

# Mayor's St. Paul's Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**Date of Meeting:** August 20, 2019

**Minutes Prepared By:** Megan Erwin, Senior Budget and Policy Analyst, City of Norfolk

**1. Purpose of Meeting:** To provide an update to the community on the St. Paul's Transformation.

### 2. Attendance at Meeting

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Councilman Riddick – <i>not present</i>	Councilwoman Williams-Graves – present	Dr. Glenn Porter – <i>not present</i>	Dr. Robert G. Murray – <i>not present</i>
Mr. Don Musacchio – <i>not present</i>	Mr. Brodie Parker – <i>not present</i>	Mr. Lavonne Pledger – present	Ms. Deirdre Love – <i>not present</i>
Rev. James P. Curran - present	Dr. Ruth Jones Nichols – <i>not present</i>	Rev. Dr. Kirk T. Houston, Sr. – present	Tara Saunders – <i>not present</i>
Shamika Kirby – present	Mr. Earl P. Fraley, Jr. – <i>not present</i>	Michelle Cook – <i>not present</i>	Dr. Brydsong – present
Caz Ferguson – <i>not present</i>	Joe Dillard for Mr. William Harrell - present	Dr. LeGrand – <i>not present</i>	Alphonso Albert – present

### 3. Agenda

- I. Welcome** **6:00**
  - *Co-Chair Angelia Williams Graves*
  - *Co-Chair Paul Riddick*
  
- II. Residents Top Five Questions/People First Update/Intro Staff** **6:05**
  - *Moderated by Barbara Hamm Lee*
  - *Donovan Duncan*
  - *Kristie Stutler*
  - *Steve Morales*
  - *Kim Thomas*

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| <b>III. Plan and Relocation Phasing Changes</b>   | <b>6:45</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Ray Gindroz and Steve Morales</i></li></ul>  |             |
| <b>IV. Employment Opportunity Workshop Information</b>  | <b>7:00</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Kim Thomas, NRHA</i></li></ul>   |             |
| <b>V. Closing Remarks/Next Steps</b>  | <b>7:10</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Co-Chair Angelia Williams Graves</i></li></ul>   |             |
| <b>VI. Break Out Sessions</b>   | <b>7:15</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>People First</i></li><li>• <i>Employment Opportunities</i></li><li>• <i>NRHA Housing</i></li></ul> |             |

#### 4. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Councilwoman Graves welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the advisory committee members.</li><li>• She highlighted that one of the questions being asked by residents is around how it can be assured that residents are successful. Councilwoman Graves discussed that while no one can provide guarantees, the City was going to work hard to make opportunities and services available that are of the highest quality and it would be up to residents to take advantage of all that is available. She asked for their partnership in this work.</li><li>• Councilwoman Graves mentioned that residents who are interested in serving on a Tidewater Gardens Resident Advisory subcommittee should contact Dr. Susan Perry (<a href="mailto:susan.perry@norfolk.gov">susan.perry@norfolk.gov</a>). Residency in Tidewater Gardens is required.</li></ul> |             |
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- *Kim Thomas*

- A panel of the People First team responded to the top five resident questions. Printed answers to resident questions were documented in advance of the meeting and are available to view. That document is below.
- The team encouraged folks to sign up for case management so that they could assist residents with their individual and family goals.
- A video of this portion of the meeting is also available at <https://youtu.be/-vZcRZEuUwA>
- Donovan provided an overview of Urban Strategies, Inc., the company implementing the People First Initiative for the City.
- Christy introduced some of the staff who have been recently hired.

### III. Plan and Relocation Phasing Changes

6:35

- *Ray Gindroz and Steve Morales*

- Mr. Gindroz provided an update on the CNI plan, providing images of the updated maps. Changes include a change in location of Church Street, changes to the resilient park and blocks being held along St. Paul's Blvd. for an employment center. That presentation is attached.
- Mr. Morales provided an update on the relocation schedule – that information is available on the attached presentation. A portion of phase 4 along Charlotte is being proposed to move up to phase 2. This change is pending HUD's approval and is necessary to accommodate the infrastructure work required to implement the plan.
- The PowerPoint presentation is included as a separate document

### IV. Employment Opportunity Workshop Information

7:00

- *Kim Thomas, NRHA*

- On September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hunton YMCA, from 9:30am to 2pm, an economic opportunity meeting will be held to discuss opportunities that will be made available through the redevelopment process for employment, training, and entrepreneurship. Childcare will be available.

