



Ridge Street Priority Neighborhood Taskforce

Minutes

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020

4-5PM

[Zoom](#)

AGENDA

1. Introductions/Housekeeping/Minutes

Meeting begins 4:00PM

Taskforce Roll Call:

NAME	POSITION	ATTENDANCE
CHRIS MEYER	Business Owner	Yes
KATHY JOHNSON HARRIS	Property Owner	Yes
KETTIE HOLLAND RUPNIK	Resident	Yes
KEM LEA SPAULDING	Ridge CDBG Representative	Yes
PAT LLOYD	Resident	Yes
AUDREY OLIVER	Resident	Yes
TANEIA DOWELL	Planning Commission	Absent

Grants Coordinator Erin Atak (EA) opened meeting and called roll call asking members to state their connection to Ridge Street (business owner, property owner, resident, planning commission, or CDBG Taskforce).

2. CDBG Background

EA reviewed CDBG PowerPoint presentation with Ridge Street Taskforce members (attached). The PowerPoint presentation covered the basic requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the City CDBG 2018 Consolidated Plan, Taskforce priorities, Taskforce role, and Priority Neighborhood goals/priorities. Priority Neighborhood projects are aimed to benefit the entire Ridge Street target area.

Kettie Rupnik (KR) asks for additional information regarding estimated funding for the Ridge Street Priority Neighborhood.

Chris Meyer (CM) points out typo on slide regarding estimated funding total for the Ridge Street Priority Neighborhood.

3. Review Past Taskforce Priorities and Projects

4. Setting Ridge Street Neighborhood Priorities

a. Projected timeline moving forward

EA reviews homework sheet and roles for Taskforce members moving forward. The project timeline for the Ridge Street priority neighborhood processes is reviewed. Taskforce homework sheet will be due one week prior to second Taskforce meeting.

Previous Taskforce priorities are reviewed among the Ridge Street Taskforce.

CM mentions to the Taskforce that there is a lot of boarded-up homes within the area. He points out the potential of a project concerning the abandoned homes through the Ridge Street Priority Neighborhood funding to address the urgent housing need within the City. EA adds that this can be investigated.

Pat Lloyd (PL) asks for additional clarification on the Homework assignment concerning “revitalization/enhancement” projects. She adds that it is also difficult given the virus to reach out to neighbors at this time.

5. Other Business

EA ends PowerPoint presentation and opens the floor up for Taskforce questions.

Kem Spaulding (KLS) mentions that the City purchased homes in the area, but nothing occurred from these purchases.

Kathy Johnson Harris (KJS) recommends that residents names are not mentioned and kept private with housing discussion.

6. Public Comment

John Sales (JS), Executive Director of Charlottesville Redevelopment Housing Authority (CRHA), introduces himself to the Ridge Street Taskforce. JS states that CRHA would like to be included within the conversation and would like to play a larger collaborative role with the Taskforce.

Meeting Adjourned approximately 4:35PM.