



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

Recreation & Green Spaces Working Group
Friday, May 22 at 1pm at Stanley White Recreation Center

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Kevin Robinson (facilitator), Kathy Adolph, Nancy Gray, Linda Howells, Paul Mills, Jennifer Knight, Vana Prewitt

Handouts: Minutes, sign-in sheet, draft matrix, visual preference slides & links to other community recreational resources (GoodyClancy)

1. Introductions: Kevin Robinson opened the meeting. Thurman Hardison and Mickey Miller had prior obligations and were unable to attend.

2. Review of meeting minutes: No corrections noted. Nancy Gray motion to approve minutes. Kathy Adolph seconded. Minutes were approved by all members.

3. Update/Overview: The purpose of this meeting was to attempt to finalize goals and strategies and work on metrics and partners. The groups also needed to discuss the format and materials for the Rec booth at CNI Fair and who would be responsible for what.

4. Matrix Discussion: The group reviewed the draft matrix including most recent amendments and significant edits done by Nancy Gray. Most of the discussion centered on rewording some goals and outcomes as well as discussing if strategies were tied to appropriate goals. As there is substantial overlap between goals and strategies of the Rec group as well as with goals and strategies of others, figuring this out is important. Other important topics:

- Were we getting it right? Did residents want this stuff?
- Was this all practical?
- What were some ways to measure the success of these strategies?
- What needed to be left to other groups?

The group was unable to get through everything and Kevin Robinson offered to compile what notes were taken along with Ms. Gray's edited matrix and try to bring in some of the items that had been previously discussed, but not yet included in the matrix. See draft matrix below for objectives, strategies, and partners and some metrics.

5. Choice Community Day: The groups spent the remaining portion of the meeting determining what items to include at the Rec booth on Choice Community Day, June 4, 4-7 pm at Stanley White. As many in the group were at other booths already, it was decided that Kevin Robinson would facilitate maps and plans for existing conditions, Thurman Hardison would discuss the draft matrix and take comments and suggestions, Nancy Gray and Linda Howells would handle a two dot exercise to gain input from resident on

recreation needs, and Paul Mills would help the children with drawing their own park exercises and other fun activities. The group looked at some of the materials provided by Goody Clancy to assist in the Community Day and briefly discussed which items would be used. Kevin Robinson and Mickey Miller would coordinate to provide all materials for the Fair.

6. Next Meeting: Choice Community Day, June 4, 4-7pm
Stanley White Recreation Center

No future group meeting scheduled at the 5-22-15 meeting
Tentatively scheduled for 6-19-15 at 10am to finalize the draft matrix.

DRAFT CNI Recreation & Green Spaces Matrix DRAFT

Outcomes	Metrics	Strategies	Partners	Leverage
Goal 1: Connect residents to key community assets inside and outside the Choice neighborhoods				
<p>Bridge recreation and life activities such as healthcare, jobs, retail, and social assets</p> <p>Strengthen internal relationships in the community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop map of resources and network <p>Procure commitments from partners</p> <p>Trails, walks and bike lanes developed in network</p> <p>Create a list of areas, residents and schedule of meetings and monitor attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify life activity sources which could become part of a recreation/life activity network Utilize vacant lands to create internal trail network to key resources Install crosswalks and other methods to safely access assets across major roads Regular community meetings and gatherings where residents can assist each other and discover new opportunities Develop and independent golf cart/shuttle system so residents can better get around the community and nearby areas 	<p>Hospital Foundation City of New Bern NBMPPO Craven County Duffyfield Resident Council</p> <p>NBPD Community Police</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leverage existing and planned improvements (e.g., sidewalks to hospital, 1st St. roadway improvements/bike lane)
Goal 2: Celebrate the Choice neighborhoods' heritage as a point of community pride				
<p>Create a more positive community identity</p> <p>Preserve history and tell the stories of the various neighborhoods</p>	<p>Every resident is within ¼ mile walk</p> <p>Garden of the month are being awarded</p> <p>Each gains community ownership is well tended to</p> <p>Cookbooks are produced and sold to benefit other programs</p> <p>Historical markers are installed</p> <p>Trolleys can be seen on weekends</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create family oriented pocket parks with gazebos, picnic tables, play areas, named after historic subdivisions (Pavietown, Mechanicsville, etc) Garden of the month and/or garden day at the various parks Create opportunities for local artist installations throughout the community Duffyfield heritage cookbook Tie a historical marker program to the trails to tell the history the neighborhood (Negro league ballfield, school, churches, library, trail of flames, colored troops, important men and women Incorporate trolley tours into the neighborhood 	<p>Foundations? Duffyfield Resident Council Historic Dryborough Assn. Tryon Palace Historical Society Trolley Company NBRecDist</p>	