### V. Closing Remarks/Next Steps

7:10

- *Co-Chair Angelia Williams Graves*

- Councilwoman Graves acknowledged the participation of Norfolk Public Schools Interim Superintendent Dr. Sharon Byrdsong as the newest member of the Advisory Group. She then thanked everyone for attending and asked that residents do their part in taking advantage of the opportunities that were being made available to them through this process. She also requested of NRHA that some of the economic opportunity meetings be held in the evenings or on weekends to accommodate working families. She then encouraged everyone to participate with the breakout groups and adjourned this portion of the meeting.

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- **Break Out Sessions** **7:15**
  - *People First*
  - *Employment Opportunities*
  - *NRHA Housing*

Break-out sessions for individual questions were available in separate classrooms.

What's one big unanswered question that you would like answered in the next meeting?

#### **1. Will senior citizens get a voucher for section 8 if their credit is bad?**

Credit challenges don't preclude you from receiving a voucher. The landlord primarily determines what credit score is acceptable for their housing unit. If you are concerned about your credit scores come to the People First offices and your family coach will work with you to create a plan to improve your credit scores.

#### **2. Will I get additional assistance after I move with the HCV?**

USI, as part of People First, will create an Individual Development Plan and a Family Development Plan for each household. Additional assistance and support will be provided to you as part of People First to ensure that you are successful in your choices.

#### **3. Do you have to have a deposit when relocated from Public Housing to Public Housing?**

No, a deposit is not needed if you move from Public Housing to Public Housing, except in the case of a family split.

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#### **4. After you finish all your paperwork, how long does it take to receive a voucher?**

It depends on whether all the paperwork is complete. It is really a case by case timeline which is why it is important to start working to prepare your paperwork as early as possible.

#### **5. Why can't the security and utility deposits as well as the moving expenses be given up front? Why do we have to wait?**

Security and utility deposits, as well as the moving expenses, are provided once the keys to the public housing units are turned in. Once a family has selected suitable housing, they will work with NHRA and People First-USI to commence their relocation process. A process ensures that all residents have suitable housing.

#### **6. How can I be assured that everything is going to work out in the end? AND How can we move out of poverty instead of moving within the poverty lines?**

It is important that you partner with People First and take advantage of the programs and courses being offered in the community. Together we can make sure that it will work out!

#### **7. How many people from the community will be hired?**

USI and Brinshore are both committed to local and community hiring. As part of People First, USI is hiring 19 staff members. Some people with strong ties to the community are already part of the USI's People First team.

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#### **8. What is the date of relocation?**

A family's relocation date is based on many factors. Relocation details are completed after a conversation with each family and People First will work with you to understand your relocation needs.

#### **9. Is it possible for the upward mobility activities with the CNI grant, like scholarships, savings bonds, business grants, etc., to get new up to date computers?**

Yes, CNI has a strong people services component included in the grant which will be used for upward mobility activities.

#### **10. Will we have a voice in the new move?**

Absolutely! Which is why it is important to participate in these meetings and talk to your partners in the People First offices.

#### **11. Will there be enough people in place to help with everything?**

Yes. People First is continuing to add staff.

#### **12. Will we get extra police officers in the community and have a curfew for the children to be off the street and in the house by 11:00?**

Specific policies around the curfew etc. are for the police to decide – this can only be done after more discussions with the community.

**13. If I am in a later phase can I move early, or do I have to wait until my phase starts relocating?**

You may have to wait until your phase starts relocating. But if you have specific needs and concerns related to relocating talk to People First and NRHA property management about your situation – we are here to help you.

**14. When will we move if we are in Calvert Square?**

Calvert Square will relocate after 2023.

**15. Will all of Phase 1 with children be relocated before school starts? I am undecided about school.**

We are working to get as many families with young children in Phase 1 to move before school starts, however, the processing takes some time. It is important that you keep in touch with the People First office and discuss your needs with them.

**16. Why are parts of Mariner St. not in Phase 1? It floods so bad.**

As the Phase 1 transformation takes place there may be some improvement in the flooding and NRHA will work with you to help with your relocation as needed.

**17. When will the move out date begin?**

Move out dates for some families have already started. To see whether you are ready to move out come talk to us in the People First offices.

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#### **18. When are we going to receive a voucher?**

Phase 1 families with school-age children are already receiving vouchers if they are eligible. For other residents we are waiting for HUD to provide TPVs (Tenant Protection Vouchers).

