

DMV Site Project Working Group- Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2024

Virtual Teams Meeting | [Meeting Presentation](#)

Members Present:

Dr. Ajamu Dillahunt-Holloway | Tara Minter | Helen Tart | Karen Haynes | Felts Lewis | Clark Rinehart | Desmond Dunn | Anthony Pope | Harolynn Coplin | Dr. Shawn Singleton

Members Absent:

Tolulope Omokaiye | Harold Mallette

Staff Present:

Community Engagement: Nadia Moreta | Tiesha Mosley | Shakera Vaughan

City Manager's Office: Tansy Hayward, Deputy City Manager

Housing and Neighborhoods: Erika Brandt | Emila Sutton | Christopher Valenzuela

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

Communications: Katie Dombrowski

i. Welcome & Ice Breaker (6:03 – 6:11 pm)

a. PWG members were asked to identify their values and priorities for the project:

1. Values include:

- i. Community & Connections
- ii. Equity & Inclusiveness
- iii. Collective Decision-Making
- iv. Quality of Life
 - i. Economic Mobility & Stability; Restorative & Transformational; Neighborhood Services
- v. Innovation & Improvement

ii. City Updates (6:11 – 6:27 pm)

a. Site Visit

1. Staff updated the PWG on the challenges with carrying out a site visit, which is no longer an option.
2. Staff executed a site building clean up on 8/5.
3. Abatement scheduled to happen in September.
4. ACORNS has been to the site to assess the need of unhoused individuals and will work to get them resources.
5. Demolition date TBD.

b. Kickoff Event

1. Saturday, August 24th 11am – 2pm
2. PWG Members to speak:
 - i. Desmond Dunn
 - ii. Karen Haynes
 - iii. Tolulope Omokaiye

3. PWG Members who cannot attend:
 - i. Felts Lewis
 - ii. Harolynn A Coplin
 - iii. Helen Tart
 - iv. Clark Reinhart
- c. Fencing
 1. Staff provided an update on anticipated fencing on a portion of the site.
 2. Fence banner/signage will be developed to inform community members of what is happening and how they can weigh in.
- d. Marketing of Engagement
 1. Staff outlined promotional materials (e.g., yard signs, door hangers, flyers, mailed postcards, etc.) to promote kickoff event
- e. Engage Raleigh Expo
 1. Saturday, September 7th from 10am – 3pm
 - i. PWG are encouraged to invite organizations to table during the expo (free of charge).
 - ii. PWG Table
 - i. Desmond
 - ii. Ajamu

iii. Project Working Group Priorities: Site Opportunities (6:27 – 7:15 pm)

- a. [Desmond Dunn's presentation](#)
 1. Outlined possible site opportunities, including affordable housing, micro studio units, market rate housing, grocery store, micro food hall, etc.
- b. Priority Setting Exercise
 1. Site Opportunities:
 - i. Affordable Housing
 - ii. Micro Studio Units
 - iii. Market Rate Housing
 - iv. Luxury Top Floor Unit
 - v. Education Component
 - vi. Health
 - vii. Grocery Store
 - viii. Green Communal Space
 - ix. Micro Food Hall
 - x. Office Space
 - xi. Retail Space
 - xii. Supportive Services
 - i. Library
 - ii. DMV Kiosk
 - xiii. Targeted housing for educators.
 - i. Partner with DHIC on the mixed-use housing on site.
 - xiv. Behavioral Health
 - i. Consider working with Advance Health

- xv. Play space/area for children
 - xvi. Art
 - xvii. Coworking Space
 - xviii. Workforce development focused on innovation, IT
 - i. Direct and accessible trainings, workshops, resources, etc.
 - xix. Exercise facility
 - xx. Security and safety considerations
 - xxi. Skills based hub to further develop trade skills
 - xxii. Virtual concierge
2. Ranking from present PWG members. PWG members asked to submit their top 5 priorities. See below for results from Highest to Lowest Priority. Top 6 highlighted:
- i. Affordable housing
 - ii. Grocery Store
 - iii. Micro Food Hall
 - iv. Market Rate Housing
 - v. Health
 - vi. Green Communal Space
 - vii. Targeted Housing for Educators
 - viii. Education Component
 - ix. Supportive Services
 - x. Workforce Development focused on innovation, IT
 - xi. Behavioral Health
 - xii. Office Space
 - xiii. Retail Space
 - xiv. Play Space/Area for Children
 - xv. Security and safety considerations

iv. Project Working Group Priorities: Process (7:15 – 7:25 pm)

- a. Identification of possible community events
 - 1. Face to face meetings
 - 2. Collaborate with community organizations, events, churches, CACs
 - i. Prioritizing existing events to connect with
 - i. 8/31 - 9/1: Raleigh Cultural Festival
 - ii. 8/17: NPHC Cookout at Biltmore Hills Park
 - 3. Live events
 - i. Utilizing social media platforms
 - 4. Working with unhoused individuals to hear what their needs are and what they would like the site to be.
 - 5. Expo informational session/tabling
- b. Exploration of desired engagement efforts
 - 1. How can the public share ideas with the PWG?
 - i. Email for community members to send their ideas.

- v. Next Steps & Closing Remarks (7:25 – 7:30 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