



New Bern Housing Authority and the City of New Bern

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

Transportation Working Group

Tuesday, April 21 at 3:30 p.m. at Development Services Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Maurizia Chapman – lead, Kimberly Maxey, David Herndon, Dee Meadows, Jamara Wallace, Rosemary Stark, Susan Namowicz, Vana Prewitt

Guests: Brad Sceviour – City of New Bern Planning
Don Baumgardner – Craven County
Kelly Walker – Craven County CARTS

Handouts: March 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes
Choice Neighborhoods Save the Dates
CNI Transportation Group Visioning Goals
Planned Improvements Map of the Greater Five Point Area

Welcome and introductions: Each member introduced themselves.

Review of last meeting minutes: The group was provided meeting minutes from the previous meeting held April 7, 2015. Collectively all verified they accurately reflected the discussion.

Existing Conditions:

- a. **Review accident data – Lt. Linda Godette:** Lt. Godette was unable to attend the meeting today, therefore this information will be postponed for review until the next meeting.
- b. **CARTS Ride-Along – Ms. Kelly Walker:** Ms. Walker relayed that in order to consider having a ride-along, she would need to speak with Mr. Gene Hodges and explain the purpose and goal of the ride-along. The concern would be infringing on the passengers and making them feel uncomfortable. If a survey is being considered, Mr. Hodges would need to pre-approve it. The consultants for the Transit Development Plan (TDP) have not indicated interest in doing an on-board survey. They will be holding public meetings. Ms. Chapman advised that the MPO staff would not be able to assist in creating nor administering a survey, so suggested a member of a group forward a suggested survey to Ms. Walker for CARTS review. Initially Ms. Stark suggested using the survey CNI provided to the citizens. Ms. Chapman relayed that survey is too long to administer to riders. She noted that the TDP consultants will be holding public meetings that will be advertised in the paper as well as on the buses. Ms. Maxey suggested the surveys be available at the public meetings. Mr. Herndon voiced concerns about the person administering the survey, as they must be unassuming and non-threatening. Ms. Walker shared this concern as well.
Ms. Prewitt suggested, in the interest of time, to table further discussion about the ride-along and survey, recommending perhaps a sub-committee of citizens be formed to determine needs and wants to create a plan moving forward.

Neighborhood Strategy:

- a. **Goals, Strategies, Outcomes and Metrics – accept Goals – select draft strategies:** A handout was provided giving an overview of what was discussed in the previous meeting. Ms. Chapman noted the metrics needs to be a focus in how we measure progress. She requested the group review and insure all topics had been addressed. Ms. Prewitt noted connectivity as an important factor, explaining connections within the community. Ms. Chapman relayed that the MPO is in the process of creating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and connectivity is a large part of this. The MPO is working with Parks & Recreation in location of parks, where proposed trails and connections will be and how to expand the transportation infrastructure. One of the planning emphasis areas that the MPO will look at for next year is connection to medical, social and educational areas. Mr. David Herndon inquired as to how this overlaps with other CNI working groups. Ms. Chapman referred to the map handout depicting planned improvements for the area. The three outcomes determined in the last meeting were reviewed and considered in accordance with transportation goals and strategies. Ms. Prewitt pointed out 'more resources in the community', questioning if this is more of an economic development issue rather than transportation. Mr. Herndon pointed out that more resources in the community might draw more individuals into the community. Mr. Brad Sceviour also pointed out that when walking or biking through areas surrounding the Five Points Community, there is nothing drawing someone into the community. Given proper greenways, businesses and resources, citizens may be more apt to venture into the area, making it more of a destination for others. Ms. Stark noted lighting was missing from the metrics measure. She noted this inhibits the ability to walk or ride in certain areas during certain times, and is also a measure of safety. Better information (marketing/advertising) on CARTS schedules, availability, stops and cost was suggested to be included in metrics strategies.

Next Steps:

- a. **Draft Outcomes and Metrics:** Ms. Chapman requested each member review the documents and consider the discussion from this meeting and email any concerns for discussion in the next meeting.
- b. **Schedule:** Ms. Maxey referred to the Save the Dates schedule provided by Ms. Mickey Miller, noting the next CNI Transportation meeting, as well as upcoming dates for the Fun, Fitness and Facts Fair.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 7
1:30 p.m.
City of New Bern Development Services, 303 First Street