



Choice Neighborhoods Community Day June 4, 2015 Housing Survey

1. Have you participated in any Choice Neighborhoods meetings? **54 responses:**
 - Yes **48% (26)**
 - No **52% (28)**

2. Have you participated in any Housing Task Force meetings? **54 responses:**
 - Yes **26% (14)** How many? (*ranged from "1 or 2" to "many" to "all"*)
 - No **74% (40)**

3. The Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) Housing Task Force is moving toward a plan which would phase out the old, obsolete Trent Court units and rebuild mixed-income properties on site and in nearby neighborhoods. Is that a good idea?
52 responses:
 - Yes, I strongly agree **48% (25)**
 - Yes I somewhat agree **31% (16)**
 - No, I somewhat disagree **6% (3)**
 - No, I strongly disagree **2% (1)**
 - No comment, don't know at this time **13% (7)**

4. Developing new mixed-income public housing should be a top priority for the City of New Bern and the Housing Authority. **51 responses:**
 - Yes, I strongly agree **43% (22)**
 - Yes, I somewhat agree **45% (23)**
 - No, I somewhat disagree **2% (1)**
 - No, I strongly disagree **2% (1)**
 - No comment, don't know at this time **8% (4)**

5. Do you have any concerns about this plan?
32 no comments. 22 comments:
 - *Education of people in targeted areas of CNI initiative. Give them pros and cons of your intent. Give hands up, not hand-outs!!!*
 - *Just keep praying for a change!!!*

- *Mixed income could eventually push out the lower income to “gentrify” the area if not controlled.*
- *Inside-out workshops for healthy psychological health free to residents.*
- *As long as it serves those in need.*
- *In particular Trent Court real estate is desirable. Re – will the “new improved” area really be mixed?*
- *Where are you going to put the people when you are rebuilding?*
- *Have a mayor or executive director of Housing Authority give a talk on the success of a Hope VI or CNI program; e.g., Mayor Joe Riley, Charleston, SC*
- *Need to know what is going to happen to those with low income.*
- *We need to focus on keeping families as safe as possible.*
- *Would like to see the full development in view.*
- *I feel a total plan is important which includes housing and what happens to the areas that are going to be “reinvented.” I favor free public rest spots, small parks, benches such as what exists along the boardwalk in town for the Trent Court area and a plan by a committee for what that area will look like. I do not like to think that areas will be rebuilt without a good town plan. Thank you.*
- *Public housing should develop USDA-backed “Self-Help Housing” programs like mine in Kitsap County, WA. I believe the members of the community should be the developers/builders of their community. It is not up to the City – City can provide direction/guidance/support programs.*
- *Equal opportunity.*
- *I have to pray on this for fairness for all people.*
- *I just hope and pray that the City of New Bern “sticks to their word.” Thanks for the time!!*
- *Holding absent property owners accountable for building code violations and substandard conditions of rental properties.*
- *Affordable housing for all income levels.*
- *Ownership of own house one day.*
- *Gentrification and relocation of residents.*
- *Yes, the City and residents can’t wait!*