

Summit Lake Choice Neighborhoods Housing Task Force Meeting Notes 3.23.22

- Update on people and neighborhood components of Choice Neighborhoods work
- Land Use Update
 - Zoning code – need to do legal actions on City’s side to prepare the neighborhood for future investment now that the land use update has been completed
 - Greenway project will help to shorten the long E-W blocks and create a mid-block crossing point – residents are already doing this informally through the vacant lots
 - Home rehabilitation – investment is not just for new residents but also supporting existing residents – will be using ARPA dollars and are finalizing details of the program
 - What does missing middle mean? – middle density – 1-4 units and 5 to 12 units, currently entire neighborhood is zoned single-family
 - Community clean up – application are out, none received by Grace as of yet
 - Will have applications at the community workshops next week
- Vision Statement – added welcoming, family-friendly and emphasis on both new and long-term residents – modified based on input received from the survey
- Early Action Activity – goal is to integrate the Apartments with the neighborhood and others who visit the area
 - Going to be asking community how they would use the space for and types of amenities that would help support that desired use
- Objectives for Summit Lake Apartments redesign
 - Extending roadway through the site into a loop road – creates better block systems for new buildings plus access by the neighborhood
 - Use slope at Long to create formal pedestrian pathway as well as viewpoint
 - Goal is to activate the street with having front doors open on to them
 - Opportunity to have additional green space/buffer that is available to both Apartments residents and the public
 - Comments
 - Ira – parking lot of Summit Lake Nature Center becomes the defacto turnaround – trash trucks come to the dumpster and then turn up Miller
 - Maybe move the lake fronting road back a little bit so that the road extends to Ira, or maybe curve the road instead to Ira (not a straight line so will help to naturally slow traffic)
 - Ranger regularly find motorized miscellaneous things on the Towpath Trail – Segway, scooters, cars – want to keep cars/motorized vehicles off of the Trail
 - Use of landscaping and boulders to help create a barrier to prevent cars/vehicles to get on to the path
 - Parking lot to Nature Center is never gated off, but is officially closed based on park hours, but no formal enforcement after hours
- Off-Site Housing
 - Are considering a couple of off-site locations – possibly St. Mary’s site or NW corner of Summit Lake next to the North Shore work
 - Are focusing on other locations in the neighborhood because of site and neighborhood standards that will be difficult to identify in Akron

- Would also be mixed income like on-site
 - If apply for implementation grant, will probably target for FY2023, and would apply again if not successful the first time around
- Common area amenities
 - List is similar to what Akron Civic Commons saw when asking similar questions
- Developer proposals – hope to have internal scoring results by the end of this week and interview the top two candidates with award to come mid-April
- Phase 2 – report received this morning and initial quick review of report from consultant showed that there were no concerns that would impact residential redevelopment of the site – AMHA will review report more closely to confirm