

2018 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
Housing and Community Development Needs
February 27th, 2018 Public Hearing #1:
Bridge Christian Church 6-7:30pm

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Lillian Walsh; MNPA:

- This neighborhood is a school bus main thoroughfare
- We need to keep this community what is was and get the community back together; more frequent meetings
- Mt Pleasant was thriving 40-50 years ago- make it come back
- Businesses come and go, but don't stay
- Is willing to teach anyone about roses- how to grow
- keep the little league and use the parks to play baseball

Dona Gonzalez; SCAP:

- Need Housing and Community Service
- Housing first model for both Landlords and Tenants
- Housing stock is deplorable
- Working on Code violations, with MHA and to minimize eviction through Landlord/tenant mediation
- The best way to fix this is prevention- landlord/tenant-training and rights

Sheila Rivera-Miracle on Craig (MOC):

- reopen Carver Community Center
- have raised funds from many partners
- it will bring people together and is a great hub for businesses, and will have them in the center
- Hometown Health is a partner for flu and dental clinics
- Work together and break silos

Bailey Gardner; SJTA:

- we employ youth and
- find position for youth who need more money
- they learn soft skills
- employ 350 youth but have a wait list of 250
- cost is \$1,300/youth but \$1,200 go to youth
- they usually stay and invest in the community

John McKeeby; Schoharie River Center:

- youth development organization in City and county where youth do scientific research about water quality
- moving back to the City with a new office, 129 Jay Street
- teams of youth 12-18 test for water chemistry, limnology, bacteria testing, analyzing the data
- test are the same as those done by DEC
- see what is happening in their local environment and learn hands on skills
- it is practical application of what is learned in schools,
- presentations many places especially at kids earth day
- will be weekends with Schenectady youth and during the summer 15 youth in the Woodlawn preserve for Urban Ecology program
- this is a free program

Rachel Conn; Hamilton Hill Arts Center:

- Center that teaches African/African American Diaspora through arts and culture
- this strengthens youth and brings unity to the community and provides events
- free afterschool program
- many collaborations with Community Fathers.MOC and SJTA

Rosa Rodriguez; Bridge Christian Church:

- as food stamp money goes down more people rely on pantry
- it also has clothing and furniture
- they are also looking for help and volunteers

Reverend Bookhout; Bridge Christian Church:

- the church is a moving force in the community
- the schools use their space to teach teachers
- Gym and boxing classes
- Laundry mat and clothes for kids
- served 750,000 meals in 4 years
- acquired old RiteAid next door and it will be a youth and community center for concerts and banquet hall
- meet with BNI to help Crane Street merchants
- school of arts for child and adults
- veteran house and homeless temporary housing
- we want a Crane Street shopping district
- looking to start a farmers market out in the parking lot but need some to shoulder the responsibility to get it started

Walter Simpkins; Community Fathers:

- thankfully I am learning about new organizations! and I am here to support HHAC and MOC as well
- we bring children back into the lives of their fathers and father back into kids lives
- They are fathers from county jail, high school and courts
- young fathers visitation programs-needed as fathers are younger, along with our teen pregnancy problem
- youngest fathers are 14 and are being mentored by the Retired Fathers Corps-mentor program
- Fathers coalition of American -was given the ward
- this is unique to Schenectady - helps connections and educate the whole community

Jenn Dugan; The Makeup Curio:

- Entered the satellite office of Community Loan Fund of the Capital Region 1.5 years ago
- helped open retail store in down town
- I am a loan recipient and I didn't have to travel to Albany, helps me keep my business going

Destiny Watking; Community Loan Fund:

- Provide free training and technical assistance for new and existing businesses
- located at 920 Albany Street in Schenectady
- offer small business classes, micro enterprises and startups
- also loans for non-profits

James Flacke; BNI:

- focusing on Eastern Ave- \$1M funding for Homeowner repairs with the land bank
- Saint Mary's school redevelopment into Apartments

- Crane St Merchant façade improvement
- coordination with neighborhoods helping 12 businesses
- needs in the City: 41% housing stock is substandard -fix
- need money to fix and to leverage state money to apply for \$2M for landlords and homeowners
- our housing counseling helps people buy homes- usually 100people at a time
- teach homeownership and help grants
- help with tax foreclosure avoidance program with the help from the City as well

Ada Johnson; Bridge Christian Church:

- people should do more stuff
- looking for volunteer opportunities
- if you are a single parent with a kid what do you do with the kid if you end up in the hospital?

