

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2015
Broadway Housing

583 Riverside Drive

Attending Committee Members : Victor Edwards – Chair, Joel Mentor , Arnold Boatner, LaQuita Henry, Barry Wienberg, Padmore John,

Community Members: Kofi Boateng - WHDC

Meeting called to order at 6:45

Agenda and meeting minutes adopted

- WHDC Update – Kofi Boateng
 - K. Boateng distributed and reviewed the WHDC's annual report.
 - Highlights included:
 - The “Digital Media Training Program” (funded by WHDC) that was recently honored at the White House as a part of nationwide competition.
 - “Kinvolvled”, an APP funded by WHDC that lets teachers swipe a student as absent or late and immediately notify the parent.
 - Expansion of Summer Youth and Senior employment programs
 - Programs targeting the local public housing developments
 - 2015-2017 Strategic Plan
 - K. Boateng outlined the WHDC plan:
 - Narrowing focus from eight targeted areas to three areas: Education, Workforce & Economic Development and Affordable Housing
 - EDUCATION – 9 schools would be selected to begin a program to include community school support. School Coordinators would be assigned to the selected to schools to assist students. The program will attempt to address a large scope of concerns including issues at home, tutoring where needed and other concerns affecting the student's performance. In addition, a third party evaluator will be utilized to monitor the program.
 - WORKFORCE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Grants will continue to be utilized but RFP's will be incorporated into the process. RFP's will address specific community needs around employment and economic development.
 - AFFORDABLE HOUSING – WHDC plans to focus on sustainable efforts around housing. K. Boateng explained that the WHDC is examining land trust, available land to purchase and the possibly of constructing housing. 10 million of the 20 million Affordable Housing fund has been transfer from the city to Tides.
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.