

DMV Site Project Working Group- Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2024

[Meeting Presentation](#)

Members Present:

Tara Minter | Desmond Dunn | Karen Haynes | Clark Rinehart | Dr. Ajamu Dillahunt-Holloway | Anthony Pope | Helen Tart

Members Absent: Tolulope Omokaiye | Harold Mallette | Felts Lewis | Harolynn Coplin | Dr. Shawn Singleton

Staff Present:

Community Engagement: Nadia Moreta | Shakera Vaughan

City Manager's Office: Tansy Hayward

Housing and Neighborhoods: Christopher Valenzuela

Planning & Development: Ken Bower

Engineering Services: Shelton Williams

- i. **Welcome & Ice Breaker** (6:10 – 6:15 pm)
 - a. PWG members were asked to identify their feelings towards community engagement.

- ii. **City Updates** (6:15 – 6:37 pm)
 - a. Stabilization, abatement, fencing, etc.
 1. Staff updated the PWG on the stabilization and abatement of the DMV site.
 - i. A contract has been awarded to S&ME Inc. for the abatement design and execution.
 - i. This process will begin in January and expected to take approx. 6 months to carry out.
 - ii. The site will be contained, and perimeter fencing is going around the site.
 - b. 9/10 Council Work Session ([New Bern Ave presentation found here](#))
 1. Staff informed the PWG of 9/12 Council Work Session presentation that provide updates on key projects impacting the New Bern Avenue area, including the Former DMV Site.
 - c. Webpage Updates ([Former DMV Site webpage found here](#))
 1. Staff review the updates made to the Former DMV Site webpage. Updates include engagement opportunities, PWG meeting materials, and other public projects impacting New Bern Ave.

- iii. **Kickoff Event Recap** (6:37 – 6:45pm)
 - a. Staff provided a recap of the community kickoff event ([recap video found here](#)), identifying the 5 key themes that emerged from the feedback:
 1. Affordable housing
 2. Community spaces & recreation
 3. Shopping & entertainment

4. Food & market
5. Health & social services
6. Education & training

iv. Community Engagement 101 Training (6:45 – 7:00 pm)

- a. Staff provided a brief training on foundational community engagement and participation approaches/methods.

v. Continue Community Engagement Brainstorm (7:00 – 7:35 pm)

a. Information sharing

1. Meeting in a box: Ready to go presentation for PWG members to give community members on demand
 - i. Training will be offer to PWG interested in delivering presentations.
2. Collateral about the project: One-pager or condensed post card with all the information, including QR Code
 - i. Chavis Circle of Friends has monthly meetings every Thursday
 - ii. Economic and Vitality Community Day
 - iii. Advance Community Health goes to neighborhoods
3. Definitions and FAQs on our project webpage (video answering questions about the site/explaining key terms)
 - i. Development
 - ii. Affordable Housing
 - iii. Average Median Income (AMI) & the percentages
 - iv. Retail Space
 - v. Rezoning
4. Digital information kiosk
 - i. Possibility to have folks take a survey on it.
5. Newsletter for project
 - i. Events we're having
 - ii. Answering questions
 - iii. FAQ answers
 - iv. How to get involved with the city
6. Advertising information on the GoRaleigh bus (collaborate with Transportation
7. Social media
 - i. Create a TikTok for PWG members to add to their own social media accounts

b. Engagement

1. Meeting in a box: Ready to go presentation for PWG members to give community members on demand
2. Mobile Tours (Engagement Van)
 - i. Stopping by places people frequent (e.g., bus stops, Women's Center, Library)
 - ii. Ambassadors- Get youth involvement to engage other youth
3. Presentations by PWG members

- i. Create a basic presentation (Meeting in a Box)
 - 4. Bringing People Together
 - i. Project Working Group sponsor an event (partner with orgs and churches)
- c. Things to remember
 - 1. Tap into the history of the site and the pieces of the history
 - 2. Where people get information
 - i. CACs
 - ii. All things SE Raleigh Facebook Page
 - iii. Registered Neighborhood
 - i. Distribution lists
 - iv. Group chats
 - i. Things we can text
 - v. Community leaders
 - i. Church groups in the area

vi. Next Steps & Closing Remarks (7:35 – 7:39 pm)

- a. Next Session's Topics
 - 1. Continue with City and Community Visioning
 - 2. Additional Temporary Site Activations Ideas
 - 3. Case Studies Review (Deep Dive)
 - 4. Market Analysis Discussion
 - 5. Bus Rapid Transit presentation and impacts

Question:	Answer:
Will the water sources be impacted by the demolition?	Staff will ensure to cap the water lines to ensure that there is no backflow into the system.
How much traffic is the webpage getting?	
Is it possible to have a Frequently Asked Questions section on the webpage?	Definitions (AMI, etc.)
Is the DMV Site going to be a part of the South Park Heritage walking tour?	The site is not currently apart of the path.