



Harbor Bridge Livability Plan Subcommittee Meeting Notes

February 7, 2019 – Oveal Williams Senior Center

Introductions and Opening Remarks

Christopher Amy, TxDOT, went over the timeline for the Livability Plan and the Resources Guide with the group. The Resource Guide will be finalized in April and the Livability Plan in May.

The Livability Plan will be delivered to Hillcrest Resident's Association, who can use it as a guide to shepherd livability efforts in the community.

The group introduced themselves.

Chris reminded attendees of the May 7, 2019 5:00 p.m. deadline to participate in the Voluntary Acquisition & Relocation Program (VARP).

Update from Del Richardson & Associates (DRA)

DRA gave an update on the VARP status. 214 properties have been acquired. 276 offers were made to eligible recipients. 253 people have accepted. Over 100 properties have been demolished. 112 properties are scheduled for demolition right now.

Update from the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (The Port)

The Port gave an update on demolitions. Two contractors are carrying out the demolitions. 77 homes have been tested and will be demolished over the next 60 days. The next bundle of homes to be demolished will be in March.

Update from the City of Corpus Christi (COCC)

Christopher Amy talked about the rezoning case in the neighborhood. There is a request for a multifamily/residential (RN1) to be rezoned to commercial/industrial use. The main concern is that it is not following development plans for neighborhood. It is the property that used to house Northside Manor, a former apartment complex. The rezoning hearing that was scheduled for yesterday has now been rescheduled. Dan McGinn, planning director with the COCC said it was rescheduled to February 20 at city council chambers at 5:30 p.m. The zoning request is for about five acres. The applicant is proposing light industrial use for a laydown yard. The request is inconsistent with the plan the COCC has for the downtown area. Mr. McGinn encouraged folks to attend the hearing and speak their comments. From there, it moves forward to city council where final action takes place. Then, another hearing will be held, for which they don't have a date.

Questions from attendees and responses provided included:

Q: Did they do any soil testing at the property?

A: For zoning cases they don't have to do soil testing. To build a structure they do have to test.

Q: What is in the current city plans for that area?

A: It is zoned for a mix of different housing types.

Q: Who is on the City's planning commission?

A: City Council appoints citizens who are residents, engineers, realtors, contractors, finance, among others. Anyone may apply.



Q: Is there a copy of the Sea District Plan available?

A: The Sea District Plan is on the city's website. The plan is to bring Staples Street through to connect to the Sea District area.

Mr. McGinn noted that for the Westside Area Development Plan, the consultant working on that will be in town in March and will set some dates on when the team can start work on that.

Q: Can we have input into Westside Area Development Plan?

A: Yes, the City will put together a stakeholder committee and make sure there is a representative from this group.

Livability Plan Discussion

Participants broke out into groups to discuss the remaining sections of the Livability Plan and gather input. These included Church/Business, Job Training & Education, and Employment. The following is a general overview of comments received during the input sessions.

1. Church/Business

The following comments were discussed regarding the Church/Business section of the Livability Plan table of short-term priorities.

- Attendees agreed maintaining a contact list for church and business leaders would be helpful. The list should include St. John First Baptist Church, Brooks AME Worship Center, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Holy Cross Catholic Church, St. Matthew Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel, and St. John Greenwood
 - Attendees thought receiving information about the following would be useful: programs for senior citizens, new families, volunteers; information about shelters, van transport; and details about hours of operation and services. Example provided were Mother's Day Out programs, programs for teenagers, bible study classes, and information for Meals on Wheels volunteers.
- Hillcrest Residents Association should have regular meetings.
- DRA should provide a list of those who have chosen to stay in the neighborhood.
- Those who will lead livability efforts in the community will most likely be the Community Advisory Board, church leaders, and the Hillcrest Residents' Association.

2. Education

The following comments were discussed regarding the Education section of the Livability Plan table of short-term priorities.

