



Stuebenville North Choice Neighborhood Plan – Housing Task Force Meeting #3

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Meeting began with a summary of the team's visit to Larimer in Pittsburgh. Some of the takeaways from the trip were:

- Excellent coordination between different agencies, organizations, and partners
- City and Housing Authority were in lockstep.
- Impressed with what is possible, and gave hope that this is possible in the North End
- They had struggles too but overcame them with a strong vision.

The team then shared highlights from the residential market study and the needs assessment survey that was completed by residents of JFK and Elmer White. A conversation about what these results and the future of housing in the North End followed:

- Concentrate higher density near amenities, and create single-family, lower density on edges of neighborhood. Owners are more likely to have a car and can drive to these resources.
- We should explore a phase in downtown.
- We need to continue to hear from residents and get their input. Focus on providing services.
- Let's devote more resources to increase turnout at events.
- We want to create a neighborhood where kids do not need to leave the North End to go trick or treating.
- Why a community garden for the Early Action Project? This was expressed as a need by residents.
- It is going to take some time to see results, it is like planting a tree, it does take time to bear fruit.
- We need more recreational opportunities for residents in the North End.
- We need more community amenities in the North End.
- Housing should focus on accessibility for seniors.
- The Grocery Box has opened downtown (157 N 3rd St). They focus on locally sourced produce, but unfortunately, they do have limited hours and you must order ahead of time. They are looking to grow and expand operating hours.
- The economy of Steubenville has changed dramatically in 20 years and with higher density of the past there were more parks. There were parades where each park had a parade float.
- We need a place in the neighborhood to get every day, household items.
- A mixed-income neighborhood, where low-income and higher-income families live in the same area, is vital to recruit these commercial amenities that residents want.
- What can we do now to help win the implementation grant? Invest now so that we can show more leverage when we apply for the implementation grant.
- We are still formulating the exact strategies because we still need to learn more from the community.
- The Appalachian Community Fund would likely count as leverage.
- The College of Saint Joseph the Worker is starting a trade school downtown and is working on fixing houses around Steubenville. A good resource!

