

Appendix II - Neighborhood Meetings Outreach Materials

IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD

COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN



September 20, 2007

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****MEDIA ADVISORY FOR WEDNESDAY****

September 26, 2007, 6:30 p.m., EDT

Idora Neighborhood Meeting Planned for Wednesday
Planning Department looks for input from residents for
neighborhood plan

The City of Youngstown Planning Department will be holding an Idora Neighborhood Meeting on Wednesday to receive input from neighborhood residents about changes and improvements they would like to see in their neighborhood. City planners and students from The Ohio State University City and Regional Planning Graduate Program will be facilitating discussion among residents of Youngstown's Idora Neighborhood to solicit their input. This meeting will be part of a longer, comprehensive process of creating a neighborhood plan that will lead to visible changes in the Idora Neighborhood.

WHAT: Idora Neighborhood planning meeting to share ideas and promote dialogue among residents and planners.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. EDT

WHO: Karen Perkins, Youngstown Planning Department
The Ohio State University Planning Team

WHERE: Rescue Mission Distribution Center
2246 Glenwood Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio



Idora Neighborhood Meeting!!!



September 26, 2007

6:30pm

Rescue Mission Distribution Center
2246 Glenwood Avenue

We need your input to make your neighborhood a better place to live!
Refreshments will be provided!



Contact the City of Youngstown Planning Department at 330-742-8842 for more information



Idora Neighborhood Plan
26 S. Phelps Street
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

September 18, 2007

Dear Debora Flora,

Thank you for attending the Idora Neighborhood Stakeholder Meeting on August 9, 2007. We were very pleased with the attendance of the diverse group of individuals with ties to the neighborhood. The continued involvement from citizens like you is critical to the development and implementation of the plan. Your valued input will be sought throughout this entire process and we hope that you will continue to play a significant role in Idora's revitalization.

Since the Stakeholder Meeting, a parcel-by-parcel survey of housing vacancy has been completed in addition to an updated inventory of vacant land.. This survey provides us with a current snapshot of neighborhood conditions. OSU students have also walked the neighborhood passing out fliers and talking to residents about the planning process. Overall, residents are excited that the City and OSU students are working to create positive changes in the neighborhood. We have begun the process of contacting the faith based organization that is foreclosing on the former Idora Park site in order to gain an understanding of their future plans for the parcel.

A neighborhood meeting is being organized for Wednesday, September 26 at 6:30pm at the Rescue Mission Distribution Center on Glenwood Avenue. We encourage your attendance and hope to see you there. The neighborhood meeting will be followed by an organized neighborhood clean up to be held on Saturday, September 29.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact Karen Perkins at the Youngstown Planning Department at 330-742-8842. Again, thank you in advance for your continued involvement in revitalization efforts of the Idora neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Karen Perkins
City of Youngstown Planning Department

Ian Beniston
OSU Planning Team



Idora Neighborhood Plan
26 S. Phelps Street
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

September 17, 2007

Reverend Robert M. Bland
Teen Missions International
885 East Hall Rd.
Merritt Island, Florida 32953

Dear Reverend Bland:

We are writing you in regards to the former Idora Park parcel of land in Youngstown, Ohio. As you may know, the City of Youngstown has recently adopted its Youngstown 2010 comprehensive plan. According to the plan, the city is divided into planning districts, which includes the Idora neighborhood. Implementation of the 2010 plan calls for developing neighborhood plans for each of the planning districts. The district plans will engage the community, encourage resident involvement and ownership of the plan, guide the future development of the neighborhood, and make the Youngstown 2010 plan successful. As a civic organization, we know you can appreciate our process and goal.

As we begin the neighborhood planning process for the Idora neighborhood, we are anticipating many inquiries from concerned residents regarding the Idora Park parcel. As Teen Missions International (TMI) paid the delinquent taxes on the parcel on behalf of Mt. Calvary Church, we assume TMI will acquire control of the property. In anticipation of residents' questions and concerns during our first meeting, we find it prudent to ask if you could provide information on the future plans for the land.

We would also like to invite you to participate in the Idora neighborhood planning process. The kickoff date is September 26, 2007, and the meeting will begin discussions of future land use and community organization for the neighborhood.

More information about the Youngstown 2010 plan is available from its website at www.youngstown2010.com.

Please feel free to contact Karen Perkins at 330-742-8842 should you have any questions regarding this letter or the Idora neighborhood planning process. We look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you on September 26th.

Sincerely,

Karen Perkins
City of Youngstown Planning Department

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OSU Planning Team



November 5, 2007

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****MEDIA ADVISORY FOR WEDNESDAY****

November 14, 2007, 7:00 p.m., EDT

Idora Neighborhood Meeting 2 Planned
Planning Department and The Ohio State University
Students to present Goals and Strategies for improving
the neighborhood

The City of Youngstown Planning Department will be holding the second Idora Neighborhood Meeting as part of the ongoing neighborhood planning process on **Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00pm** to receive feedback from residents on the goals and strategies developed to improve the neighborhood. The Ohio State University City and Regional Planning Graduate Program will be facilitating small group discussions among residents to gain their feedback on the progress of the plan. Neighborhood residents will also make a brief presentation about the newly formed Block Watch called the Idora Neighborhood Association.

