

**Washington Village/South Norwalk Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant
Community Meeting/ Task Force Committees
November 9th at 8:30am**

- **Present:** Nancy Burke, Sylvia Harrell, Joyce Bretherton, Shannon Giandurio, Margaret Suib, Tad Diesel, Jeff Weiser, Deanna Dymore, Adele Gordon, Congressman Himes, Dr. Susan Marks, Lillian Williams, Glenda Figueroa, Art Goldblatt, Susan Sweitzer, Roseleine Pierre, Adam Bovilsky, Bill Okwuosa, Stuart Greenbaum, Josh Fiala, Lisa Roberts, Brian Schlosnagle, April Horelick, Rev. Nellie Mann, Dr. Pamela Edington, Guillermo Bendana, Willie Mae Bostick, Rob Cashel, Rhonda Kiest, Louis Schulman, C. Hilliard, Rev. Jeffery A. Ingraham, Tom Hickey, Tamara Joseph, Mary Grace Weber, Mary Ellen Hass, Dr. Sally Grose, Rhonda Capuano, David Kennedy, Daisy Franklin, Ceci Maher, Hector Santamaria, Sherelle Harris, Audrey Sparre, Chris Jachino, Jennifer Morarity, Curtis Law, Executive Director of Norwalk Housing Authority, Dr. David Levinson, Chair of Steering Committee, Rev. Lindsey Curtis, Chair of People's Task Force, Joe Mann, Chair of Neighborhood Task Force, Candace Mayer, Chair of Housing Task Force, Gayle Epp, Rhae Parkes and Nina Liou of EJP Consulting, and Ron Ashford, HUD.

This was the first combined community meeting for all three Task Force Committees, the Steering Committee, Washington Village Resident's and the larger community. The meeting was held at Calvary Baptist Church located within the targeted Choice Neighborhood area.

Curtis Law, Executive Director of Norwalk Housing Authority welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged Congressman Himes as well as asking everyone to introduce themselves and their affiliation. Congressman Himes shared his support for this Initiative and commended the community on their shared vision and energy in working together to achieve a transformation plan for implementation. Task Force Chairs were also acknowledged and introduced.

Gayle Epp (partner with EJP Consulting Group) provided an overview of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative. Her Powerpoint presentation outlined in detail the focus of this initiative, the key requirements and the ultimate goal. Ms. Epp continued with defining the specific roles and responsibilities of the key stakeholders as well as describing the planning process structure. The presentation also incorporated PowerPoint slides that illustrated the South Norwalk neighborhood conditions. The second part of this presentation was given by Mary Ellen Hass of Family and Children's Agency regarding the resident survey results and the inventory of services within the targeted area. PowerPoint slides accompanied the presentation as well as a handout highlighting various points of the needs assessment from survey results. FCA also provided large-scale maps of services and resources within 1, 2 and 3 miles of Washington Village.

The presentation ended with Next Steps in the planning process. (for the next 3-6 months) that would include continued resident involvement, start design studies with the Architect, procurement of a Master Developer and the scheduling of the next Task Force Meetings.

There was a question and discussion opportunity at the end of the meeting whereby Task Force Committee members, community members and residents of Washington Village were able to ask questions as well as share opinions.

Notes prepared by Patricia Marsden-Kish (NHA). PowerPoint presentation prepared by EJP Consulting Group along with the Resident Survey results, evaluation tool and evaluation summary. Resource mapping provided by FCA.

Meeting Handouts:

Narrative Summary of resident Survey Highlights

Inventory of Norwalk resources and Services

Meeting Evaluation form