



FLINT MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE Meeting Notes October 2, 2012



Members Present

Jim Richardson, Co-Chair
Bob Wesley, Co-Chair
Bryant Nolden, City Council
Jackie Poplar, City Council
Elizabeth Jordan, PC Rep
Linda Boose
John Henry
Pastor LaTrelle Holmes

Judy Hovey
Karen Lopez
Supt. Quintin Marshall
Franklin Pleasant
Clarence Pierce
Raynetta Speed
Charles Tutt
Barry Williams

Members Not Present

Cole Everett
Phil Hagerman

Pamela Hawkins
Chia Morgan - excused

Staff Present

Megan Hunter, Chief Planning Officer
Sheree Pierce, Real Estate/Zoning Coordinator

Kevin Schronce, Assoc. Planner
Matthew Williams, Assoc. Planner

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m. The meeting was held at the Flint Public Library, 1026 Kearsley St., Flint MI.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Co-Chair Richardson asked if there was anyone to speak and noted that this committee follows the same public forum speaking rules as the Planning Commission and speakers are limited to 3 minutes.

Joe King, voiced his concerns regarding the education system and the fact that there is no high school located in the middle of the city.

Chris Del Morone, voiced questions about development in the city during the Master Plan process.

Nayyirah Shariff, voiced questions about the advisory groups and community outreach.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE - ADVISORY GROUP

M. Hunter announced the 1st meeting of the Advisory groups will be a meet & greet orientation session. It will be held on October 16, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the Flint Institute of Arts. The individual groups will begin meeting in November although some may possibly begin in October. Calls are being made to solidify the group memberships and in the next 2 days everyone placed should have been contacted to make sure they are still interested and notify them what group they have been placed on.

M. Hunter also relayed the dates of the Master Plan Community Workshops – November 15th and 28th, December 13th. They are looking for venues to hold the workshops. She also spoke about the various local community meetings she and planning staff have been attending.

PLANNING COMMISISON UPDATE:

Co-Chair Bob Wesley stated that there was no new business and the Commission was updated regarding master plan business. The Planning Commission agendas and meeting minutes are available on the city website.

WORK PLAN - OUTREACH

John Houseal of Houseal Lavigne Associates, spoke about some group and individual outreach that is ongoing and continuing for the next few months. He mentioned the 3 upcoming community workshops and future workshops with students of all ages. From the initial community workshops the consultants will next prioritize these goals and objectives, and use these ideas to begin to develop a plan and craft a vision statement. There will also be an interactive project web-site and a do-it-yourself kit for public to hold their own small group workshops with 5 to 25 persons. Marketing/branding firm A5 is designing and producing the posters, postcards, and project website. Examples, using Flint photos that may be used were passed around and further marketing, branding, and imagery ideas were discussed.

PRELIMINARY DATA

Brandon Nolin of Houseal Lavigne Associates, presented some preliminary community profile data ahead of the final, published report. His presentation included charts, graphs and tables regarding demographic statistics, estimated population projections, daytime/evening city population intervals, income averages and disparities, and an age profile. The primary source for this data was taken from the 2010 census. The final report, with more comprehensive information will compare Flint data with national trends, local, county & regional results. Other data included will focus on housing, schools/education, public safety, labor shed (where Flint workers live?), employment by industry, and neighborhood market areas. They are still compiling information and will formulate the results into reports for public distribution and a comprehensive City of Flint community profile.

NEXT STEPS

The Master Plan Steering Committee Advisory group mixer will be held on October 16, 2012. Houseal Lavigne Associates, will refine the data and report back to the Steering Committee with a final report. K. Schronce will follow up with imagery for the community workshop marketing materials.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Next meeting is November 20, 2012 at the Flint Institute of Arts. The December 4, 2012 meeting will be held at the Flint Public Library.

Submitted by: Sheree J. Pierce