Kanema Haynes; MOC

- housing is a issue is the City
- new affordable housing development only targets one group of people
- We need more housing for families for 3-4 people ; even if it is outside the City
- spread the love and diversity around
- Youth centers: needs these to stop drugs and smoking on corners
- put back places for youth it has a positive impact
- community beautification is important
- a lot of landlord tenant issues and landlords don't fix problems or are not available it makes bad situations
- Habitat for Humanity is a great program
- use examples of other strong communities

Kristi Miller; Schenectady Foundation

- has always been focused on neighborhood revitalization
- the community sees things that others outside does that what they want and need
- the program will empower people to create and live in a happy place

Adam Rodriguez; Bridge Christian Church:

- there is been a lot of good work done
- there are still things that need to come around and there is a lot of movement behind the scenes
- community members who are helping need to be commended for participation because it leads to unity

Robert Duncan:

- there has been change;
- afterschool programs, Boys and Girls Club, Hamilton Hill Arts Center, Carver, parks that are open with people
- how does anyone know about this programs
- how do we get eh programs out there
- restoration: building, people, parents are lost, families are broken
- what is going on with the kids in Schenectady
- fix the people, bring back parental authority, rebuild hope in parents; Community Fathers is the example
- kids have nowhere to go
- how do we get kids away from the streets
- Invest in people and each will help others with a ripple effect for the biggest impact

Ang Morris; Human Rights Director:

- Housing Human Rights Issues
- Coordination in Human rights are rights to all
- need action we need to hold elected officials accountable
- tenant rights are needed and we need to send people to service providers
- we have to be the change in our community-come together to be the change- and economic justice

Julianna Obie; MOC & Lincoln Community School:

- incorporate the community to build/rebuild and build up the whole child
- there is no money to get the good test scores
- work with community partners
- many needs: body and sex education/ literacy/ financial literacy
- Afterschool program-100K needed to fund /pay another organization to run the afterschool
- without community center we need another program because it takes a village
- kids need someone to back them
- there is a need for afterschool programs and programs for kids and families
- better provide for families as well

Rosa Rivera; MOC:

- working to revitalize Carver Community Center
- Fund raising for sustainable model for the center with many partners with CLFCR help
- programming and day care with full gym
- wellness and health visions: community kitchen.
- Many local funders: How is the City supporting you? City if accountable, help will get the ball rolling

Nick Walch:

- no census in 2020 will lead to those who need help not getting help and lowering the numbers of people that need help

Genika Blandshaw; Juice Factory:

- looking to join the Carver Community Center will be good for us
- programming for kids and adults
- affordable and creative to get kids to eat healthy foods

April; Bridge Christian Church:

- it is hard to find resources for special needs
- day care under 11/10 years old day time is only 8-5:30
- special needs day care for kids between 7 and teens

Patty Smith; Bridge Christian Church:

- Leave porch light on in the evening to deter vandalism
- Beacons of Light for Safety
- need 1,000 LED light bulbs and will give away to people so they can leave their lights on

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February 28th, 2018 Public Hearing #2:
Phyllis Bront Library 6-7:30pm

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Rachel Conn; Hamilton Hill Arts Center:

- Support for Community Fathers: it is a very important fathers group
- Afterschool program that teaches the African Diaspora
- have free events and afterschool for 50 years
- Stronger community support
- teachers were kids at the Art Center so it feels like extended family
- MOC has our support
- we need center for special needs kids and adults with social work teams

Fabayo Olumibe Egunbun Mi; Hamilton Hill Arts Center-President of Board

- through the student we reach a larger community- a broad reach of the art center
- generational capacity, student-parent -educator
- cultural understanding- freeing and healing for students and their family
- it is a family village model

Marva Issacs; HHNHA

- HHAC puts kids out there and helps them, they do much and great work
- need parents and community leaders to help
- the arts center is a great resource for the kids
- schools need to be open more at night until there is a community center

Shantidy Ponce; MOC:

- this will create a hub of culture and creativity
- gardening because it is in a food Desert
- Important to reflect and see ourselves work and it will show support
- youth are important and our future and they are disadvantaged
- students are hesitant to leave school because it is a safe space
- they want to stay with teacher for structured adults in their lives
- it is our civic duty to help and leave by example
- share a legacy of empowerment
- we are a great city and we need to move from ME to WE

