

# DMV Site Project Working Group- Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2025

## **Members Present:**

Dr. Shawn Singleton | Clark Rinehart | Harold Mallette | Desmond Dunn | Tara Minter | Felts Lewis | Tolulope Omokaiye | Anthony Pope | Helen Tart | Karen Haynes

**Members Absent:** Harolynn Coplin | Dr. Ajamu Dillahunt-Holloway

## **Staff Present:**

Community Engagement: Tiesha Mosley | Nadia Moreta | Shakera Vaughan

Planning & Development: Ken Bowers | Jake Levitas | Mary Elizabeth Russell

Housing and Neighborhoods: Jess Brandes | Angelina Blackmon

### **i. Welcome & Ice Breaker (6:06 – 6:32 pm)**

a. PWG members were asked to complete engagement trackers to report on their engagement efforts within the community.

#### **i. Activities included:**

- Attending CAC meetings
- Door-to-door canvassing
- Distributing rack cards to community clubs
- Task force meetings
- Black Santa events
- Local churches
- Community days
- Church newsletters (weekly; monthly)
- Southeast Raleigh Promise Legacy Resident Ambassador Program
- Facebook Groups that comprise of Southeast Raleigh residents
- Men of SE Raleigh men's night and general meetings
- African American Cultural board meetings
- SE Raleigh Community Learning Center bonfire
- Oak City Cares
- PanHellenic council

b. Staff previewed the upcoming on-site discussions, which will involve breaking the PWG into 3 small groups of 4.

### **ii. City Updates (6:32 – 6:42 pm)**

a. Staff updated the PWG on the active community engagement efforts and upcoming opportunities.

#### **i. On-Site Signage**

- On-site signage has been installed on the DMV site.
- Brochure boxes with rack cards about the project are attached to the signs.

#### **ii. Community Office Hours @ DMV Site**

- Office hours were hosted today. Community members stopped by to discuss the project and complete the community survey.
      - The next office hours will be Thursday, 2/13 at 11am – 1pm at the DMV Site (1100 New Bern Ave).
    - iii. [Community Survey](#)
      - Survey results can be found [here](#).
        - i. Top 3 priorities to date:
          - i. Food/Market
          - ii. Affordable Housing
          - iii. Community Spaces & Recreation
        - ii. Top 2 values to date:
          - i. Quality of Life
          - ii. Community Connection
      - Staff will continue to promote the survey through different mediums.
    - iv. Upcoming Engagement Opportunities
      - Engaging people experiencing homelessness in collaboration with the Raleigh Dream Center.
      - Event for youth through The Rose Tournament (basketball tournament)
      - [Tarboro Road Open House](#) will be on Tuesday, 1/21 5pm – 7pm
        - i. PWG participation
          - i. Desmond Dunn
          - ii. Helen Tart
    - v. [Redevelopment Glossary](#)
      - Staff informed the group of the creation of the Redevelopment Glossary webpage that is now live and linked to the Former DMV project webpage.
        - i. The creation of this glossary was prompted by the group’s recommendation.
    - vi. Case Studies Key Takeaways
      - Staff informed the group of the possible challenges that could occur during the development process based on their conversations with other municipalities with similar projects:
        - i. Market changes
        - ii. Developer agreement issues
        - iii. Issues communicating the public vision in the RFP
- iii. **Market Scan** (6:42 – 7:38 pm)
 

*Presented by Ken Bowers, Jake Levitas, and Mary Elizabeth Russell w/ Planning & Development*

[Presentation found here](#)

  - a. Staff presented a high-level analysis of the current market feasibility of community-identified priorities as part of the future redevelopment of the DMV site.
    - i. The analysis compares the supply and demand of each priority use and other factors that may inform how viable each use may be on the site.

- ii. This market scan is anticipated to be complemented by a more detailed consultant-led market analysis report that will serve as input to the RFP process.
- b. The following priorities were analyzed as part of this Market Scan:
  - i. Affordable Housing
  - ii. Market Rate Multifamily Housing
  - iii. Grocery Store
  - iv. Food Hall/Restaurants
  - v. Health/Wellness Services
  - vi. Park/Green Space

**iv. Raleigh's Living Archive – Documentarian in Residence (7:38 – 8:03 pm)**

*Presented by Juli Leonard and Johnny Andrews*

[Presentation found here](#)

- a. [Documentarians in Residence](#) presented their plan of collecting and recording different community stories from the surrounding neighborhoods of the site in the following ways:
  - i. Incorporating historical imagery in the fencing that will go up on the DMV site.
  - ii. Teach community storytelling workshops.
  - iii. Working with local elementary schools to establish a school community archive.
  - iv. Creating a webpage with the city for oral history exhibits.
  - v. Display oral history interviews on the digital IKEs.
  - vi. Collaborate with downtown Raleigh on short documentary screenings.
  - vii. Gather input to create mural portraits of the community.

**v. Next Steps & Closing Remarks (8:03 – 8:08 pm)**

- a. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>
- b. Next Session's Topics
  - i. RFP Process & Criteria
  - ii. Vetted List of Site Opportunities
- c. Collection of Parking Lot Ideas and Questions
  - i. PWG requested Yard Signs to promote the project and survey.
  - ii. PWG members requested to be involved in the Rose Tournament planning.
    - PWG recommended expanding the event to be more than one day.
    - PWG recommended having art and STEM involved in the event.
  - iii. PWG articulated mental health as a specific focus they are interested in exploring under the 'Health/Social Services' priorities.
  - iv. PWG recommended having a temporary activation event where the community brings their family pictures/visual historical pieces.