

MINUTES

CITY OF DEKALB

Annie Glidden North Community Services Subcommittee Meeting

Held in Dekalb City Hall on April 30, 2018 at 6:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Herb Rubin.

- A. Roll Call
Present were Chad Glover, Dan Kenney, Gip Seaver, Deanna Cada, Jamie Craven,

Tiara Huggins, Valerie Redmond.
- B. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve by Chad Glover, Seconded by Dan Kenney. All in favor.
- C. Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2018 and March 7, 2018
Motion to approve by Chad Glover, Seconded by Gip Seaver. All in favor.
- D. Public Participation
None.

E. Items for Discussion

The Committee reviewed initiatives and goals from the March 15th meeting to formulate final recommendations. Comments from the committee:

Residents know what is available but not sure how to access. Need to expand awareness to include what is available and how to access it.

Need to consider the needs and priorities of the residents.

The Community Center would be a resource center for agencies to use for services and multi-purpose space for job fairs and the like. Facility for meals. Basketball court. Bringing in social services for easier access.

Pros and Cons of organization types. Community Development Corporation (CDC) = funding from public and private sources, can purchase property and redevelop.

Is the issue that we don't have enough services or access/awareness? Need to understand the issues around transportation and service to effectively develop a broader strategy.

Why do residents not use transportation that is available... stigma, not compatible with needs (limits on groceries on Transvac)

Develop an understanding of obstacles to access of services. Analysis of barriers beyond access. Review of barriers to use of available resources. Analyze both resident needs as well as limitations to existing resources to determine if resources match demand. (transportation, insurance for services)

Communication/Awareness Campaign. Create and maintain a comprehensive and ongoing awareness and information campaign of social services available in the community and guidance on how to access those services.

- Goal –** Engage residents in the community
- Promote 211 for information on social services
- Host Community outreach events such as picnics or fairs
- Leverage stores for communications – utilizing frequented locations for info
- Word of mouth may be more effective than door-to-door
- Resource Fair hosted by DeKalb County Permanency Action Committee – 2 year
- Community Expo

Community Center. Identify physical space within the AGN neighborhood that can provide sufficient space necessary for social service and other community programs deemed necessary for improving the quality of life. The physical space could take the form of construction of a community center, conversion of an existing building into a community center, or coordination of existing space suitable for the space needs of an appropriate social service delivery and community programming. (CHAD)

- Goal –** Identify a site for community center and develop a financial plan

Build and Link Partnerships. Create an AGN CDC that would commence as the AGN Task Force proceeds. The group should be comprised of representatives of various stakeholder groups and residents that would promote ongoing engagement and collaboration between the diverse interest in the neighborhood.

Goal – Build a coalition of partners and engage them

Tenants Association

Landlords and Property Owners

Police Department Outreach Representatives

Businesses

Churches

Homeowners Groups

Student Groups, Greeks, International

Service agencies

NIU – Nursing, Campus Child Care, Child Development, NGO, Law School, Career Services,

Division of Outreach, Engagement, and Regional Development

Motion to accept the 3 components, move to approve by Gip Seaver, seconded by Deanna Cada.

F. Adjournment

Move to adjourn by Dan Kenney, seconded by Chad Glover at 7:30 pm

Minutes by Lisa Kaye Bergeron, Center for Governmental Studies

Minutes approved by the AGN Task Force on: May 7, 2018