Goal 3: Expand programs that promote wellness and healthy lifestyles			
<p>Promote active living</p> <p>Bicycle-safe community</p> <p>Teach and promote life skills</p> <p>Improve the urban food system in the neighborhood</p>	<p>Fitness stations are well used. Group is large in size.</p> <p>Safe routes program is initiated</p> <p>Ridership numbers grow and bikes can be seen outside of community facilities and at school</p> <p>X acres of agriculture per 1000 residents</p> <p>Choice neighborhood residents are vendors at the farmers market and shop there</p> <p>Cooking and exercise classes are well attended</p> <p>Overall obesity reduction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness stations at key locations along trails and parks • Develop a Duffyfield "Fitness" group • Bike safety classes • Bike to school programs • Bike racks at key locations within the community • Bike share program • Explore urban agriculture job opportunities • Encourage the farmers market as a way to gain access to food • Create more community gardens (Craven Terrace, Trent Ct. etc.) • Edible Schoolyard – "Grow It, Cook It, Eat It" • Cooking classes • Dance, yoga and other classes for older residents 	<p>NBPD</p> <p>Bike Shops</p> <p>Nonprofits</p> <p>JT Barber Elementary/Craven County School District</p> <p>Master Gardeners, Coop Extension 4H</p> <p>Tryon Palace History Center</p> <p>Local yoga and dance studios</p> <p>NBRecDist</p> <p>Safe Routes to School</p>
Goal 4: Offer diverse recreation programs that maximize community assets and are accessible to all			
<p>Expand and improve existing facilities and programs offered to residents</p> <p>Improve multigenerational involvement</p> <p>Creatively re-use vacant land and open space for the betterment of the neighborhoods</p>	<p>X number of children receive a "swimming certificate" each year</p> <p>There is regularly a waiting list for water recreation activities</p> <p>All children are within ¼ of a playground</p> <p>Noticeable decline in teenagers on the streets</p> <p>Staff or liaison is hired for recreation resources</p> <p>Golf course is opened up with First Tee program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a new pool in the Choice neighborhood OR develop a partnership with the YMCA for low cost/free swimming day and swimming classes with transportation • Expand George St spray park • Expand water recreation, water safety, boating/kayaking, lessons at Lawson Creek • Install playgrounds at Craven Terrace/Trent Court and other areas with high numbers of children • Indoor recreation facility for children • Develop more programs for teens young adults • Build skatepark • Create a resource center with "one stop shopping" for recreation activities and resources • Fishing classes at Lawson Creek for "old to teach the young" • Use vacant property to build par 3 golf course • Develop youth golf program with coaches/mentors 	<p>YMCA</p> <p>NBHA</p> <p>Local outfitters</p> <p>NBRecDist</p> <p>First Tee</p> <p>Golf clubs</p> <p>Retiree community</p>

Proposed Vision Statement: Greater Duffyfield and Five Points will be a community rich in opportunity with a diverse and unique network of well-connected parks and greenspaces, which links residents, young and old, to facilities, services, recreational amenities and each other, promotes physical and mental wellness, strengthens the ties between families and neighbors and promotes pride in the community and its heritage.

Possible strategies already discussed:

- Develop greenway trail system for pedestrians, bicyclists linking Duffyfield with Neuse Blvd services
- Golf cart shuttle connecting Duffyfield w/ Neuse Blvd services
- Community gardening ideas:
 - “Edible schoolyard” with Master Gardeners & JT Barber
 - Children’s garden at Stanley White
 - Children’s garden at Tryon Palace
 - Partnership w/ 4H, local chefs, Tryon Palace History Center
 - Cooking classes at high school w/ disused greenhouse
 - K St & Veterans garden maintenance
 - Craven Terrace community garden (along Cedar after demo)
 - Possible Trent Court community garden
- Water activities:
 - Additional swimming pool (but water table issues?)
 - Expand George St. spray park
 - Expand water recreation, water safety, boating/kayaking, swimming lessons at Lawson Creek
 - Install playground equip at Craven Terrace and Trent Court
- Youth activities:
 - Improve street safety for kids playing in street (traffic calming, lighting, signage, policing)
 - More recreation activities for “tweens” – 12-17 (more specifics?)
 - Skatepark
 - Indoor recreation facility for young kids (ball pit, indoor tumbling, etc)
- Par 3 golf course
- Partnering with First Tee and retirees as golf coaches/mentors
- Resource center for sharing info on recreation (SWRC?)
- More family gathering areas with gazebos and picnic benches (maybe named for subdivisions (Pavietown, Jerkinsville, Mechanicsville, etc)
- Outdoor art displaying history/heritage
- “History walk” timeline on greenway trails
- Parcourse (fitness stations) along greenway trails

- Art displays and programs in Choice Community