



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

Public Safety Working Group

Wednesday, May 6 at 4 pm
New Bern Police Department

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chief Toussaint Summers (lead), Sergeant Todd Conway (facilitator), Mickey Miller, Sergeant Doug Ipock (Recorder), Captain John West, Cheryl Reed, Grace Hudson, Shelton Brown, Roger Bellamy, Melvin Cooper, Vana Prewitt, Grace Hudson, Bradleigh Sceviour, Linda Stout, Martin Blaney, Sandi Wheeler, Alison Dunn, Gayle Epp (EJP), Nina Liou (EJP), Phil Shaeffing (Goody Clancy)

Handouts: Agenda, sign in sheet, draft matrix

1. Welcome and Updates:

- Sgt. Conway reviewed minutes from the last CNI meeting.
- The CNI consulting team from EJP and Goody Clancy was introduced.
- Gayle Epp gave an overview of the CNI process, the status of the working groups, and the upcoming draft Transformation Plan due to HUD in Aug.
- Nina Liou summarized the updated neighborhood survey results. Grace Hudson and the Duffyfield Community Watch added an additional 110 surveys to the data pool. The overall results of the surveys the issues remained essentially the same with some differences noted between homeowners (older/retirees) and younger families. 50% of families felt they were safe. Homeowners felt the community was less satisfied and less safe. Families with children said they were extremely safe.

2. General Discussion: Discussion included:

- Duffyfield/Five Points has a stigma associated with the name which unfairly reflects negatively on the overall community. Discussed a type of branding effort that will celebrate the community and give it a strong sense of self-identity. Tell the good news stories out there about safety and community policing.
- Briefly discussed code enforcement of substandard properties and how increased code enforcement can penalize the elderly, so it must be accompanied by assistance programs to offset this effect.
- How do we measure the effectiveness of the community policing program? Discussed challenges associated with using metrics like calls for service, crime stats, citizen involvement. Dr. Prewitt offered to do a literature review for how other communities resolve the issue of statistics not telling the whole story.
- Discussion of a “Code of Conduct” for the community which is a “community building” tool that can lead to higher standards and positive changes.

3. Matrix Discussion -- Goals / Strategies: Sgt. Conway moved into a discussion of the matrix. See draft matrix below.

4. Choice Community Day: Choice Community Day is June 4, 4-7 pm at Stanley White and Henderson Field. It will be our first chance to roll out the working groups' proposed strategies to the wider community in a fun event with food, entertainment, and other support services present. The Public Safety group needs to come up with interactive ways to present their strategies to get feedback and validation. Options discussed:

- survey cards or using sticky notes to answer specifically "why don't you feel safe?"
- short multiple choice questionnaire asking how they would like to help make the community safer (community watch, clean-up, etc.)
- map with push pins for attendees to show where they don't feel safe

5. Information or representatives needed for next meeting: City Code Enforcement Officer at the next meeting

6. Next steps or proposed agenda items for next meeting: Finalize matrix and Community Day activities.

7. Next meeting: May 20, 2015
5 - 6:30 pm
New Bern Police Department

CNI Public Safety Matrix

Outcomes	Metrics	Strategies	Partners	Leverage
Goal 1:				
<p>Conduct a Community Survey</p> <p>Build a Safer Community through citizen involvement</p>	<p>Part 1 Crime Index Reduction</p> <p># of participants in community watch program</p> <p># of attendees at community events</p> <p># of attendees at "Coffee w/ Cop"</p> <p>Follow-up survey results after 1-2 yrs – perception of safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Trust Relationships through classes, training, presentation to help citizens understand how to work with police • NAACP working on community forums and participating in a community on patrol initiative • Explore a Community Covenant or "Code of Conduct" • "Coffee With A Cop" – expand program to build trust • Five Points Cares Sexual Assault education program • Faith Based Community Walk 	<p>Citizens</p> <p>Churches / Community Leaders</p> <p>NAACP</p> <p>UMO or CCC to assist with survey?</p> <p>Parks & Rec Trent Court, Craven Terrace, Promise Place Communities</p>	
Goal 2:				
<p>Change the external perception of the community</p>	<p>How to measure?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Clean-up events • Seed Ministries are doing projects for clean-up • Expose external citizens to the community • Strengthen ordinances to hold the 	<p>Citizens</p> <p>Code Enforcement Officers/Nuisance Abatement</p>	

		landlord accountable for substandard rentals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite Chamber of Commerce and other organizations to have their meetings within the Greater Duffyfield Community. • Interdenominational faith based involvement from throughout the city. • Branding campaign for the Greater Duffyfield Community • Greater Duffyfield Community going out to other neighborhoods to work on projects • Walking groups with special t-shirts to show pride in community 	Chamber of Commerce/Swiss Bear Faith Community Fire Department Citizens	
Goal 3:				
Enhance police/youth relationship; expose youth to police at young age to foster long-term relationships	Number of youth sign-ups Other metrics?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Athletic League, Summer Camps • Police Explorer Program recruiting campaign • Junior Police Cadet program • Additional youth rec programs with police as mentors • Implement parent chaperone program(?) 	Other partners? Parks & Rec?	