

TWIN RIVERS COMMUNITY MEETING #2

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Agency Staff in Attendance: Nick Chhotu, Chris Pahule, Patrick Bohner, Karen Wallace, Erika Bumgardner, Cecette Hawkins

Residents in Attendance: 17 (plus several youth residents)

Minutes:

Nick Chhotu, Assistant Director of the Housing Authority at SHRA, welcomed everyone, provided an overview of grant/award information and an overview of how residents can get involved in the planning process.

Nick introduced Nicole Puri from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban development, who, with her team from Washington D.C., were in Sacramento to visit the Twin Rivers housing community first hand.

Nicole extended her congratulations on the Planning Grant award and was available for questions from community residents.

Chris Pahule, Assistant Director of Community Development at SHRA, provided an overview of the planning process and committee structure. Chris encouraged residents to get involved in both future general community meetings and on specific Choice Neighborhoods Task Forces including the Housing, People, Education and Neighborhood Task Forces.

Chris and Nick responded to comments and questions from the previous community meeting held on February 29, 2012 and responded to several more questions, comments and concerns from community residents.

The following including a list of comments and questions received from resident attendees sorted by the following planning components:

Education

- Robertson Community Center staff should be included on one of the steering committees.
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People

- How many residents will serve on each committee/Task Force?
- When can we sign up to participate on a Task Force or committee?

Housing

- When will demolition of the units start? When can people move back in to units?
- Will there be new units for people with disabilities?
- Will new units be stacked or single story? What will the density look like?
- Will there still be affordable housing?
- Will there be private space between buildings?
- Request for additional parking for guests and visitors.
- Where and when will residents be required to move?
- How will futures market rate units impact the wait list for the affordable units?
- Will the new community be gated?

Neighborhood

- How will the new stadium impact this project?
- Any new news on Goldies or Loaves and Fishes?
- Can Loaves and Fishes be redesigned to be more attractive?

General Comments

- Will there be job opportunities on the committees in addition to a stipend?
- Have we received money to actually construct the project?
- Request to keep meetings in the evening.

SHRA staff encouraged residents to sign up for future resident participation opportunities including serving on specific Task Forces and committees. A hand out was provided responding to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) from community residents.