

West Side Voices Forum - November 12, 2019

Meeting starts at 6:30

Scorecard Team Nominations announcement

Karen Reid- Neighborhood Development Alliance (NeDA)

Background of Oakdale Townhouse development

Approval given from WSCO groups for the triplex (Phase One)

Subsidy of Triplex (over \$250,000 needed) triggered need for union bidding (city)

Bids exceeded the budget

Requirements for Triplex- Sprinklers, Storm Water, Common Interest Community (association of residents) (CIC)

Decided to go back and do duplex

Can split the lot, no need for CIC

Don't have to use union, would use either NeDA as a general contractor

Or a women/ minority owned business

Adding front porches and back patios

Would take off one unit so units remaining are touching on stairways and closet side

Oakdale properties are polluted, county currently paying for half, city other half

Phase Two would be five units on other lots on Oakdale. NeDA is considering a series of duplexes, will be back to WSCO regarding that.

Questions:

These would be on the market for ~ \$215,000

Pollution is from households, just about PCA limits (Ash, mercury)

City doesn't put over \$175,000 in subsidy

Exterior materials would be vinyl and hardie board

Energy efficient, energy star homes (blower door etc)

Timeline- karen will go back to the city, bid out to contractors, could have a spring start

Labor- NeDA usually uses the City vendor outreach list to send bids too

Monica Bryand recommends that Voices write a letter of support for the modified project

Vote- all 4's and 5's

Request for a friendly amendment for the highest possible quality materials

Question about how community feedback was incorporated into final designs

Action item- reconvene oakdale community group to check back in

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Request for meeting notes form Oakdale community meetings

Tenant Organizing -

Charlotte-

Update on current work

High amount of cost burdened folks (more that 50% of income goes to rent) who live in vulnerable situations and cant advocate for themselves

Update on 166 George

Know your rights training at the library on Saturday November 16th

Kristen Birth (Fair Housing Coordinator) will be there presenting on the Tenant protection policy moving through city council

Everyone is invited to join WSCO's "West Side Housing Justice" facebook group

There will be breakout discussions at future WSV meetings

WSCO Updates:

CNU Viaduct Project

Violence conversation

West Side anchor institution meeting this morning for response plan for crisis

December 3 - tentative date for target community meeting

Violence prevention/ interruption models are currently being considered by Mayor

December 6th - West Side Equitable Development Scorecard at St Paul Planning

Commission. If it is passed it will go to the City Council, go through 4 readings and public comment. Hopefully adopted as an addendum to the West Side Small Area Plan in Feb 2020.