

Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

Twin Rivers Resident Meeting

May 23, 2012

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Resident Attendees: Carlos Herrera, Reggie Foster, France Grace, Donna Blacksmith, Debra Morris, Debra Scott, Vicki Brown, Thuy Nguyen, Casey Lyda, Angela Brown, Daron Brown, Kianshay Brown, Amanda Daniero, Louis Daniero, Blanca Caro, Erica Hughes, Mary Mickles, Shameka Lewis, Toni Willis, La Norma Dillard, Lionel Smith, Howard Jones, William Thomas, Vicki Sanders, DeCoe Gilmore, LaTasha Brown, Jennifer Johnson, Earlina Humphrey, Albert Wright, Regina Baker, Angela Herring, Mercedes Padierna, and Eleanor Morales.

Others Present: Cassandra Jennings, Lynne Cannady (LPC & Associates), Patrick Bohner, Londell Earls, Gladys Cornell (AIM Consulting), Jeff Goldman (SACOG), 4-6 Facilitators and Note takers.

1. **Welcome and Initiative Update** - *Cassandra Jennings, Chair, Steering Committee*

Cassandra briefly described the Choice Neighborhood Initiative and the goal to rebuild the physical housing that currently exist at Twin Rivers and to improve services that will also improve the lives of people that live in Twin Rivers. It was pointed out that the housing could be replaced on site, off site or both on and off site. It was also emphasized that the transformation plan will be developed as part of a larger planning area that includes the Railyards and the River District. Ultimately the Housing Authority would like to be positioned to get the Choice Neighborhood Implementation grant for up to \$30 M.

2. **“And The Survey Says...”** - *Lynne Cannady, LPC & Associates, Inc.*

Lynne Cannady expressed her appreciation to all of those who assisted in administering, providing outreach and actually completed the Twin Rivers Resident Survey. While the goal was to get 100% completed she was glad to report that 83 % response rate with a few still trickling in. Lynne mentioned that she will be outreaching to other residential households and Quinn Cottage residents in the near future.

The selected preliminary findings included:

- Almost 47% of households are 0-17 years old
- 40% have some college and 29% are high school graduates or have their GED
- Approximately 24% are employed
- Most residents feel either very safe or somewhat safe during the day however people feel less safe after dark
- When asked about the change in crime rate over the last year, it was pretty even for those who saw a lot or little more crime as those who thought it was about the same or a little less crime. About 29% did not know.
- Two thirds would like to see a picnic/barbeque area and swimming pool.
- Two thirds are interested or very interested in community gardens, course on Healthy Living or Learning more about nutrition and cooking.
- Almost 70% plan to live there as long as they can

- 71% have interest in owning a home.
- Overall 80% are satisfied with living at Twin Rivers.

Lynne will continue to work with staff to gather the additional surveys, survey the other residents and prepare the final analysis that will be share with the residents at a later date.

3. **Community Asset Mapping** –*Gladys Cornell, AIM Consulting & Jeff Goldman, SACOG*

For the next hour, the residents were broken up into four groups, each around a table, and engaged in a facilitated exercise to obtain input on discussion questions. The responses were documented and will be included in the final Asset Mapping Finding and Report.

In summary, the top priorities and issues by group included:

Group 1 - grocery stores, jobs, security (Speed bumps, less egress and ingress and cameras)

Group 2- transportation (bus routes and light rails shut down early, crosswalk on Richards to get to bus stop), Preschool and school in the area, grocery store with pharmacy, unsafe after dark, laundry mat services on site; community center; safety (security gates to keep people out); jobs

Group 3 – Full service Supermarket; Schools to walk to; Recreation Area for activities (tot lots, to center the community); safety (speeding, lighting, security (residential mediation);

Transportation (bus stop – need a safe way to use; More frequent stops in the later hours; access to Alkali Flat)

Group 4 - Activities for ages; jobs; grocery stores; laundry mats; Transportation (speed bumps; lights, patios for units); recycling; movie nights

Gladys and Jeff will take the information from this meeting, the survey, walkability study and analyze and prepare a report to be shared with the residents at future meeting.

4. **Closing/ Next Steps** – *Cassandra Jennings*

Cassandra Jennings thanked the residents for coming and being totally engaged in the exercise and activities. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 27, 2012, 6 PM. The meeting ended at 7:25 PM.

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