- The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) should provide bus passes for kids and share route changes, especially route 7. The changes should be posted at the Oveal Williams Senior Center and area churches.
- The group discussed several types of classes they would enjoy and that would benefit the community, including: English as a second language courses (ESL); reading programs for kids at libraries; computer literacy; tutoring at churches; financial and tax counseling at the Oveal Williams Senior Center; cosmetology; history of Corpus Christi (perhaps by bringing in a guest speaker such as a historian); bay ecology (suggested Christopher Amy, TxDOT); CPR classes; small business classes; health initiatives, senior health screenings,



monthly health fairs, healthy eating; and home ec-type classes such as cooking classes, wine tasting, cookie/cake decorating, landscaping.

- Access to computers is important. A few locations suggested to have computers are the library, churches, and the Oveal Williams Senior Center.
- Participants stated they would like to know how to suggest activities or programs for the Oveal Williams Senior Center and who the point of contact would be.
- The group discussed what is the role of Solomon Coles High School in the community. They proposed talking to the school principal and finding out what kinds of after school programs they are offering and figuring out what the school's role is as far as community involvement goes.
- The Coastal Compass Education & Career Resource Center was noted as a good source for education in Corpus Christi. Although not in the neighborhood, they offer education, computer training, help with job searches. Dr. Cunningham may be a point of contact.

3. Employment

The following comments were discussed regarding the Employment section of the Livability Plan table of short-term priorities.

- It was suggested to invite Workforce Solutions to a CAB meeting to present on what services they offer and perhaps give quarterly updates. They should share information with churches and community centers to get it out to the community.
- Employment should complement the existing fabric of the community – churches, community centers, family-owned, senior-friendly.
- Encourage media announcement for job openings at new businesses.
- Consider opportunities for seniors that are walkable and/or have bus services.
- Encourage locally-owned businesses, such as nutrition-focuses; beauty-related businesses such as hair and nail salons, barber shops; restaurants, such as buffets
- Employers that provide medical benefits are preferred
- Encourage senior communities within area (safe haven) such as neighborhood groceries (small HEB or Wal-mart), medical facilities, assisted living
- City of Corpus Christi should use tax incentives to encourage and build businesses, and provide focus on minority-owned businesses, job training, grant opportunities
- Revitalize Woodlawn Shopping and Saxon Center
- Neighborhood should play an active role in the Westside Area Development Plan.

4. General comment

- Residents stated they would like to keep the names of existing roads and civic buildings.

