McElderry Park Revitalization Coalition
Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation
Data Presentation
November 11, 2013

Agenda

6:15-6:25  Introductions
6:25-6:50  Presentation of Findings
6:50-7:00  Move to small groups
7:00-7:45  Small Group Discussions
7:45-7:55  Report out by tables
7:55-8:00  Concluding Thoughts
Planning Phase

Project Details for Phase 1

3-Stages

- Community Organizing and Mobilizing Residents and Stakeholders
- Data Collecting
  Speaking with residents to assess community concerns
- Program Implementation
  Funds evidence-based programs
Review BCJI Planning Grant Resources

• We are finalizing Phase I
  – Planning
  – Data-Driven approach to finding community solutions

• Budget for Phase II
  – Between $235,000 - $325,000 for programming
  – Specific guidelines on what BCJI funding will support

Key is leveraging partner resources

- McElderry Park Community Association
- Banner Neighborhoods
- Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice
- Environmental Justice Partnership
- Johns Hopkins University
- Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning
- Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
- East Monument Main Street
- Monument McElderry Fayette Revitalization Plan
- Monument Street Merchants Association
- Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance
- Southeast Police District
- Safe Streets East
- Julie Community Center
- Charm City Clinic
- Baltimore Development Corp
- Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition
Evidenced-based Programs & Practices

What is it?

• Learning from others
  – Program: Specific set of activities for a defined purpose
    • Example: “Safe Streets”
  – Practices: Similar strategies that aim to address specific issue
    • Example: Mentoring

• Elements from other programs that make them “work”

Process for Decision-Making
Data Gathering & Analysis

• Community Indicators/Mapping/Data Analysis
  – Reduce crime in & around hotspots

• Focus Groups
  – Address factors causing crime

Research is a Collaborative Process
What is the Data Profile for McElderry Park?

- Population
- Families and Poverty
- Housing
- Sanitation
- Crime and Safety

Residents
Population
2000 to 2010 = -10%

Race/Ethnicity

[Bar chart showing percent black, percent white, and percent Hispanic for 2000 and 2010]
Households & Income
Families
Of female-headed, 75% have kids

Median Household Income
2011 = $35,283
(City = $40,100)

Poverty
26% families with children live in Poverty
24% receive TANF (Baltimore City = 9%)

Housing
Owner Occupancy = 23%
Median Home Sales Price = $17,500
Vacancy Rate = 15.5% (2x City average)
Sanitation

Crime and Safety

Homicides (2000-2012)
Range between 0 and 5
Rapes (2000-2012)
Range between 0 and 5
Property Crimes

Crime in 2012

Number of Specific Crimes, 2012

- Number of Auto Thefts
- Number of Larcenies
- Number of Burglaries
- Number of Robberies
- Number of Aggravated Assaults
- Number of Rapes
- Number of Homicides
What Did We Learn from Focus Groups?

- Outreach to all stakeholders
- 8 focus groups; 40 people
- What are the main issues in this community?

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Issues Raised

• Physical Disorder
  – Cleanliness of community
  – Vacant buildings
  – Accountability
  – Message sent to others

• Crime & Safety
  – Crime attractors
  – Range of crime types
  – Fear of crime
  – Impact on businesses
  – Merchant involvement

Issues Raised

• Law enforcement
  – Lack of resources; inconsistency
  – No sense of urgency
  – Relationships with residents
  – Police perception of residents

• Lack of Employment
  – Overall lack of opportunities
  – Criminal records; rejection
  – Career training – not linked to jobs
  – Lack of entrepreneur opportunities

• Lack of Youth Programs & Activities
  – Criminal records
  – Lack of positive and consistent mentors
  – Negative community influences
  – No safe place to play
Solutions

• Physical Disorder
  – Enhance landlord & resident accountability
  – Incentive programs
  – More resources
  – Involve youth

• Crime & Safety
  – Improve lighting
  – Cameras
  – Community policing; foot patrol; night patrol

Solutions

• Law Enforcement
  – Training to improve relations
  – Community policing; foot patrol

• Employment
  – Program focused on those with criminal records
  – Training linked to jobs
  – Entrepreneurial programs
  – Educational resources

• Youth Programs & Activities
  – More programs; community center
  – Improvement of local playground
  – Positive role models; mentorship
Crime Mapping

- Analysis of violent and property crimes, 2000-2012
- 911 calls for service
- Juvenile and drug-related crimes
- 311 calls for trash
- Code Violations, vacant housing
- Built environment
Hotspot Profile

- #12 500 Block of Streeper
- 13 Calls for narcotics in 2011
- Juvenile arrests for drug-related crime

Common Themes

- Nuisance Uses
  - Liquor Stores
- Physical Disorder
  - Vacant Housing
- Social Disorder
  - Clear relationship between calls for narcotics and hotspots
  - Juvenile arrests for drug-related crimes
- Places of Opportunity
  - Schools (Tench Tilghman and William Paca)
  - Library
- Design
- Major Streets/Alleys
  - Businesses (Monument Street corridor/Orleans Street)
  - Narrow alleys in residential areas
- Community
### Solutions

- Citizen calls for narcotics should be monitored
- Support New Zoning Code to De-densify liquor stores
- Implement all strategies in Vacants to Value including strategic demolition
- Community Clean-Ups
- Better Security around Schools, Libraries, Parking Lots
- More Streetlights
- Support and Develop Block Captains

### Coordinating with Other Studies

- **Well-Being of Adolescents in Violent Environments (WAVE)**
  - 62.2% of youth surveyed in McElderry Park feel Unsafe or Very Unsafe in the neighborhood
  - 56.8% of youth surveyed in McElderry Park say as far as they know, there are gangs in the neighborhood

- **Community Health Initiative (CHI)**
  - Community Asset Mapping
Asset Mapping

- Identify **people, places, and programs**
  - Churches
  - Schools
  - Library
  - Transit routes
  - Food stores
  - Salons
  - Banks
  - Health care centers
  - Community managed open spaces (gardens)
  - Community organizations/associations

![McEllderry Park Neighborhood Assets](image-url)
Small Group Discussion

• Break Out Sessions
  – Take a look at specific hotspots
  – Add to list of solutions

• Review Asset Map
  – Identify more assets

Next Steps

• Review findings with MPRC Steering Committee
• Brief Baltimore City Police Department and other City Agencies
• Respond to proposed solutions from Community and other stakeholders
• Prepare BCJI Phase II program and budget