

College/Seminary Task Force Meeting December 13, 2006

Morgan Street Bridge

Rich Kerhlikar of CMT (Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.) did a presentation on past activities and future plans for replacing the Morgan Street bridge. Most of the points that he made are covered in the information sheet he handed out at the start of the meeting. Additional points made during his presentation included the following:

- ◆ Most of the Phase I work (about 90%) is done.
- ◆ Right-of-way acquisition is planned for 2008.
- ◆ Bidding out the project and actual construction is planned for 2009-2012 (first two years are to build the bridge; the third year is for related roadway improvements).
- ◆ College Avenue will be expanded to 3 lanes between Seminary and Kishwaukee with the center lane being a turn lane for those turning left.

Surveys

Due to the lateness of the hour, Task Force members were asked to go over the revised draft survey form that had been e-mailed or mailed to them before the meeting and be prepared to discuss any changes to it at the next meeting. We will also decide on how best to do the survey at that time.

Neighborhood Assets

The following were mentioned as assets to the College/Seminary Focus Area:

- ◆ Rock River
- ◆ Rockford School Board Administration Building
- ◆ Ingersoll/Watch Factory
- ◆ Possible Whitewater Park
- ◆ Riverwalk
- ◆ Salvation Army
- ◆ HOME Board
- ◆ History of the neighborhood
- ◆ Possible Metra service
- ◆ RMTD bus routes
- ◆ Weed & Seed
- ◆ ORCHiD
- ◆ Opportunities for housing values to increase
- ◆ Return of Brewington Oaks to its original purpose
- ◆ Churches
- ◆ Diverse population
- ◆ Morgan Street Bridge project
- ◆ Bridge project will enhance existing commercial on College Avenue
- ◆ Replace Jane Addams development with a park
- ◆ Historic properties
- ◆ Nelson Park
- ◆ Kishwaukee School (off the Watch List, moving up)
- ◆ Community Police
- ◆ Junior golf course
- ◆ Some commercial
- ◆ Joseph Behr
- ◆ Haas Towing

- ◆ Rockford Auto Parts
- ◆ Winnebago County Health Department
- ◆ Potential statue of Jane Addams
- ◆ Within walking distance of downtown
- ◆ Just outside the neighborhood – Patriot Gateway Center and Barber-Colman

Next meeting

- ◆ Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 5:30 PM
- ◆ Jane Addams Community Center (510 Seminary Street)
- ◆ Agenda
 - ◆ Survey contents and how to get it done
 - ◆ Plans of participating organizations