activities.

## **INTRODUCTION – EXISTING CONDTIONS REPORT**

Master Plan consultants, Houseal Lavigne, provided draft copies of the Existing Conditions Interim Report and passed them out to view. Copies are available to view in the Master Plan Office and on the master plan website. All Steering Committee and Planning Commission members that were present received a copy of the report. John Houseal presented an overview of the draft report and noted that all his comments will be directed to the Steering Committee as he takes cues and direction from them at this meeting. The report shows a snapshot of Flint right now and summarizes existing conditions. It is a working document meant for discussion purposes and it identifies issues and opportunities.

## **DISCUSSION - COMMUNITY DATA PROFILE**

Brandon Nolin, Houseal Lavigne, reviewed the community data profile and explained that this data will be some of the information that will feed into the development of the master plan. The data gathered was placed under the following headings: Community Outreach, Population Trends, Employment, Land Use & Development, Transportation & Mobility, Community Facilities, Parks & Recreation, Understanding Flint's Neighborhoods, Assets to Build Upon - Challenges to Overcome.

Co-Chair Richardson asked the Steering Committee members to review the draft plan. All comments should be emailed to Megan Hunter. She will relay them to Houseal Lavigne and they can provide a response at the February 5, 2013 Steering Committee meeting. Draft copies are available at the Master Plan Office, Mayor's Office, Library, and the master plan website.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Kevin Schronce relayed that the Visioning Summit with America Speaks may be held on Saturday, March 16, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The date is not confirmed and is subject to change. We are currently in the process of confirming a date, time and place to hold the event.

The deadline to turn in the DIY kits is January 31, 2013.

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update is to be completed and submitted on March 1, 2013.

Matthew Williams introduced two MSU planning students that will assist in the preparation of the South Saginaw Street Corridor Study for the master plan.

Quentin Marshall announced that on February 23, 2013 the Black Business Expo will be held at the Riverfront Hotel.

The next Master Plan Steering Committee meeting will be held on February 5, 2013, 5:30 p.m. at the Flint Public Library, Basement Level.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted by: Sheree J. Pierce