

Neighborhoods Revitalization Implementation Plan
Project Management Team Meeting
April 15, 2009 Minutes

The project management team meeting for the City of Anderson's Neighborhood Revitalization Plan was held in the Anderson Room of the Municipal Business Center on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 12 Noon.

Housing Task Force Executive Committee members present: Eddie Kinsey, Erick Bradshaw, Jason Craddock, Becky Holmes and Robert Mecke

Asset Property Disposition Staff present: Jesse Wiles, Bridget Wiles and Ava Hill

Clemson University staff and graduate students (working with APD) present: Megan Childers and Alex Ramsay

Clemson University staff and graduate students (working with APD) absent: Mary Beth McCubbin and Leigh Wood

City Staff present: Willie Day, Maurice McKenzie, Erin Hall, Chief Jack Abraham, Captain Mike Walters, Don Chamblee, Larry Morris, and Willis Lee

Jesse Wiles of Asset Property Disposition welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked those that attended the Alphabet Streets meeting on Tuesday night. Because other division/department heads (Police, Fire, Public Works, and Recreation) were invited to the meeting, everyone introduced themselves. The purpose of including the additional City staff on the front end of the planning process was so they would be aware of what would be planned for the future; which would help facilitate the Neighborhood Plan implementation process.

Mr. Wiles gave a short background to those new to the process for the neighborhood plan and stated the purpose of the meeting was to begin looking at the next phase of the revitalization plan, which includes development scenarios, project development area planning, and the regulatory environment. He said this phase should go through July to complete. Mr. Wiles introduced a new map, which was explained by Megan Childers and Alex Ramsay. This map denoted the key development areas and included both short and long range project areas.

The following were presented as preliminary, conceptual plans for each key development area:

Alphabet Neighborhood Area

- Model Block
- Anderson Mill
- Proposed Greenway

Westside Neighborhood Coalition Area

- Westside Neighborhood Center
- Public Works Site
- Franklin/Murray Site
- Proposed Greenway

Eastside Coalition Area

- Anderson University
- Old Fairgrounds/Anderson University Property
- Proposed Greenway

Other

- Orr Street
- Cleo Bailey School
- Potential Model Block

After these potential development areas were presented, Mr. Wiles opened the floor for discussion. Becky Holmes asked that River Street be further analyzed, as it has assets that could lend itself to a gateway to the City. Mr. Wiles suggested researching a potential corridor plan for that area. Jason Craddock inquired about Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding and if it could be utilized for any projects. Willie Day stated that Mr. Wiles had assisted the City with their NSP application and Mr. Wiles said that it is still being determined as to the use of the funding.

There was discussion of the Orr Street area and recommended that it be added as a focus area, along with the three areas the City had already identified (Murray/Franklin, Lincoln/Grant, and McCully). Captain Mike Walters reported that it is in the Police Department's long-range plan to install police surveillance cameras on Orr Street. Mr. Day asked about plans for Lincoln/Grant and McCully Street areas and Mr. Wiles stated that they are still on the table, but their focus has been more on a "big picture" level at this point. They are still trying to determine the best use for those properties as relates to development potential and projects surrounding them.

Robert Mecke inquired about commercial/retail components for projects and Mr. Wiles stated that these were being considered where it could complement residential. Mr. Ramsay said that commercial is often most successful with a solid base of customers surrounding it within the neighborhood/community.

Ms. Hall reminded the group of the next PMT meeting with a **new time**:

May 13th at 11 am – Project Management Team Meeting (Municipal Business Center)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Hall
Business Development and Neighborhood Manager