

WHAT IS IT?

The Great Northwest Independence Neighborhood Initiative or “Initiative” is a process whereby residents can:

- Create a vision for their neighborhood.
- Ensure that these neighborhoods are great places to live, work and raise a family.

Initiative Goals

The project will result in the *Great Northwest Independence Neighborhood Strategic Plan* that will outline short term action steps for investment in this area.

Residents will create short-term action steps that will include goals and objectives for implementation.

Objectives will also review available resources to ensure long term sustainability and future investment.

PROCESS

The First District will be organized into groups by existing neighborhood boundaries.

City staff will be developing a survey for each of the neighborhood groups.

Next, a series of four meetings will be held for each neighborhood group. Each neighborhood group will have a series of Action Steps to encourage future investment.

In total, approximately 20 meetings will be scheduled over the next eight months to listen to neighborhood residents, then assist residents in prioritizing goals and objectives.

This planning process is unique in that “one size does not fit all,” and that it can be adjusted to accomplish specific neighborhood tasks.

GROUPS

1st District Neighborhood Groups

Group One: Fairland Heights, Bristol, and Hill Park

Group Two: Bundschu and Proctor

Group Three: Fairmount, Harrison, Mount Washington, and Carlisle

Group Four: Kentucky Hills, (District 1 Area Only) and Old Chrisman, (District 1 Area Only)

Group Five: McCoy, Heart of Independence, Town Hall, (District 1 Area Only), and Benton (District 1 Area Only)

The meeting dates for Group Two have been set as follows: 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, June 7 and 21 and July 5 and 26 in the Luff Auditorium of Stone Church, 1012 W. Lexington. As the process moves forward, meetings will be scheduled for other neighborhood groups.

At the project conclusion, a wrap-up meeting will be held to summarize ideas and ensure consensus.

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MEETING OUTLINES

Meeting One - Introduction and Determining Neighborhood Vision

1. Introductions
2. Overview of the Process
3. Review of key demographic information
4. Discussion and identification of key neighborhood attributes

Meeting Two - Determining Neighborhood Identity and Issues

1. Review of latest neighborhood image surveys
2. Small group discussions of each for the four identified issue areas: quality of life, public safety, infrastructure and health.
3. Priority ranking of problems.

Meeting Three - Prioritizing Problems/Creating Action Steps

1. Prioritize neighborhood attributes and ensure consensus
2. Discussion of action steps for each attribute
3. Assess financial and social resources necessary for each action step

Meeting Four - Distribute Action Plan with Action Steps

1. Distribute draft action plan
2. Establish consensus on action plan and proposed changes

District One Wrap Up Meeting

The neighborhood meetings for Sub-group Three will begin in August 2007. It is anticipated that all group meetings can be completed by February 2007.

Once each of the neighborhood groups has completed its strategic planning process, The City will facilitate a meeting encompassing all of the District One neighborhoods to ensure consensus. The City will develop the Great Northwest Neighborhood Strategic Plan and present it to the City Council.

For more information, visit the City's Web site at www.independencemo.org or contact Neighborhood Services Manager Jay Leipzig, via email at jleipzig@indepmo.org or by calling 325-7109.

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