

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF PLANNING



Public Meeting Summary

Plan/Project: Bellevue Small Area and Neighborhood Investment Fund Plan

Meeting Date & Time: February 11, 2009 6:30-8:30pm

Location: P.R. Harris Educational Center, 4600 Livingston Road, SE

DC Government Attendees: Geraldine Gardner, Associate Director, Neighborhood Planning, Evelyn Kasongo, Ward 8 Neighborhood Planner, Gizachew Andargeh, Ward 7 Neighborhood Planner, Stephen Rice, Community Planner

AGENDA:

- Welcome/Introductions (Evelyn Kasongo, OP) 6:30 – 6:35 PM
- Meeting logistics (Monica Ray, OP) 6:35 – 6:40 PM
- Presentation (Evelyn Kasongo, OP/Marc McCauley, RCLO) 6:40 – 7:00 PM
- Q & A 7:00 – 7:15 PM
- Break-out groups 7:15 – 8:00 PM
- Report Back 8:00 – 8:20 PM
- Next steps (Evelyn Kasongo, OP) 8:20– 8:25 PM
- Meeting Adjournment (Monica Ray, Designed Services) 8:25 – 8:30 PM

SUMMARY:

The Office of Planning held its first public meeting on February 11, 2009 at P.R. Harris Educational Center located at 4600 Livingston Road, SE. The meeting took place from 6:30-8:30pm. A presentation was given which identified goals and objectives of the planning process as well as information pertaining to Comprehensive Plan policies as they relate to Bellevue.

After the presentation, meeting attendees were asked to break out into groups where a visioning exercise was conducted. Participants were asked to convey their likes, dislikes, and desired

improvements of the neighborhood. Further, attendees were asked to confirm if goals for neighborhood improvement created in 2003 were still valid and to add additional goals, if needed. The results of the break out groups can be found below.

LIKES	DISLIKES	IMPROVEMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendly neighbors/ sense of community • Great views from Irvington Street and 1st Place SW • Children have access to community • Happy about growing neighborhood • Family-oriented communities/housing design • Ease of transportation access • Residential character • Very close-knit community • Good location and access to highways and buses • Giant grocery store in the area • Parks • Good location; situated between National Harbor and the baseball stadium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of services • Lack of shopping options/neighborhood retail • No real access for retail development at Southern Ave./ MLK and along Southern Ave and South Capitol • Dogs being allowed in the parks • Retail along South Capitol Street • Liquor Stores • Lack of local-serving retail • Under-age drinking problems • Truancy • Gas station used as hangout • Crime moving in because of gentrification elsewhere • Wingate Apartments recipient of public housing tenants • Lack of enforcement of plans • Police harassment • Bad schools (curriculum & physical) • Curfew enforcement • Lack of housing code enforcements especially on vacant land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with National Park Service to free up land • Development south of Blue Plains Drive and MLK • Look at opportunities at South Capitol and Southern Avenue • Use vacant buildings on D.C. Village Land • Increased parental programs • Need for more family programs • Police and fire programs to connect with seniors • Provision of more senior services

NEXT STEPS:

The Office of Planning will compile the information received and develop strategies for accomplishment of goals created. These strategies will be reviewed and ranked at the next public meeting to occur on February 18, 2009.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

30

OP Project Manager: Evelyn Kasongo

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