Sabrina Houser; Big Brothers Big Sisters

- It is a mentor/youth relationship
- helps youth avoid delinquent behavior and build healthy relationships
- there is a Union programs with college students
- and community based mentor matches

Ron Gardiner; Affirmative Action Officer City of Schenectady:

- support HHAC and MOC
- construction skills training programs
- 30 section-3 individuals will receive 125 hours of training in 13 weeks, safety and OSHA 10

- this fills shortage of skilled labor
- all development does not equal enough people with skill; this is hurting the community
- we need to break this cycle and enter any part of the construction industry
- in addition there is training for 10 small businesses that is going on as augmentation for this program
- each small business needs at least 3 people; back office, estimator, manager to watch work
- these jobs will stay in the City and invest again in our community by purchasing housing and better job options with public/private partnerships
- This is economic opportunity; invest and it will help our community
- this program might be able to help some of our community organizations get help with their buildings
- this is also a mentor/protégé relationships with big companies which would not happen with this program
- there is a screening process with SCCC and they will do the back office training

Bob Harvey; Easter Ave Neighborhood Association

- Always using CDBG without new initiative
- this needs to be a project that helps get jobs
- support for Vale Urban Farm

Hassleer Jacino-Whilcher; Roots and Wisdom:

- there are 2 gardens in central park and they work for 3 seasons
- teach agriculture and job skills
- Many community partners: SEFCU, ARC, NECPA, 1st Reform Church
- this is an apprentice program that encourages youth to take steps: crew-crew leader-intern
- kids learn sustainable productions and get to take home veggies, excess produce is send to food pantries

Shawn Sherman; Roots and Wisdom:

- it was a great experience that started in spring
- valuable skills , growing knowledge and work experience as well as soft skills
- I learned to depend of myself - be and individual rather than kid helped me a lot

Chris Li; Roots and Wisdom:

- 20 high school youth from Schenectady were the crew with 4 crew leaders, in 2 gardens for 6 weeks
- obtained job preparedness, made me more understand and mature with others
- became a crew leader and learned responsibility
- then became an intern and had meeting with politicians and fiscal sponsors
- this enriches the lives of others while benefiting Schenectady youth

John Howard; Resident:

- there are people missing the contracting opportunities because they don't get the nuances
- there is a lot of development and he wants people from the community to be part of that development
- if we do not have good quality of life it is hard for people, we need to help them get off the ground

Molaine Gilmore; Resident:

- echo what Mr. Howard has said
- there are opportunities beyond scope of normal reach
- important for young people to get a skill and progress to become business owner which is the ultimate goal

Damonne Farley; MOC:

- needs more attention from the City and money as well

- we get federal money because of the poverty rate
- people in the most poverty; who is taking care of them?
- need to re retro-fit equity
- we need MOC- and there is petition from the neighborhoods that wants to see the Center reopen
- all of the work that has been has all been done without having the building from the City
- sustainability in funding needs to be a focus and there is a hope that the same agencies are not getting funding
- look at the leadership structures of the agencies/are they community stake holders are they in the community
- HHAC helps tell a person who they are and their individuality
- it is important that we work together as a community

Nick Woodson; Resident:

- it is about business and making money
- I have been landscaping and fixing houses since I was 8
- we need to plan from the ground up in life and in housing
- he has odd jobs but can't do the books part-needs help with that
- wants to see and make things happen

Kim Sialiano; YWCA:

- Domestic Violence shelter that is in need of capital project support- only DV services in Schenectady
- 100 women live there and about 3,000 women/children a year
- We need a roof
- the building needs some love and with the help from the City we can beautify the area

Kenneth Brooks; Landscaping:

- community needs a recreation center for kids
- kids are our future and they have nothing to do
- they are getting into trouble which leads to a troubled future
- there is not free place to play and have fun
- keeping kids occupied with better friendships and better communities
- ripple effect and be both positive and negative- let's make it positive
- family is important and we should support
- there is a need for more collaboration with in organizations

Elise Martin; SCAP:

- problem with housing: people want to get into a house but it is not safe or affordable
- we need rental rehab to get housing up to par
- we can get the money for housing but the apartments don't pass code
- if there was money for landlord assistance to fix their units
- 2000 cases of court eviction there is a need for more court advocacy and landlord mediation