

WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING MINUTES

August 20, 2009, Thursday

(Meeting held at Native Project at 6:30 p.m.)

- I. **Welcomes and Introductions**
 - a. *Call to order:* 6:35 PM
 - b. *Attendees:* Luann DeWood, Marcus DeWood, Rhosetta Rhodes, Annette Owen, Melissa Owen, Dan Owen, Caleb Stamper, Louise Stamper, Jennifer Mele, Jen Hussey, Kaye Turner, Don Higgins, Kelly Cruz, Toni Lodge, Kay Howard

- II. **Approval of August Agenda and July Minutes**
 - a. Don moved, Jenny seconded, Meeting Minutes Approved

- III. **Housekeeping**
 - a. *July Walking Tour and August Date:* Walking tour went well, several people participated. The walk started by courthouse went up Adams past Walnut and Walnut Corners, walked back towards Monroe and up to Jefferson past the DeWood's development, walked up hill back of courthouse and parking lot to Sharp and back to start point. The walk lasted about 2 hours. Several interesting facts: a beautiful mural Sharp and Monroe behind Empire the group also found several holes in the sidewalk that warrant repair.
 - b. *8/25/09 Next walking Tour:* near Summit, bluff, and Broadway. Starting 6 PM go down to Nettleton and bridge. River on one side and Kendall yards. Kaye will go over proposed route for centennial trail, vegetation and wildlife, interpretive center – railroads and history. 1 to 1 1/2 hour. Mile and a half. 279-9956 Kelly Cruz's number.
 - c. *Meeting Protocol* – with the presenter at last meeting, some folks were talking during the presentation, please pay attention and do not chit-chat.

- IV. **S.W.O.T. Analysis - Rhosetta Rhodes**

With the final section of the SWOT, the group focused on Threats and adding additional concerns. Below is the list of what was added to each subject and what was there with our initial discussion. Please see Rhosetta for the most recent SWOT handout.

Drugs/Landlords – Housing, Social Health, Added - Economic Development, Leadership Government Citizenship, Neighborhoods, Urban Design Historic Preservation.

Lack of Local Services –Economic Development Social Health, Added - Leadership Government Citizenship, Transportation, Capital Facilities, Land Use.

Gang Issues – Social Health, Added - Housing, Economic Development, Leadership Government Citizenship, Parks Recreation Open spaces.

Potholes – Transportation, Added – Neighborhood, Leadership Government Citizenship.

Yard Dumping – Social Health, Neighborhood, Added – Housing, Parks Recreation Open Spaces, Economic Development.

Lower Home Values – Housing, Economic Development, Added – Urban Design Historic Preservation, Leadership Government Citizenship.

Canon/Transients – Social Health, Added – Leadership Government Citizenship, Parks Recreation Urban Spaces, Neighborhoods, Economic Development, Natural Environment.

Outside/External Forces – Economic Development, Social Health, - Added – Housing, Urban Development Historic Preservation, Land Use, Natural Environment, Leadership Government, Citizenship, Parks Recreation Open Spaces, Neighborhoods.

Deterioration of Neighborhood – Neighborhoods, Added – Land Use, Social Health, Urban Design Historic Preservation, Parks Recreation, Open Spaces, Leadership Government Citizenship, Economic Development, Capital Facilities, Transportation, Natural Environment.

Concern with Legal/Illegal Action/Quality of life/Well Being – change verbiage and then decide which sub-categories.

People Burned Out/Arson – Economic Development, Social Health, Neighborhood, Added – Housing, Leadership Government Citizenship.

Loose Kids – Social Health, Added – Parks Recreation Open Spaces, Neighborhoods, Economic Development, Leadership Government Citizenship.

Boarded Up Houses – Housing, Social Health, Neighborhoods, Added – Leadership Government Citizenship, Economic Development.

Abandoned Cars/Dumping – Social Health, Added – Leadership Government Citizenship, Economic Development.

Businesses Not Contributing/Cleaning Up – Neighborhood, Leadership Government Citizenship, Added – Economic Development, Social Health.

Possible Relocation and Gentrification – Land Use, Capital Facilities, Economic Development, Neighborhood, Leadership Government Citizenship, Added – Housing, Urban Design Historic Preservation.

Roaming/Vicious Dogs – Social Health, Added – Natural Environment, Parks Recreation Open Spaces, Neighborhoods.

Unregulated Development/Zoning – Land Use, Economic Development, Social Health, Added – Leadership Government Citizenship, Housing, Urban Development Historic Preservation, Capital Facilities, Neighborhoods.

County Owns – Land Use, Added – All Other Categories Checked.

2/3 Grocery Stores – Economic Develop, Social Health, Added – Land Use, Urban Design Historic Preservation, Neighborhoods.

Economic Stagnation/Entropy – Economic Development, Added – Land Use, Leadership Government Citizenship, Urban Design Historic Preservation, Social Health, Neighborhoods.

Code Enforcement – Social Health, Neighborhoods, Added – Natural Environment, Parks Recreation Open Spaces, Housing, Economic Development.

Garbage and Weeds – Social Health, Neighborhoods, Parks Recreation Open Spaces, Added – Natural Environment, Housing, Economic Development, Leadership Government Citizenship.

Poor City Planning – All Categories Checked.

Rich Developers – Social Health, Neighborhoods, Added – Land Use, Transportation, Urban Design Historic Development, Natural Environment, Parks Recreation Open Spaces, Leadership Government Citizenship.

City Development/Deeding to Parks – Land Use, Natural Environment, Neighborhoods, Added – Urban Design Historic Preservation.

Public Safety – Social Health, Neighborhoods, Added – Transportation, Economic Development, Natural Environment, Parks Recreation Open Spaces.

Violence – Social Health, Leadership Government Citizenship, Added – Economic Development, Neighborhoods.

Reputation – All Categories Checked.

Safety Issues/Bike Path – Transportation, Social Health, Added – Parks Recreation, Open Spaces, Land Use.

Gangs/Keep Kids Out of Parks – Social Health, Leadership Government Citizenship, - Added Parks Recreation Open Spaces, Urban Design Historic Preservation, Neighborhoods.

Increased Threat/Slow Police Response – Social Health, Leadership Government Citizenship, Added – Neighborhoods, Economic Development.

Building Construction/River – Land Use, Economic Development, Neighborhoods, Added – Leadership Government Citizenship, Natural Environment, Social Health, Capital Facilities. Charging Kids to Swim/Free Activities – Social Health, Leadership Government Citizenship, Added – Parks.

No Cooperation with Neighbors, Businesses, Non-Profits, Politicians – All Categories Checked.

Lack of Knowledge Resources – Leadership Government Citizenship, Added – Social Health.

Concentration of Poverty – Economic Development, Social Health, Neighborhoods, Added – Land Use, Housing, Urban Design Historic Preservation.

Speeding – Transportation, Added – Leadership Government Citizenship.

No Painted Crosswalks – Transportation, Urban Design Historic Preservation, Social Health, Neighborhoods, Added – Leadership Government Citizenship, Parks Recreation Open Spaces.

Insufficient Trees – Land Use, Natural Environment, Parks Recreation Open Spaces, Added – Neighborhoods, Urban Design Historic Preservation.

Flashing Lights – Social Health, Parks Recreation Open Spaces, Added – Transportation, Leadership Government Citizenship.

V. Good of order

- a. Copy of our expense sheet from city, our code is 1806, go to city website for additional information.
- b. Meetings are switching to the first Thursday of the month and this change will most likely carry through the winter. We will be breaking into smaller groups and these groups will hopefully meet 2 times a month. The meeting date change has been posted.

VI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM