

Notes from Hammond Meeting on Fair Housing
September 15, 2016

- Owana Miller
 - Provided a list of issues already mentioned in previous meetings
 - City is asking for potential ways to address issues

- Alvin Cheeks
 - Grew up in Hammond
 - Bussing is needed
 - Would like to see more hotels
 - Would like to see housing on 40 foot lots
 - Would like to see more multifamily housing
 - Would like to see more middle range/higher end housing
 - Needs a hub

- Name not recorded (woman who also attended Library meeting)
 - Need more living wage jobs
 - Too many demolitions; described a specific case (505 Highland) that felt it could have been saved. Work with Board of Works.
 - Urban homesteading could be a solution. Try to make homes affordable thru tax sales. Give buyers one year to fix homes.
 - Combination of lots (where owner purchases vacant adjacent lot) is another potential solution but buyer faces higher taxes until the lots can be combined

- Stacy with School City Hammond
 - Feels a stronger positive relationship/partnership between school and city would be beneficial. Create a forum to promote positive things happening in school
 - Safety is a concern. Partnership would help ensure safety of kids

- O. Smith
 - Housing in general – why is high rate of predatory lending in Hammond?
 - What is proper channel to approach City about community gardens?
 - How does one Adopt a Lot?
 - Plan discusses preventions for We Care – be more specific
 - Page 3-2 be more descriptive about opportunities discussed
 - Page 3-4: thinks information in bullet points can be combined
 - Page 4-1: does not understand the terminology of race and ethnicities; provide descriptions of each term.
 - Page 5-1: does not like the separation of white/non-white, white/black, etc
 - School data blew her out of the water
 - Page 6-3 check stats
 - Page 8-4 what does poverty level mean? Put a number to it.
 - Feels data is missing for Low Income Housing Tax Credit properties
 - Feels that First (Council) District gets their share of funding
 - Only homeless shelter in Hammond is run by First Baptist

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 - Page 9-3: The percentages total 200% - make sure to explain differences between race total and ethnicity total