



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

Recreation & Green Spaces Working Group

Friday, June 20, 2015 at 10 am
at Stanley White Recreation Center

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Thurman Hardison (lead), Kevin Robinson (facilitator), Kathy Adolph, Nancy Gray, Linda Howells, Paul Mills, Jennifer Knight, Eric Cunningham, Pam Minor, Mike Avery, Mickey Miller

Handouts: Minutes, sign-in sheet, draft matrix, Choice Community Day feedback results

- 1. Review of meeting minutes:** No corrections noted; minutes were approved.
- 2. Choice Community Day feedback:** The Recreation work group did an excellent job at Community Day, with five different mechanisms for feedback and community involvement:
 - large map of CNI area where the public could indicate their recreation needs/desires
 - dot charts with colored pictures of recreational activities for public to vote on
 - children's art area where they could design the green space at Trent Court
 - display of art from the Stanley White after-school program depicting the children's ideas for area parks
 - suggestion box for comment cards

The feedback and votes were discussed and priorities will be incorporated into the matrix goals and strategies.

3. Matrix Discussion: The group's goal is to bear down and attempt to finalize today the draft matrix in which Kevin incorporated most of the remaining strategies that had been previously discussed. A second goal is to try to categorize the strategies as short, medium, and longer-term, highlighting those strategies that could be started or accomplished in the near term for "quick wins."

See draft matrix below for objectives, strategies, and partners and some metrics.

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 and communication in the community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop map of resources and greenway network • Procure commitments from partners • Trails, walks and bike lanes developed in network • Create a list of areas, residents and schedule of meetings and monitor attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Utilize vacant lands to create internal greenway trail network to connect to key resources</i> • <i>Hold regular community meetings and gatherings where residents can assist each other and discover new opportunities</i> • Identify life activity sources which could become part of a recreation/life activity network • Install crosswalks and other methods to safely access assets across major roads • Develop and independent golf cart/shuttle system so residents can better get around the community and access nearby businesses & services 	<p>Hospital Foundation City of New Bern NBAMPO Craven County Duffyfield Resident Council Walt Bellamy Residents Craven Terrace & Trent Court Resident Councils NBPD Community Police Appearance Committee</p>	<p>Leverage existing and planned improvements (e.g., sidewalks to hospital, 1st St. roadway improvements/ bike lane)</p>
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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every resident is within ¼ mile walk • Garden of the month are being awarded • Each community garden is well tended to • Cookbooks are produced and sold to benefit other programs • Historical markers are installed • Trolleys can be seen on weekends • Before & after surveys to determine level of pride in community? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Create family-oriented pocket parks with gazebos, picnic tables & play areas, named after historic subdivisions (Pavietown, Mechanicsville)</i> • <i>Build Walt Bellamy sculpture park and fountain park</i> • <i>Develop marketing strategy for Choice Community including branding campaign</i> • Tie a historical marker program to the greenway trails to tell the history the neighborhood (Negro League ballfield, school, churches, library, Trail of Flames, colored troops, historically significant men and women) • Garden of the month and/or garden day at the various parks • Create opportunities for local artist installations throughout the community • Duffyfield heritage cookbook • Incorporate trolley tours into the neighborhood 	<p>Foundations? DuffyfieldResident Council HistoricDryborough Assn. Tryon Palace Historical Society Trolley Company NBRecDist Media sources</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Safe routes” program is initiated • Ridership numbers grow and bikes can be seen outside of community facilities and at school • Bike accident rate reduced • Fitness stations are well used. Group is large in size. • X acres of agriculture per 1000 residents • Choice neighborhood residents are vendors at the farmers market and shop there • Cooking and exercise classes are well attended • Overall obesity reduction • Use of SNAP/EBT at Farmers Market 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Develop gardens in schools using Edible Schoolyard program/curriculum beginning w/ JT Barber – “Grow It, Cook It, Eat It”</i> • <i>Implement bike-riding initiatives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Bike safety classes</i> ○ <i>Bike to school programs</i> ○ <i>Bike racks at key locations within the community</i> ○ <i>Bike share program</i> • <i>Add dance, yoga, tai chi and other classes for older residents at SWRC and other community venues</i> • Fitness stations at key locations along trails and parks • Develop a Duffyfield “Fitness” group • Explore urban agriculture job opportunities • Encourage the farmers market and satellite or branch farmers markets in conjunction with K St garden as ways to gain access to healthy food • Create more community gardens (Craven Terrace, Trent Ct. etc.) • Develop cooking classes to encourage healthier eating 	<p>Master Gardeners, Coop Extension 4H</p> <p>JT Barber Elem/ Craven County School District</p> <p>Local yoga and dance studios</p> <p>NBPD</p> <p>Bike Shops</p> <p>Private companies, e.g., Coldwell Banker/ Salvation Army (bike donation program)</p> <p>Safe Routes to School</p> <p>Farmers Market</p> <p>Nonprofits</p> <p>Tryon Palace History Center</p> <p>NBRecDist</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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X number of children receive a water safety certificate each year • There is a regular waiting list for water recreation activities • All children are within ¼ mile of a playground • Noticeable decline in teenagers on the streets • Volunteer staff or liaison position created 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Increase signage in city and community for SWRC</i> • <i>Expand George St spray park</i> • <i>Install playgrounds at Craven Terrace/Trent Court and other areas with high numbers of children</i> • <i>Build skatepark</i> • <i>Enhance use of SWRC as a resource center with “one stop shopping” for recreation activities and resources</i> • Build a new pool in the Choice neighborhood OR develop a partnership with Parks & Rec/YMCA for low cost/free swimming day and swimming classes with transportation 	<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> <p>Big Brothers/Big Sisters</p> <p>Boys & Girls Club</p>	

neighborhoods	for recreation resources • Par 3 golf course is opened up with First Tee program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand water recreation, water safety, boating/kayaking, lessons at Lawson Creek • Build Indoor recreation facility for children • Develop more programs for teens young adults, including evening programs • 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 	Fraternities & Sororities Area Day Reporting/ 21 st Century After School Program (B. Lee)	
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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.