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## Jump Start Coalition

7/28/2016

6:00pm – 7:00pm

NLR Community Center – 2700 Willow



### Updates

1. The Park Hill and Levy Implementation Plans passed at City Council on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Alderman White, Alderman Ross, and Bernadette for making it happen!
2. Metroplan will be reviving the original Jump Start group in late August to evaluate each project's progress against its original grant application to determine funding status
3. A letter has been crafted to Metroplan from Mayor Smith, Newmark Grubb, Terra Forma, and the NLR School District stating the intent to align the design of the Park Hill Elementary site with the Park Hill Overlay Plan once it is purchased. The draft is being edited by each of the signatories and will hopefully go to Metroplan prior to the Metroplan Jump Start Committee review process. Terra Forma currently has a purchase option on the property that expires August 15. The potential developer is aware and understands that being part of the Park Hill Overlay Design district is a financial benefit because it will give the property access to the next round of funds from Metroplan to make streetscape and infrastructure improvements.
4. The Park Hill Marketing Survey results and final report are in. Reviewed the results and recommendations. Contact Bernadette Rhodes if you would like a copy of the report.
5. The Jump Start Overlay Plan had built in protections to prevent houses from being torn down and turned in to parking lots behind business properties. Recently, a house was protected from demolition by the PH Overlay Plan!

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## What's coming up?

1. Neighbors United for Levy Meeting – 6:30 pm, August 1, North Heights Recreation Center, Superintendent of NLR School District is speaker
2. I-30 Crossing Community Meeting – 6 pm, August 4, Lakewood Methodist Church
3. Credit Counseling training – 6 pm, August 9, NLR Community Center
4. Park Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale – Saturday, September 24, residents set up on own property, businesses encouraged to have sidewalk sales or set up booths, realtors encouraged to offer open houses, Trinity Lutheran has offered their parking lot for anyone to use
5. Patio Park Hill – September 29, will need lots of volunteers!

## Jump Start Your Block

1. July 16<sup>th</sup> event on the 33<sup>rd</sup> block between Marion and Sycamore in Levy was a success.
2. Report: 7.5 hour event, 22 volunteers, \$75 donations, tons of borrowed materials brought by volunteers to use for the day, 62 bags of trash/dirt/grass collected, 5 residents requested help (3 renters, 2 homeowners).
  - a. Task
    - i. Installed house numbers on 4 houses
    - ii. Sealed one set of windows
    - iii. 6 landscaping tasks including trimming hedges, trimming/weed eating two properties, laying mulch, mowing two yards
    - iv. Painted front rails on 1 property
    - v. Power washed house/windows of 1 house
    - vi. Picked up nails and moved construction materials to allow use of ramp on 1 property
    - vii. Cleaned roof/gutters of leaves and branches of 1 house
  - b. Tasks unable to be completed

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- i. Pour concrete to finish a back patio (this is being organized currently)
  - ii. Paint front rails (resident didn't have paint)
  - iii. Seal windows (couldn't seal in current condition)
  - iv. Reattach back gutter (gutter too damaged to reattach)
  - v. Cover/patch holes in house (holes too large to patch)
3. Suggestions: Work with local churches, Habitat for Humanity, Keep NLR Beautiful, and volunteer groups in the future to expand volunteer base and share projects that are too large or complicated for our group. Briefly discussed holding it on 33<sup>rd</sup> again or moving to another location for next event. No more summer events! Spring and Fall! Neighborhood Services to act as constant project collection point that residents can continuously send requests to, and then NS will find community partners to help.

## Strategic Plan

1. Discussed starting safety committee with police, fire, PH, Levy residents
2. Bernadette and Jenna will be reviving the Bike/Ped Committee to discuss modifications to the bike/ped plan and the master street plan as it relates to the upcoming changes along JFK and Camp Robinson based on the Jump Start projects.

## Suggestions

1. Suggestion: Require representation from the NLR School Board at the Jump Start Coalition meetings.
2. Suggestion: Require stakeholder input prior to major changes to the overlay plan to avoid another Park Hill Elementary situation from developing.
3. Suggestion: Invite other Jump Start projects to come present their progress at our meetings.
4. Suggestion: Tap into State Forestry Commission grants to assist with trees in PH and Levy.

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5. Suggestion: Reach out to NLR School Board and Superintendent 1-on-1 to discuss Park Hill Elementary situation and its importance for PH.
6. Suggestion: Reach out to Levy Business Association to see if they are interested in doing a marketing survey like Park Hill did and where they are at on their branding campaign. Perhaps they are interested in partnering with NUFL on this.