

Seven Oaks

Saturday, May 7, 2011

9:00am – 9:45am

7 Attendees

BREAKOUT SESSION (DB)

Site significance

- Several participants' kids went to school at Seven Oaks
- Have been in neighborhood since 1960s
- Makes neighborhood look bad
- Affects property value of adjacent homes
- Want something positive done

Strengths

- VA Hospital nearby
- Good bus lines
- Six churches in the area
- Grocery store within walking distance
- Tight neighborhood associations
- Auditorium/gym (opportunities for community space/use)

Challenges

- Children that grew up in the neighborhood have moved away
- All challenges can be overcome

Community Needs

- Jobs
- Lots of seniors in the area who are going to have to give up their homes but want to stay in the neighborhood
- No nearby senior housing /need for assisted living to keep seniors as part of the community
- Attract/retain reinvestment when seniors leave their homes

Reuse Options (that could address community needs)

- Senior housing
- Has to be a community connector/community building - open to community even if don't live in it
- Lots of seniors in the area who are going to have to give up their homes but want to stay in the neighborhood
- Don't need a charter school