#### **19. How long will it take for them to start moving people?**

Phase 1 families with school-age children are already receiving vouchers if they are eligible and may move out soon.

#### **20. Why are we still paying for moving expenses and deposits?**

The housing authority will assist with paying for moving expenses and deposits.

#### **21. Can I move to another state if I have no job there?**

Yes.

#### **22. Does People First help with child care assistance?**

Child care assistance may be facilitated – it is determined on a case by case basis.

#### **23. How long does it take to receive your voucher?**

It depends on whether all the paper work is complete. It is really a case by case timeline which is why it is important to start working to prepare your paperwork as early as possible.

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### **24. When will transportation be provided to find/visit other properties?**

If you have specific transportation needs related to your housing search and relocation, People First-USI staff is here to help. As the project moves forward People First staff will work with you to find the best way to visit a property.

### **25. How long is this whole process?**

The transformation of Tidewater Gardens will take six years to complete under the CNI grant.



## Saint Paul's CNI Transformation:

Post-Award Design Update

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Development  
Services, LLC

**BRINSHORE**

Bank of America  
Merrill Lynch

**TORTI  
GALLAS +  
PARTNERS**

**WFA**  
WORLD-RENOWNED ARCHITECTS

**UDA**  
URBAN DESIGN ASSOCIATES

**S/G/A**  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
URBAN DESIGN

**TIMMONS GROUP**  
ENGINEERING | DESIGN | TECHNOLOGY

**WAGGONNER  
& BALL**

**EPRPC**

CNI Application Plan



CNI Updated Plan



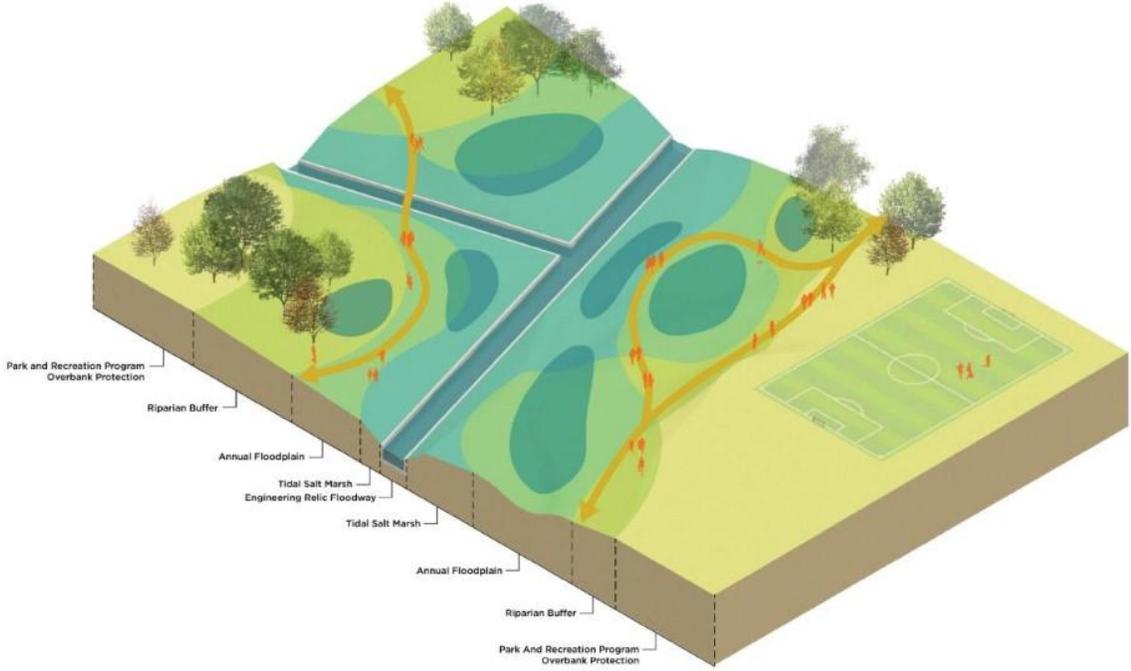
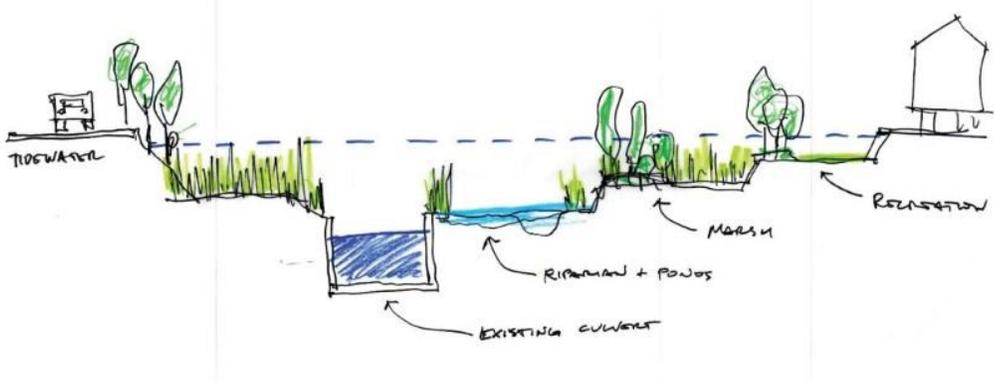
**2018 Vision: 7 Principals established in the public process in 2017-2018**