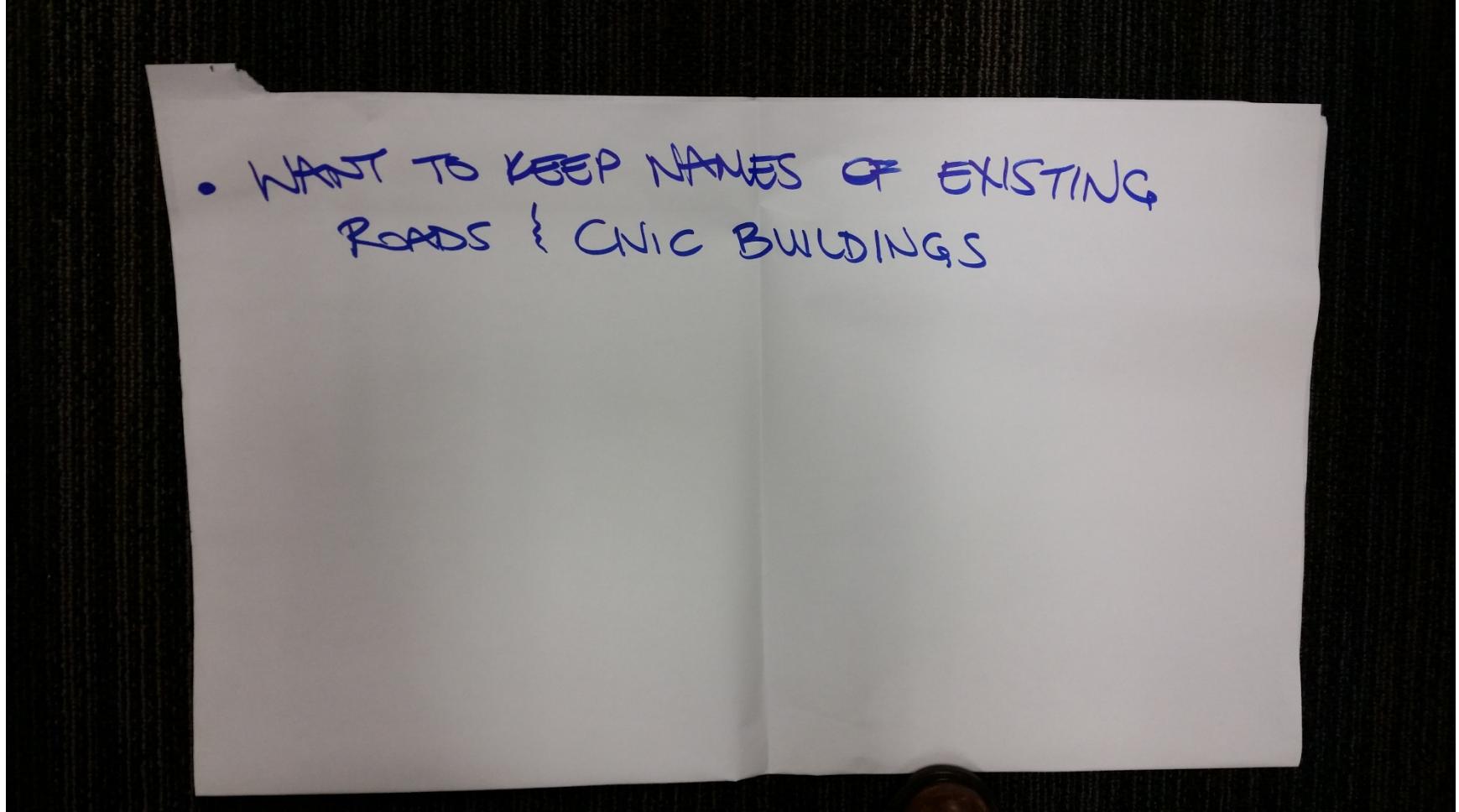
Adjournment

The CAB Chair and TxDOT stated the next CAB meeting would be held on April 4. The meeting was adjourned.

Church/Business		
Topic	Action Item	Community Input
Correspond with leaders to learn what is/isn't working; request updates on their community activities; <u>establish contact list</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. John First Brooks AME St. Paul United Methodist Holy Cross Catholic St. Matthew Baptist Mt. Carmel St. John Greenwood <p>Hillcrest Residents Assoc.</p>	<p>Sr. citizens new families</p> <p>Volunteers shelters</p> <p>Van transport hrs of operation; services, communicate</p> <p>Regular meetings</p>
Mother's Day Out 9:30-2:30pm Teenage Program Bible Study	Get list from DRA for those who remain in the neighborhood	
Meals on Wheels volunteers		
	<p>CAB Church leaders Hillcrest Residents Assoc.</p>	

Education		
Topic	Action Item	Community Input
Correspond with CCISD regarding districting, school transportation Volunteers in classroom Presentation or materials packet about available education services, reading activities	routes (RTA) bus passes for kids ESL classes - adults kids Reading to Kids - Library Library, Oreal - Computers churches - "	route chips Pete? post ad Oreal + churches St. John Paul Matthew Computer Literacy
Tutoring	Churches	
Financial Counseling Taxes Cosmetology History of C.C. Bay Ecology	Oreal Williams	
Small business (d/B/E) Health Initiatives - Sr. health screening Monthly Health Fair	Historian Chris Army	
Home EC Healthy Eating Cooking Classes Wine Tasting Cake/Cookie class Landscaping	what is Solomon's role in the community? 1. Talk to Superintendent → after school programs? 2. What are the boundaries? Comm involvement PDC for Oreal Williams - how to suggest activities	Principal after school programs? Comm involvement
	* Coastal Compass edu computer training Job Match Dr. Cunningham	

