

LIBERTY SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT

Community Engagement Session 03: COMMUNITY AMENITIES AND SERVICES

Liberty Square Community Center

October 20, 2016 | 6:00 – 8:00pm

SUMMARY

The meeting focused on those community amenities and services that will be provided in the redevelopment project. The goal of these meetings is threefold: 1- To provide updates and information on the redevelopment process. 2- To respond to community questions and concerns, and 3- To gather community input. Several visual presentations on the proposed community amenities, services, recreational areas, and programs followed. Presenters responded to questions and comments from the community [See Meeting 3 Agenda]. Attendees were informed that a summary of the proceedings, accompanied by the full visual presentation, will be posted at: www.newlibertysquare.com.

PROJECT UPDATE

Currently the design and development team is in the process of gaining clearance from the State of Florida to restore the historic Liberty Square Community Center.

COMMUNITY SERVICES PRESENTATION

Modis Architects and Design2Form

The presentation identified and described the recreational areas and community services that will be created in the new Liberty Square development. The Community Center will remain and be restored due to its historical value. The new recreational areas and multipurpose field will be located in an easily accessible, central location of the new development, surrounded by the New Liberty Square community.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- **New Community Center:** The new community center will be across the street from the current building and in the center of the community; will provide sight lines for the community. The new Community Center will house early learning programs and the Police Athletic League Program
- **Renovated Historic Liberty Square Community Center:** Will house historical exhibits and the Senior Center, including educational programs and other community activities.
- **Community Pool:** 80' x 40' swimming pool with all the amenities (locker rooms, storage, etc)
- **Playground:** Will be designed for ADA accessibility; will have activities for different age groups
- **Multipurpose Field:** For football, soccer, etc; community park located to the north for events

JESSIE TRICE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Family Health Center Staff

Presentation focused on services and facilities that will be available to the Liberty Square community.

MISSION:

Improve the health quality for our diverse south Florida community by providing and increasing access to quality comprehensive primary care services

- Serving Liberty City since 1967. Created to provide local community medical services
- Provides care regardless of ability to pay (insured and uninsured)
- 50 locations – 40 locations are at schools. John H. Peavy Clinic at Miami Northwestern Senior High School is open to students and also the public

SERVICES:

- Pediatrics, dental, senior care, HIV/AIDS services, mental health, Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), family medicine, nutrition/diabetes classes – have access to other services such as optometry and dental – offer in team based approach
- Dental services, including in-house: Emergency/preventative/restorative; pediatric dental services
- Opa-locka Children's Wellness Center
- Women's Health Center at North Shore
- Medication Management Services

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JUVENILE SERVICES

- Age group: 18 years and under. Work is preventative in nature: After school programs, mentoring, tutoring, summer school and camp, etc

MARTIN LUTHER KING INSTITUTE

Legislated as assistance to local government in 1993

- Assisting community with bettering relationships with law enforcement

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Plan to have 1st class learning center from birth to Pre-K.
- Model school, top school in Liberty City will be located in Liberty Square.
- Would like to learn from the community about the kind of center it will want.

FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- Voluntary scholarship fund – developers will put aside fund to send young people from Liberty Square to college

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS | COMMENTS | RESPONSES:

Q. Jessie Trice: What about a job at Jessie Trice?

R. This topic will be covered during the October 27th meeting, which focuses specifically on Economic Development and Section 3 Hiring.

Q. Will there be other stakeholders involved? Plan for focus group?

R. Early learning center – modeled after United Way Development School – further meetings to discuss topic further

MIAMI CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE

Education (families and children)

Liberty Square Education Center will be modeled after the United Way Demonstration School

Q. Will multiple organizations be a part of the discussion?

R. Yes, including Miami Children's Initiative

HELPING HANDS YOUTH CENTER

Homework assistance, computer lab, field trips, sports teams, mentorship

Age group: 6 – 16 years old

Q. What is the long-term plan for upkeep and maintenance? Safety? Will there be a substation?

R. Upkeep and maintenance will be done. Public Safety was the subject of the 10/13/2016 meeting [notes and presentations posted online]. We are not yet sure about a substation.

Q. Some residents have received letters about moving. More information is needed.

R. Individual meetings will be held in smaller group sessions to discuss all resident transfers.

NOTE:

This document, drafted by FIU and finalized in consultation with Miami Dade County PHCD and Related Urban, was prepared as a brief summary of the topics discussed on 10.20.2016. It does not constitute full minutes of the meeting.