# 1. Create a park system to protect from flooding and provide recreation ameni-



# Park: Resilience, Water Management, Community Recreation



# New Freemason Street Park: Water Management and Address for Family Housing



**3. Restore Church Street as the heart of the community with shops, food stores, health and medical facilities**



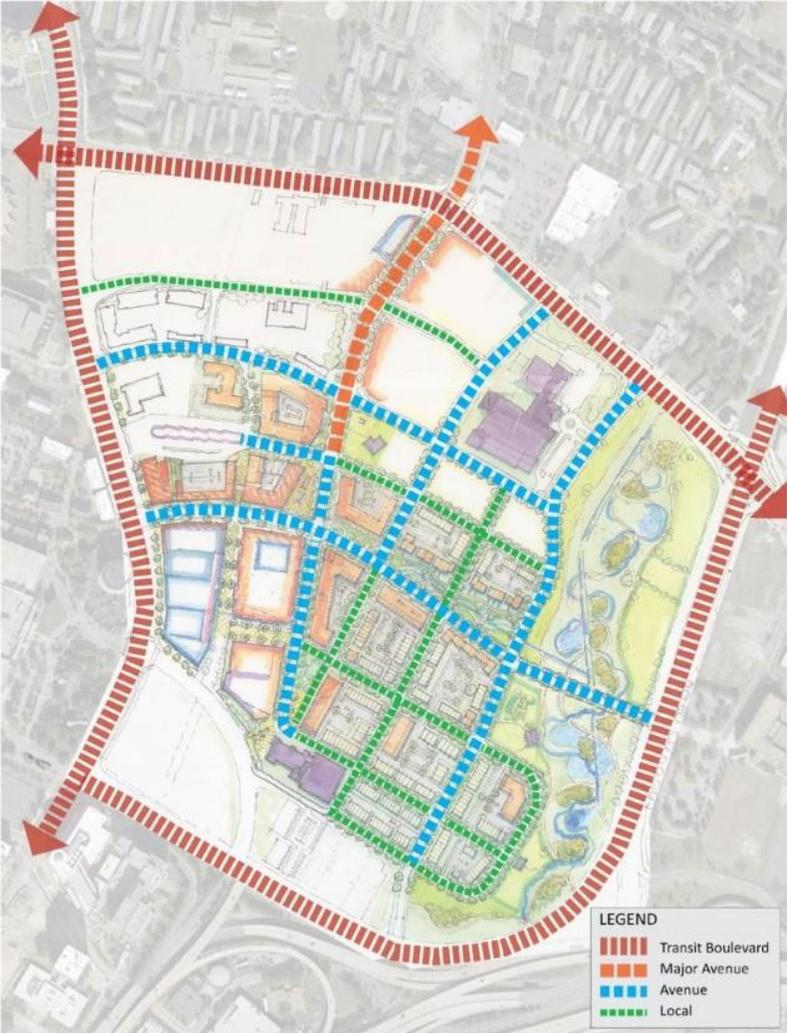
# Church Street: Groundfloor Shops and Public Services with a Framed View of St. Mary's



# Provide Employment Opportunities at the Edges for Residents



# Framework of Streets:



Pedestrian Friendly for cars, buses and bikes



Small scale neighborhood street

# Street Design: Pedestrian Friendly for cars, buses and bikes



# Street Design: Small Scale Neighborhood Streets





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