Topic	Action Item	Community Input
Workforce Solutions progress reporting	Continued updates from Workforce Solutions rep. (CAB INVITE)	
	WHAT DO THEY OFFER? QUARTERLY CAB UPDATES? ASK FOR INFO. SHARING w/ CHURCHES & COMMUNITY CENTERS	COMPLEMENT EXISTING FABRIC OF COMMUNITY - CHARITIES, COMMUNITY CENTER, FAMILY-FRIENDLY, SENIOR-FRIENDLY.
	ENCOURAGE MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JOB OPENINGS AT NEW BUSINESSES	CONSIDER SENIOR OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE WALKABLE AND/OR THERE IS BUS SERVICE
	ENCOURAGE LOCALLY-OWNED BUSINESS NUTRITIONIST BEAUTY - HAIR, NAILS, BEARER RESTAURANTS - BUFFET, etc.	EMPLOYERS THAT PROVIDE MEDICAL BENEFITS
	CITY - ENCOURAGE TAX INCENTIVES TO BUILD BUSINESSES -- MINORITY OWNED - JOB TRAINING - GRANT OPPORTUNITIES	ENCOURAGE SENIOR COMMUNITIES WITHIN AREA (SAFE HAVEN) - NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY (SMALL MARKET) - MEDICAL FACILITIES - ASSISTED LIVING.
	REDEVELOP REVITALIZE WOODLAWN SHOPPING & SAXET CENTER	
	→ PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN WESTSIDE PLAN ←	



- WANT TO KEEP NAMES OF EXISTING
ROADS & CIVIC BUILDINGS



Save the Date!

Livability Plan Subcommittee Meeting

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

When: Thursday, February 7, 2019

Where: Oveal Williams Senior Center
1414 Martin Luther King Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

The purpose of this meeting will be to review the remaining Livability Plan topics for neighborhood interests. The team will receive feedback from the community.





¡Guarde la fecha!

Reunión del Subcomité del Plan de Habitabilidad

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Las puertas abren a las 5:30 p.m.

Cuándo: jueves, 7 de febrero del 2019

Donde: Oveal Williams Senior Center
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El propósito de esta reunión es revisar los temas restantes que serán incluidos en el Plan de Habitabilidad. El equipo recibirá comentarios de la comunidad.





Harbor Bridge Livability Plan Subcommittee Meeting #7

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Oveal Williams Senior Center
1414 Martin Luther King Drive

PUBLIC SIGN-IN SHEET

Name (Please print) Nombre (Use letra de bloque)	Address Dirección	Phone Teléfono	Email Correo Electrónico	Affiliation (homeowner, tenant, property owner, other) Afiliación (propietario, inquilino, dueño, other)
Apr-B Bassett				CAB Member
M Little				
Rose C. Crawford				Citizen Alliance
Barbara Mason				CAB
HENRY WILLIAMS				CAB + Hillcrest Residents Assoc





