

Neighborhood Task Force Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2021 @ 11am

Attendees: Interface Studio – Stacey Chen, Scott Page; AMHA – Debbie Barry, Erin Myers, Katie Jakubcin, Myia Jeffries, Charde Deans; City of Akron – Dylan Garritano; GSI – Riana Pogue; TLC – Nina Liou; Summit Lake Resident – Sandra Saulsberry; Reach – Greg Guarneri; SLA Resident, Summit Lake CDC – Grace Hudson; South Street Ministries – Joe Tucker; Ohio Erie Canalway/ACC – Daniel Rice; GAR Foundation – Bronlynn Thurman; Open M – Christine Curry; Seventh Hill – David Jurca; Development Finance Authority – Kyle Julien; Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance – Tina Boyes

- Neighborhood survey ongoing for another week. The SLA resident surveys are done.
- Interviews of residents, stakeholders and providers are done.
- Land Use
 - Workshop 2.0 September 28th @ 6-7:30pm @ REACH Center (RSVP)
 - Feedback from previous events and surveys will be presented to residents
 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/our-summit-lake-community-workshop-tickets-170434295566>
 - 3rd event - to share community plan for land use
- Joe Tucker - What are next steps as far as developing or future design for future land use?
 - Still working through this at the city of Akron
 - Still listening and learning resident input
 - Resulting document will serve as a guide for how future development proposals will be reviewed and whether they are aligned with the community's vision
- Kyle Julien - Issue of residents wanting front porches – not permitted in some areas of Akron
 - There are building regulations that must be followed, such as wide lots, which forces driveways, garages, and sides of buildings to front the street – end up with homes that don't look like anything in the neighborhood
 - City is looking at possible design guidelines to enable narrower lot development and front porches
- Sandy Saulsberry - Helpful to see what SLA residents said, want to see what the neighborhood says and see where there is commonality and differences
 - No neighborhood school – really has impacted neighborhood – kids going everywhere, nothing for the community to be centered around, would like to see a school return
- Joe Tucker - would value deeper discussion/direction about zoning and urban ag corridor