



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

Recreation & Green Spaces Working Group
Thursday, May 7 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, Mickey Miller, Pam Minor, Eric Cunningham, Vana Prewitt, Gayle Epp (EJP), Nina Liou (EJP), Phil Schaeffing (Goody Clancy)

Handouts: Minutes, sign-in sheet, draft matrix

- 1. Introductions:** CNI consulting team from EJP and Goody Clancy was introduced.
- 2. Review of meeting minutes:** No corrections noted.
- 3. Update/ Overview:** Gayle Epp provided an overview of the CNI process, where the working groups are, what additional work is needed and the schedule for submission of the draft Transformation Plan. Nina Liou gave an update on the neighborhood survey and drilled down on differences between homeowners and younger families.
- 4. Matrix Discussion:** The group reviewed the draft matrix, draft vision statement and list of possible strategies previously discussed. Most of the discussion centered on defining the goals. Four goals were finally agreed upon:
 - Connect residents to key community assets inside and outside the community
 - Celebrate the community heritage as a point of community pride
 - Expand programs that promote wellness and healthy lifestyles
 - Offer diverse recreation programs that maximize community assets and are accessible to all

See draft matrix for objectives, strategies, and partners.

5. 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 Recreation and Green Spaces group needs to come up with interactive ways to present their strategies to get feedback and validation, like colored sticky dots showing preferences/priorities. EJP provided some examples of what some other communities have done.

6. Next Meeting: Monday, May 18, 10 am
Stanley White Recreation Center

CNI Recreation & Green Spaces Matrix

Outcomes	Metrics	Strategies	Partners	Leverage
Goal 1: Connect residents to key community assets inside and outside the Choice community				
Create linkages to healthcare, jobs, retail, and social assets		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize vacant lands to create internal trail network Leverage existing and planned improvements (e.g., sidewalks to hospital, 1st St. roadway improvements/bike lane) 	Hospital Foundation	
Goal 2: Celebrate the Choice community's heritage as a point of community pride				
Positive community identity Preserve history		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create neighborhood pocket parks with gazebos, picnic tables, play areas, named after historic subdivisions (Pavietown, Mechanicsville, etc) Duffyfield heritage cookbook 	Foundations? Duffyfield Resident Council Tryon Palace Historical Society	
Goal 3: Expand programs that promote wellness and healthy lifestyles				
Promote active living Bicycle-safe community Teach and promote life skills		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bike safety classes Bike share program Edible Schoolyard – “Grow It, Cook It, Eat It” 	NBPD Nonprofits JT Barber Elementary/Craven County School District Master Gardeners, Coop Extension 4H	
Goal 4: Offer diverse recreation programs that maximize community assets and are accessible to all				
Multigenerational involvement Building bridges within & outside community		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand water recreation, water safety, boating/kayaking, swimming lessons at Lawson Creek Use vacant property to build par 3 golf course Develop youth golf program with coaches/mentors 	First Tee Golf clubs Retiree community	

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