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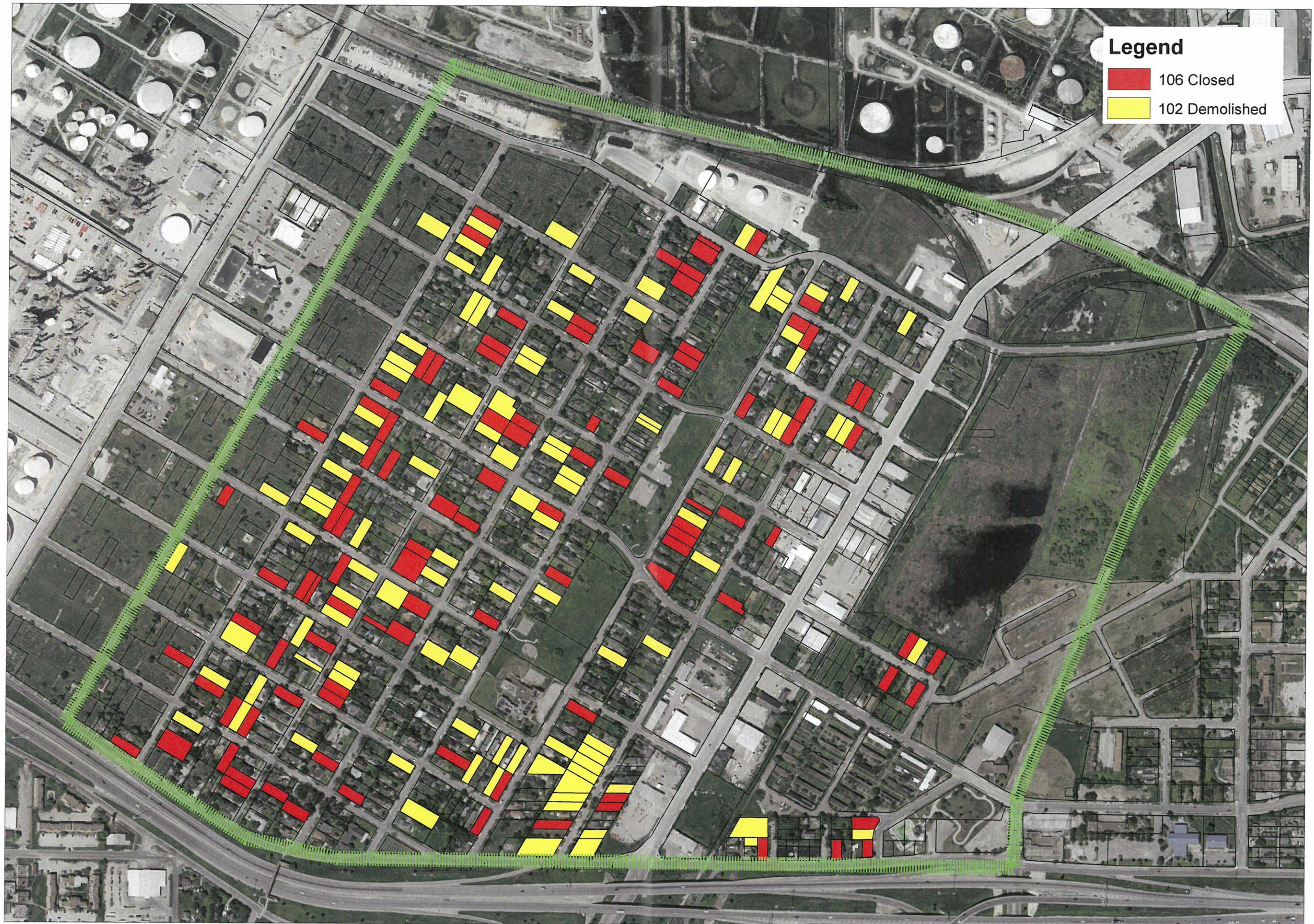
Community Advisory Board - Livability Plan Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, February 7, 2019 – 6:00 -7:30 PM

Oveal Williams Senior Center, 1414 Martin Luther King Drive

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
2. Review timeline for Livability Plan (5 min)
3. Revisit the rezoning process (5 min)
4. Break out into groups to discuss Livability Plan Action Items (30 min)
 - a. Church, Business
 - b. Education
 - c. Employment
 - d. Resource Guide
5. Groups report back and discuss ideas (25 min)
6. Next steps for subcommittee and partner agencies (5 min)

**May 7, 2019 is the deadline to submit a signed expression of interest in the Voluntary Acquisition & Relocation Program.*



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Acquisition Status

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