

College/Seminary Focus Area Task Force Meeting Notes for June 13, 2007

While discussion focused on completing the table of action steps to be included in the plan, some specific issues were raised as well. These included

- ◆ A large tree at 819 Seminary Street looming over neighboring property. The tree is on City-owned property. (Note: Community Development Department will take care of it.)
- ◆ Problem tree at 325 Bremer; tree is on the house side of the sidewalk.
- ◆ Why hasn't 629 South Third Street been secured?
- ◆ Do properties need to be continually called in for weeds?
- ◆ Questions about fast tracking demolitions.

Table of action steps

- ◆ Improve Safety and Security

Item 1c – show 15% reduction in serious crimes by 2010

- ◆ Bring New Retail to the Neighborhood

Item 1c – look for a PR firm willing to donate time to prepare something the industry generally uses for site specific projects

Item 2b – rehab 5 homes per year for 4 more years

Item 2d – check with Adam Smith about partnering with the truancy program

Add Item 3 – reference the whitewater park project and potential for impact down to Morgan Street/College Avenue

- ◆ Redevelopment of RHA Properties in the Neighborhood

Item 3 – reference whitewater park's potential impact on College Avenue area

Item 3 – reconvert Brewington Oaks to seniors and disabled only, then de-density by \pm 50%

- ◆ Establish a Community Center and Community Garden(s)

Item 1a – define what makes a property “work”

Other suggestions

- ◆ Ensure there is sufficient lighting of the Jane Addams site so it doesn't go dark after demolition.
- ◆ Prepare an information booklet on fast track – how it works, what it can do, what it can't do.
- ◆ Ald. Bell would like to identify problem properties citywide, then explain the situation to state legislators. The goal would be to improve the process for dealing with these properties so they don't remain problems for years.
- ◆ Incorporate the change in demographics that will result from demolition of Jane Addams into the plan document.

Next Meeting

July 11th at 5:30 PM

510 Seminary Street (one more time)