WHAT: Idora Neighborhood planning meeting to share progress made on the neighborhood plan and to inform residents about the newly formed block watch.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 7:00p.m. EDT

WHO: Karen Perkins, City of Youngstown Planning Department
Ian Beniston, The Ohio State University Planning Team

WHERE: Rescue Mission Distribution Center
2246 Glenwood Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio



Idora Neighborhood Meeting 2!!!



November 14, 2007

7:00pm

Rescue Mission Distribution Center
2246 Glenwood Avenue

The progress of the neighborhood plan will be discussed. Your involvement is critical, so please mark your calendar. Refreshments will be provided!!

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November 5, 2007

Dear Idora Neighborhood Resident,

We appreciate your attendance at the last Idora neighborhood meeting on September 26. The meeting was a success due to a great turnout and meaningful comments from residents such as you. We would like to request your attendance at our next neighborhood meeting to be held on **November 14, 2007 at 7:00pm at the Rescue Mission Distribution Center located at 2246 Glenwood Avenue.** The planning team will be presenting goals created for the revitalization of your neighborhood, along with detailed strategies on how to achieve each one of them. There will be a brief presentation followed by small group discussion on each of the goals. The group discussion is intended to help us gather your feedback on the goals that we have created. Your input is extremely valuable as the goals and strategies within this plan our based on your concerns. Neighborhood residents will also give a brief presentation about the newly formed Block Watch. Please do not hesitate to contact the planning team if you have any questions or concerns. We hope to see you on November 14 at 7:00pm at the Rescue Mission.

Sincerely,

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Adopt a park or school playground and paint over graffiti. Sponsor a block party, holiday dinner, or volleyball or softball game that will provide neighbors a chance to get to know each other.

- **Other aspects of community safety.** For instance, start a block parent program to help children in emergency situations.

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A WATCH MEMBER?

- Be alert!
- Know your neighbors and watch out for each other.
- Report suspicious activities and crimes to the police or sheriff's department.
- Learn how you can make yourself and your community safer.

WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES SHOULD I BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AS A WATCH MEMBER?

- Someone screaming or shouting for help.
- Someone looking in windows of houses and parked cars.
- Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home or from closed businesses.
- Cars, van, or trucks moving slowly with no apparent destination or without lights.
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child.

Report these incidents to the police or sheriff's department. Talk about concerns and problems with your neighbors.

HOW SHOULD I REPORT THESE INCIDENTS?

- Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number.
- Give your name and address.
- Explain what happened.
- Briefly describe the suspect: sex and race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, distinctive characteristics such as a beard, mustache, scars, or accent.
- Describe the vehicle if one was involved: color; make, model, year, license plate, and special features such as stickers.

Idora Neighborhood Association
 Established November 2007
 More information can be on the Youngstown 2010 website.
http://youngstown2010.com/cdc_watch_list



For More information Please Contact the Idora Neighborhood Association Block Watch Captain, James London
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Take a Stand Against Crime
 Join a Neighborhood Watch



Idora Neighborhood Association Block Watch Primer



Neighborhood Watch, Block Watch, Town Watch, Building Watch, Crime Watch – whatever the name, its one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the communities they server.

WHY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

- It works. Throughout the country, dramatic decreases in burglary and related offenses are reported by law enforcement professionals in communities with active Watch Programs
- Today's transient society produces communities that are less personal. Many families have two working parents and children involved in many activities that keep them away from home. An empty house in a neighborhood where none of the neighbors know the owner is a primary target for burglary.
- Neighborhood Watch also helps build pride and serves as a springboard for efforts that address other community concerns such as recreation for youth, child care, and affordable housing.

WHO CAN BE INVOLVED?

Any community resident can join – young and old, single and married, renter and homeowner. Even the busiest of people can belong to a Neighborhood Watch – they too can keep an eye out for neighbors as they come and go.

WHAT DOES A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH DO?

A Neighborhood Watch is neighbors helping neighbors. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Members meet their neighbors, learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activity that raises their suspicions to the police or sheriff's office.

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF A WATCH PROGRAM?

- **Community meetings.** These should be set up on a regular basis such as bi-monthly, monthly, or six times a year.
- **Citizens' or community patrol.** A citizens' patrol is made up of volunteers who walk or drive through the community and alert police to crime and questionable activities. Not all Neighborhood Watches need a citizens' patrol.
- **Communications.** These can be a simple as a weekly flier posted on community announcement boards to a newsletter that updates neighbors on the progress of the program to a neighborhood electronic bulletin board.
- **Special events.** These are crucial to keep the program going and growing. Host talks or seminars that focus on current issues such as hate or bias-motivated violence, crime in schools, teenage alcohol and other drug abuse or domestic violence.

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