

## Summit Lake Choice Neighborhoods

### Housing Task Force Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2022 @ 11am

Attendees: Interface Studio- Stacey Chen; AMHA- Erin Myers, Katie Jakubcin, Crystal Neloms; City of Akron- Dylan Garritano; GSI- Riana Pogue, Marki Johnson; TLC – Nina Liou; Summit County Land Bank – Patrick Bravo; Summit Lake CDC – Grace Hudson; Alpha Phi Homes – Al Bragg

#### Agenda

1. Choice Neighborhoods Updates
  - a. The annotated outline was submitted in December which provides information on the progress made thus far and is a check-in for HUD.
  - b. A copy of the draft data book will be posted online in the upcoming website update or Erin Myers can directly email a copy upon request.
2. Draft Vision Feedback – For revisions
  - a. No oppositions or disagreements with the draft vision statement mentioned.
3. Early Start Projects - \$375,000 available
  - a. Deciding how to move forward on the five options for early start projects which include: clean-ups, improvements to slow down traffic, pilot greenways on vacant land, exterior home renovations, and an informational kiosk off the Towpath trail at Lewis St.
    - i. Summit Lake CDC is moving forward with facilitating a program led by the residents for neighborhood clean-ups with the assistance of the city of Akron and other resources. Will launch in April.
    - ii. The city of Akron traffic engineer is providing information about what is needed to implement different options to slow down traffic in Summit Lake, as it's been mentioned as a recurring issue.
    - iii. Land Use is identifying locations for possible green pathways on vacant land in Summit Lake to break up long City blocks and provide open space in the neighborhood.
    - iv. City is planning on launching an exterior home renovation program throughout the city using ARPA funds – discussing possibility of a target home renovation program specific to Summit Lake.
    - v. Informational kiosk on east side of the lake is still in the exploration phase with conversations with Summit Metro Parks and Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance. Kiosk would help connect Summit Lake and Kenmore.
4. Housing Updates
  - a. AMHA issued a developer request for proposals on January 10<sup>th</sup>. This would include an architect to help design buildings in partnership with the community.
  - b. A pre-submittal conference was held January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.
  - c. Proposals are due February 18<sup>th</sup>. Approximately in March it'll be finalized on who's selected and/or short-listed as the developer.
  - d. Environmental
    - i. AMHA is reviewing proposals and gathering quotes for the Phase 2 Assessment. Process should be completed in the next few weeks.

- e. Establishing parameters for Housing program
  - i. It's important to understand the capacity of the site based on the current parameters (zoning, land use, parking, etc.).
  - ii. All 239 units of Summit Lake will be replaced; there will be no loss of deeply affordable units. In addition, additional units will produced including more affordable and some market rate units. Looking at if off-site parcels will be needed to develop the housing program and will be talking with the city about potential parcels for new units.
  - iii. Initial conversations for housing programs will begin this week. Future site planning will be based on the parameters agreed to.
- 5. Next Steps
  - a. People
    - i. Focus groups with residents and service providers in February or March.
  - b. Housing
    - i. During next workshop in March/April 2022 will provide opportunities for the community to give input and feedback on the site plan options, so a preferred option can be refined for the draft Transformation Plan due in June 2022.
  - c. Neighborhood:
    - i. Land use plans are being finalized and we are working with the city to understand what they are moving forward with in the short-term.