



**Community Engagement Council  
2011-2012  
Project Selection Meeting**

April 28th, 2011

# Background

- From January - April, 2011, members of CPN staff and the Community Engagement Council met with key leaders throughout the Neighborhood to talk about issues and priorities.
- The shared concerns were in very general areas such as reducing crime, keeping a strong sense of community, and maintaining safe community centers and common areas.
- After reviewing the priorities on April 14<sup>th</sup>, the CEC decided to hold a facilitated planning meeting and to invite other members of the community to join them to help craft a strategy that would benefit the entire community.
- This slide pack documents that planning meeting.

# The Setting



- CEC member Marvetta Daniels arranged for the use of the St. Julian Divine Center, located in the Eastside part of the CPN near Sanders-Clyde Elementary.
- Laura Deaton, the Managing Director for CPN, facilitated the meeting, which was held from 6:30-8:30 pm. Light snacks and beverages were provided. Dwayne Green (CPN CEO) and Amanda Coté (CPN Ops Manager), were also present to support the process.

# The Participants

## **Council Members**

Anita Antoinette

Tommy Broach

Marvetta Daniels

Aj Davis

Rev. Alma Dungee

Tyeka Grant

Ed Jones

Yvette Lambright

Imam Luqman Rasheed

## **Guests**

Karen Brown

Rev. Dwayne Hamilton

Tony Lewis

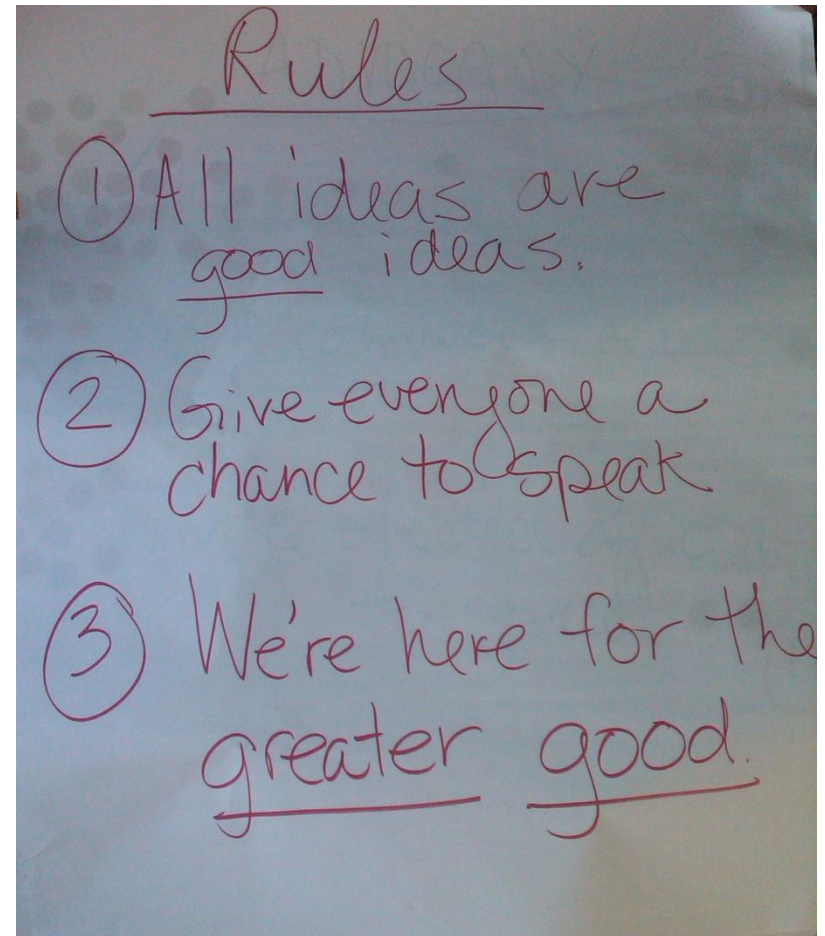
Mike Mason

Marla Mitchell

Kareem White

# The Process

- Aj Davis welcomed participants, and led introductions.
- Laura shared the ground rules, gave a little background about CPN, and then talked about the structure of the planning.



