

Eau Claire Neighborhood Revitalization Summit Meeting Notes

April 14, 2016, 7:00 PM
RCU Corporate Center, Community Room
200 Riverfront Terrace, Eau Claire

1. Darryl Tufte, Director of Community Development provided a brief welcome. This is the fourth meeting of the Neighborhood committee.

2. Presentation and Discussion of Options for Eau Claire:

A. Current Neighborhood Actions: Darryl requested each table take time during the meeting to have a discussion about the Menu of Actions, a document listing identified issues from the past three neighborhood revitalization meetings. He asked each table to review and prioritize the current action items. Following the table discussions, Darryl asked each of the six tables to speak briefly about what they found most important.

A member noted that the opted-out issue with the historic preservation program is very polarizing and the City may desire to look at other revitalization efforts first.

An individual also discussed the action item regarding, "public housing and rent assistance for low-income, homeless and other needy households." They would like to change the word "needy."

Individual voting on the action items took place. Each participant, either committee member or interested party, voted on their top six items. These results were collected and will be shared in a report at the next meeting.

B. Possible additional neighborhood actions: Darryl again asked each table to take some time to review and prioritize the list of action items for future consideration. Following the table discussions, Darryl again asked each table to speak briefly about future needs. Three additional action items were added to the list for voting, which included incorporating arts and culture, affordable housing, and marketing neighborhoods.

A question was asked about implementing the residential parking permit program for the Mayo Hospital area. With these programs, parking for tenants and home owners is permitted with a sticker (guest parking permits can also be obtained). This area will be a pilot project before addressing other neighborhood street parking concerns.

Another member requested clarification on the action item about adopting the tax incremental financing (TIF) district asking whether this applies to low income individuals. TIF districts must meet specific criteria.

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3. Darryl gave closing remarks. The meeting ended at 9 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 7 p.m. Bill Weber will prepare a report based on the items voted on.