



New Bern Housing Authority and the City of New Bern

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNING GRANT **Trent Court/Craven Terrace/Greater Five Points Neighborhood**

Crime and Safety Task Force
Tuesday, March 3 at 2pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chief Toussaint Summers, Cheryl Reed, Tawanna Smith, Archabelle Monk, Grace Hudson, Bradleigh Sceviour, Paul D. Brown, Doug Ipock, John West, Martin Blaney, Shelton Brown, Mary Kooner, Gayle Epp

Handouts: Neighborhood Crime Map (Oct 2012-Oct 2014)
New Bern Police Department Annual Crime Analysis Report for Year 2013
Summary of public safety strategies from other CNI grantees
Sample matrix of goals, outcomes, strategies

Review of Key Survey Findings:

Resident and neighborhood surveys indicate that some view neighborhood as somewhat unsafe, particularly at night. Community members and the police in this meeting disagree that the neighborhood is unsafe. There is now a good working relationship between the community and the police through crime watch meetings that keep everyone informed.

Police officers attend crime watch meetings at the Stanley White Recreation Center the first Thursday of every month. Every subneighborhood area has its own community watch including Duffyfield, New Hope, Dryborough, Trent Ct, Craven Terrace and more.

Police make community accountable through work with community watches and the housing authority. Residents are encouraged to call their community police officer 24/7 to report any criminal activities – through a telephone call or an email. Officers are on bicycles and foot patrols.

Need increased community involvement from the community so there are “more eyes to watch out” for public safety problems.

Duffyfield gets a bad rap because of outsiders coming into the community, not because of crime perpetrated by those living in the area.

Most of the violent crime is domestic in nature; there is very little stranger on stranger crime.

Crime stats are higher in the public housing sites because of higher density of people in the area.

There is a perception by those not living in the Greater Five Points area that crime rates in the area are high and there is a history of unsafe criminal activity in the area. The Task Force would like to know how to fight this perception.