# Mix, Divide, and Mix Again

- The group was divided into two smaller groups. Each group was given a set of note cards with the same set of potential projects on them.
- The groups were asked to add their own ideas, and then sort the ideas in order with the top choices on the top of the stack.
- The groups were told that they would do this three different times, reporting out between each topic, and then moving so that the groups mingled differently each time.

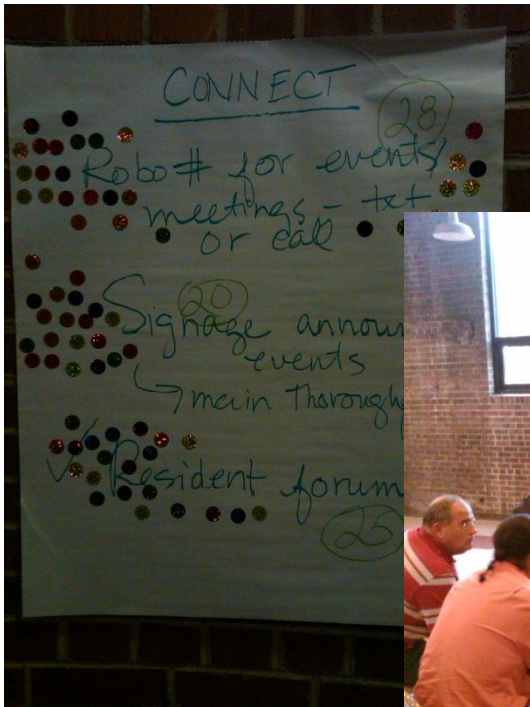
# The Topics

- (1) **CREATING AWARENESS**: What are some great ways that we could create awareness about Neighborhood needs and strengths/assets?
- (2) **STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS**: What are some great ways that we could strengthen connections across the Neighborhood?
- (3) **ADVOCACY**: What are some ways we could empower people to advocate for themselves and for the Neighborhood as a whole?

# The Voting

- The top three ideas from each group from each round were put on white paper around the room.
- Each participant was given 18 stickers to vote with. They could spread them out or put them all on just one favorite...however they wished.
- The top three vote-winners overall were chosen.





# And The Winners Are...

- (1) Foster and cultivation next-generation leadership and activism through the development and support of a **CPN Youth Leadership Council** composed of middle and high school students from the Neighborhood.
- (2) Empower and engage existing community members by designing and hosting a **CPN Neighborhood Leadership Training** series.
- (3) Provide regular **informational updates on Neighborhood-related events, issues and alerts via a telephone-based automated messaging system**, with call-out capabilities.

# Next Steps

- After voting, the group then came back together to do a quick near-term assessment of what would be needed in the next 3 months to get started with these projects.
- The group agreed to form sub-committees to develop a detailed timeline and assign responsibilities.
- CPN will work with the Community Engagement Council leadership to create a schedule and a process for assessing interest in sub-committees.

# CPN Youth Leadership Council

- Select facilitators/advisors/leaders
- Design Council job description and structure
- Create operational guidelines and processes
- Create an application and interview process
- Publicize/press
- Get middle and high school students to apply
- Review applications and interview top candidates

# Leadership Training

- Need a coordinator
- ID Trainers
- ID Topics
- Schedule
- Locations
- Publicize
- Attendee registration
- Incentives

# Regular Informational Updates/Calls

- ID a vendor and determine best approach
- Secure \$\$ or donations to fund
- Craft a subscription method/data capture
- Develop guidelines for the type of information included.
- Find some “voices” that are willing to do the recording/calls.
- Create a schedule.
- Explore doing this in tandem with signage.

*“Be the change you want to see in the world.”*

-- Mahatma Gandhi



*“It's time for greatness -- not for greed. It's a time for idealism -- not ideology. It is a time not just for compassionate words, but compassionate action.”*

-- Marian Wright Edelman

*“A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all direction. Each one of our thoughts, words, and deeds is like that. We won't sit down and feel hopeless. There's too much work to do.”*

-- Dorothy Day

