

Community Workshop Notes



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Round 1 Community Workshops July 12 - July 27, 2011

This document contains notes from the Round I Newark Master Plan Community Workshops that were held between July 12 and July 27, 2011.

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Housing:

- Need more affordable housing
- Vacant lots between Clinton Ave, Sherman Ave, Thomas St, and Murray St are not well maintained
- Douglas Homes location is a good site for redevelopment
- Stratford PI housing carries stigma – needs to be incorporated into programs and activities
- Abandoned lots off Clinton Ave near Lincoln Park
- Abandoned buildings on Rose St
- Hope VI housing is seen as a good thing
- No high rises in Douglas Homes redevelopment; have the scale make sense
- Old A&P site on Spruce St is a good target for redevelopment

Business & Industry:

- Need supermarkets; most people shop at the Pathmark in Fairmount
- Must leave neighborhood and city for food
- More stores and businesses needed in Lincoln Park area
- Improve retail along Elizabeth Ave
- Retail redevelopment opportunity on Springfield Ave and S Orange Ave between Jones St and Prince St
- Need amenities and services (e.g., dry cleaners, restaurants, big box retail)
- Too many liquor stores and fried chicken places
- Develop empty lot between Muhammad Ali Ave, Avon Ave, Irvine Turner Blvd, and Livingston St
- Promote businesses that cater to families and kids
- Hawthorne Ave is underutilized

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- Elizabeth Ave has too many liquor stores
- Avon Ave and Irvine Turner Blvd need more quality stores

Circulation & Mobility:

- Roads need maintenance
- More road signage needed
- Sidewalk and road improvements needed in Lower Clinton Hill
- Need speed bumps at Muhammad Ali Ave and Jelliff Ave
- Potholes
- “Zoom! We’re Going Places” shuttle bus service was good for students and seniors; restart service to move kids to after-school programs and seniors to events
- Build bike lanes to connect all the parks

Public, Cultural & Educational Resources:

- Boys and Girls Club on Littleton Ave just closed down – need alternatives for kids
- Firehouse on Irvine Turner Blvd and Muhammad Ali Ave needs to be fixed up
- Promote satellite support centers for kids
- Ebony Manor (former Elk’s Lodge) venue on Clinton Ave (across from Roberto Clemente Shalom Towers) is vacant

Historic Resources:

- Lincoln Park Historic District

Open Space & Natural Resources:

- Maintain Douglas and Harrison Parks; make it a fitness park (possibly as a partnership with the County), and include programming for the older population (e.g., calisthenics, gardening)

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- Gardening programs on Barclay St
- Need more parks – they are too far apart
- Turn vacant lots on Court St and Irvine Turner Blvd into open space
- Restore Lincoln Park as an historical landmark; increase the amount of benches, tables, and lighting
- Recreation centers should remain open after 6 PM
- Reopen recreation center at Hayes Park West (it was moved to the Ironbound)
- Restore the public pool and recreation center in Hayes Park West
- Move services from JFK Recreation Center to Hayes Park West
- Jesse Allen Park is a good target for youth programs and physical improvements
- Lincoln Park needs benches and waste baskets
- Recreation facilities are not inviting

Utility Services & Infrastructure:

- Need more garbage cans