

**Summit Lake Choice Neighborhoods**  
**Land Use/Neighborhood Task Force Meeting**  
**May 20, 2021**  
**Notes**

**Attendees:** Tom (Alpha Homes), Bob + Joe (South Street Ministries), Emily (METRO), Kyle (Western Reserve Community Fund), Tina (Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance), Dee + Nick (Summit Metro Parks), Captain Chris Brown (Akron Police), Dan (Ohio Erie Canalway Coalition), Brian, Debbie, Erin, Katie (AMHA), Sandy + Grace (Summit Lake CDC + Resident), Alex (Jobs Plus + Resident), David (Seventh Hill), Scott + Stacey (Interface Studio), Nina (The Liou Choice)

- Welcome and introductions
- Choice activities to date
- Review of neighborhood conditions
- Next steps
- *Question: Are you collecting data from past residents? – Have not considered until now, question of how to find those residents. Possible in AMHA system, but others. What is the value in collection of information from past residents? Last decade or two have seen a very transient resident population. Will discuss further with team what could be possible and purpose.*
- *Comment: Need to work on community building and identity. Have official Summit Lake neighborhood boundary and then Choice boundary which are different. – Need to recognize the official Summit Lake neighborhood and then label Choice area as a AMHA focal area within the larger neighborhood to help familiarize residents with the different focus areas by the two different initiatives.*
- *Question: Do we know which vacant lots have development plans already or will be changing hands? In other words, what is truly available for development? Will be working on gathering that information and know that the city is also looking at that data for the Land Use work (ownership, tax value, etc.)*
- Akron Civic Commons update
  - Connecting residents to Summit Lake and Lock 3 creating trails and public spaces are accessible and equitable – hope to be fully funded by the end of the year
  - Trail plan is 70% designed, will be doing a public presentation of the designs soon
    - Anticipate ground breaking this fall 2021 with completion in 2022.
  - North Shore – looking to do construction bidding in Feb/Mar 2022
- Land use plan update
  - Website is up – oursummitlake.com
  - Neighborhoods Walks on May 27<sup>th</sup> with 3 different routes – RSVP on-line
  - Summit Lake Clean Up – May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9-12
- *Question: How are the other Resident Advisory Board members getting the information from this meeting or getting information about the Neighborhood Walk or clean up? They were concerned about this and not getting information about what is happening. And if they don't know about the events and see them happening, that only fuels the mistrust in the neighborhood. This includes the letter that was sent to Open M about sidewalks. Asked neighbors if they got the letter and none had.*
  - Land Use team has sent email and doing follow-up calls
  - Choice team with coordinate with Land Use to get information from this meeting to the RAB members.

- *Regarding sidewalks, did some research after the meeting yesterday and not sure what is going on. There is some confusion as to what dollars are available and what they are being used for. Are still doing some research to clarify.*
- *Dee from Summit Metro Parks recommended using the Summit Lake Facebook page to post information about the two events. Also offered up two sides of the 3-sided kiosk at Reach and dedicate a side to Land Use and Choice each to post information.*