



New Bern Housing Authority and the City of New Bern

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

Public Safety Working Group
Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 5 pm at New Bern Police Dept.

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chief Toussaint Summers, Antonio Brown, Seana Spicer, Cheryl Reed (Trent Resident Counsel), Linda Stout, Sgt. Paul Brown, Grace Hudson (Duffyfield Community Watch Chair), Archabella Monk, Sgt. Doug Ipock, Capt. John West, Martin Blaney (NBHA), Mary Koonce, Sandra Wheeler, Alison Dunn (Promise Place), Evelyn Paul (NAACP), Marshall Williams, (NAACP), Sgt. Todd Conway, Lt. Mark Von Behren, Mickey Miller

Handouts: Agenda, Minutes, Sign-in sheet

Initial Discussion:

- Chief Summers appointed Sgt. Conway as facilitator for future meetings, with Chief staying on team for broad oversight. Sgt. Ipock took notes and created the matrix below for this meeting.
- Promise Place Initiative – “Five Points CARES” (Community Awareness and Response to End Sexual Violence). Alison Dunn from Promise Place described a grant program they are applying for to implement a sexual assault education, awareness and prevention program for the CNI community (includes Craven Terrace, Trent Court, Greater Five Points/Duffyfield communities). goals of the program are to improve response to, increase awareness of, and engage the community in the prevention of sexual assault in the Greater Five Points and Duffyfield community through: training a core group of paid and volunteer community based peer educators, training of service providers and law enforcement who serve the community (through Darkness to Light program and the Start by Believing campaign), and engaging the community in a community based awareness and cultural norms campaign (led by peer educators). Proposed grant is \$31,000 for two years. Most program related activities will occur at Promise Place, the New Bern Housing Authority, and Stanley White Recreation Center (TBD). The working group embraced this plan and included it as a strategy in matrix, below.

Discussion of Possible Goals/Strategies. Chief Summers urged group to being using matrix to identify specific goals to focus on. Ms. Miller emphasized that goals must be based on metrics, not just “feel good.”

- Community based activities can increase community pride which will help reduce crime in those neighborhoods and also improve public perceptions of the community. Group decided to adopt this as a goal and began discussing possible strategies – see matrix below.
- Changing external perceptions of this community will increase safety by deterring crimes of opportunity and reducing the “broken window” effect. Group decided to adopt this as a goal and began discussing possible strategies – see matrix.
- Discussion regarding need for youth in this group. Some other CNI working groups will have youth focus groups. Some of the working groups will at some point will work

- together. This group will cross-walk with Recreation and Green spaces (Youth Development). Group decided to include this as a goal.

Information or representatives needed for next meeting: Group asked that reps from City Inspections come to next meeting to discuss code enforcement. Group also suggested that Fire Department be included in this working group as “public safety” is broader than just crime.

Next steps or proposed agenda items for next meeting: Continue working on our goals/strategies using the matrix. Ensure our goals align with critical needs and can be measured.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 15th
5:00 pm
New Bern Police Department Mall Substation
(Note change of venue)

Outcomes	Metrics	Strategies	Partners
Goal 1:			
Build a Safer Community through citizen involvement		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Trust Relationships (PD asking too many questions from before sending officers, the perpetrator has already gone. Need classes, training to help citizens understand need for accurate info) • NAACP working on community forums and participating in a community on patrol initiative • Explore a Community Covenant • Expose youth to police officers at a young age to foster long term relationships. • “Coffee With A Cop” – expand program to build trust • Five Points Cares Sexual Assault education program . 	Citizens NAACP Parks & Rec Trent Court, Craven Terrace, Promise Place Communities
Goal 2:			
Change the external perception of the community		<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 landlord accountable for substandard rentals • 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 	Citizens Code Enforcement Officers/Nuisance Abatement Chamber of Commerce/Swiss Bear Faith Community Fire Department Citizens

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking groups with special t-shirts to show pride in community 	
Goal 3:			
Enhance police/ youth relationship		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get youth involved in the various programs available to them. 	
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