

Minutes

Great Indy Neighborhoods Initiative Steering Committee Meeting MIBOR April 23, 2008 7:30-9:00 AM

In Attendance: Ted Massey, LISC; Bill Taft, LISC; Sara Vanslambrook, LISC; Anne Marie Predovich, INRC; Jim Muholland, resident; Tony Macklin, CICF; Brienne Delaney, MIBOR; Mark Fisher, Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce; Mike Knight, ACI; Pat Dubach, Redev Group; Tara Seeley, CICF; Mark Jakobovie , resident; Maury Plambeck, City of Indianapolis DMD; Greg Fennig, IPL; Philip Hooper, DMD; Mary Clark, National City Bank; Jan Diggins, Citizens Gas; Marc McAleavey, INRC; Andy Frazier, IACED; Sarah Grain, KIB; Olgen Williams, City of Indianapolis; Ray Brinkmeyer, BRAG; Chris Pryor, MIBOR; Jerry Coddington, Ivy Tech Community College; David Forsell, KIB; Mark Gramelspacher, CMW; Dana Reed Wise, Marion County Health Department

I. Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

Demonstration Working Group co-chair Jan Diggins opened the meeting and welcomed Committee members. The February meeting minutes were approved.

II. Quality of life plans

a. Overview of Data

Ted Massey presented a summary analysis of the quality-of-life plans to highlight the scope of issues neighborhoods are addressing, similarities across neighborhoods, as well as how the neighborhoods plan to address these issues. Top priorities included housing, economic development, civic engagement, beautification, and public safety.

b. Neighborhood Implementation

Sara VanSlambrook provided an overview of activities already underway in the Demonstration neighborhoods.

c. Support for Plans

Bill Taft reiterated that original purpose of the Steering Committee was to advocate and help leverage support for the neighborhoods' plans. The final plans identify projects which will affect all aspects of quality of life. LISC has already produced an investment portfolio and announced a matching grant program as a first step to help neighborhoods begin to implement these projects. What other opportunities exist for the Steering Committee to leverage support for the plans? Andy Frazier suggested the group look at each neighborhood's work plan to determine what resources are needed and identify gaps. Are there cross-cutting issues that we can pursue as an initiative? Greg Fennig suggested that staff create a matrix of resources, to link resources with plans and avoid duplication of efforts. How do we encourage neighborhoods to be entrepreneurial while also efficiently allocating resources to leverage investment? Sara VanSlambrook invited anyone interested to attend the upcoming Demonstration Working Group retreat.

V. Working Group Updates

Engagement Sarah Grain recapped awards made during the first round of 2008 through the IMAGINE grants program. Forest Manor Multi-service Center, Indianapolis Project School; and the Martindale Brightwood CDC Rainbow Project all were awarded funding. The next application deadline is May 28th.

The committee is very encouraged by the progress of the initiative, and has moved towards a required TA session for all applicants. The Steering Committee then watched a 5-minute video reporting on the Taste Difference Project, a project funded by IMAGINE and awarded to the Lafayette Square Area Coalition.

VI. **Communications**

Brienne Delaney recapped the April 8 unveiling event. On April 9 Mayor Ballard mentioned GINI in his state of the city address. The committee has a new member, Rafael Ayala of Radio Latina. The Urban Times ran a story about the IMAGINE grant awarded to the Center for Inquiry.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

Next Steering Committee Meeting will take place on July 23, 2008 from 7:30-9:00AM @ MIBOR