Appendix I - Neighborhood Participation

IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD

COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN
Idora Neighborhood Stakeholder Meeting

SUMMARY

The City of Youngstown Planning Department and the Ohio State University Planning Team hosted a stakeholder meeting in the Idora Neighborhood to inform stakeholders about the need for a plan, gain their input and encourage their involvement throughout the process. The meeting was held at the Rescue Mission meeting facilities on Glenwood Avenue at 2:00pm on August 9, 2007. This stakeholder meeting was the first organized meeting of the planning process and was held prior to the neighborhood wide public meetings held throughout the fall of 2007. The stakeholders were engaged at the beginning because they are those that have invested in the neighborhood in the form of businesses, institutions or civic groups. The involvement of neighborhood stakeholders will be necessary throughout the process and especially important in the implementation phase of the planning process. The planning initiative is part of an ongoing effort to create neighborhood plans for all the city’s neighborhood as outlined in Youngstown 2010 – the city’s award winning Citywide Comprehensive Plan.

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The meeting began with a presentation made by Karen Perkins, City of Youngstown Planning Department. The presentation included some background and existing conditions information about the neighborhood that would be used as a baseline throughout the process. The presentation also stressed the importance of involvement of neighborhood stakeholders. The presentation was followed by a discussion about the neighborhood and the needs of stakeholders. The discussion included the stakeholders and the government officials in attendance including the Planning Director, Economic Development Director, Police Chief, and Chief Park Planner for Mill Creek MetroParks. Stakeholders were encouraged about the planning process and many signed on to help in any way that they would be able.

STAKEHOLDERS were excited about the planning process and vowed to assist the neighborhood by any means possible.

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1. Welcome/Planning Team Introduction

2. Youngstown 2010 Vision

3. Neighborhood Boundaries

4. Background

5. Neighborhood Conditions

6. Neighborhood Issues

7. Neighborhood Assets

8. City Department Focus

9. What’s in the works?

10. A Call to Action

11. Questions/Discussion

12. Adjourn

Accepting that we are a smaller city: Youngstown should strive to be a model of a sustainable mid-sized city

Defining Youngstown’s role in the new regional economy: Youngstown must align itself with the realities of the new regional economy

Improving Youngstown’s image and enhancing quality of life: Making Youngstown a healthier and better place to live and work

A call to action: An achievable and practical action-oriented plan to make things happen

Neighborhood Boundaries:
- West – Mill Creek Park
- East – Glenwood Avenue
- North – Willis Avenue/Old Furnace Road
- South – Canfield Road and Mill Creek Park
In May 1899 Idora Park opens and the Market Street Bridge is completed. These two projects encourage development of housing on Southside of Youngstown. The trolley line on Parkview and Glenwood gives Idora residents easy access to downtown and steel mills. Neighborhood remains stable until after the closure of the steel mills and the 1984 fire at Idora Park.

Source: Ginny Pasha
http://www.as.ysu.edu/~cwcs/IdoraPark.html

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- Glenwood Avenue Corridor
- Parkview Avenue
- Former Idora Park Site
- Housing Vacancy

IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN | NEIGHBORHOOD ASSETS

- Mill Creek Park
- Housing Stock
- Neighborhood Residents/Stakeholders
- Neighborhood Institutions/Anchors
- Volney Road Historic District

IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN | CITY DEPARTMENT FOCUS

- Planning
- Ohio State University Graduate Student Team
- Community Development
- Police
- Park & Recreation
- Code Enforcement
  - Zoning
  - Housing
  - Health
  - Building
- Street
- Litter Control
- Demolition

IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN | WHAT IS IN THE WORKS?

- Neighborhood Existing Conditions Analysis
- Parcel-by-parcel survey to determine housing vacancy
- Neighborhood Design Work
- Design for the former Idora Park Site
- Creation of a Neighborhood Logo
- Neighborhood Clean Up

IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN | WHAT IS IN THE WORKS?

- Youth Involvement Program
- Community garden
- Focusing of City Resources
- Identification of Resources
- Neighborhood Plan – Objectives and Strategies

IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN | HOUSING VACANCY

Housing Vacancy Status

| Total Housing Units | Idora Neighborhood: 770 | City of Youngstown: 37,748 |
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| Total Vacant Units  | Idora Neighborhood: 107  | City of Youngstown: 4,981   |

Percent housing units occupied

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WE NEED YOU!

Neighborhood Stakeholders are vital to the neighborhood planning process and will play a major role in strengthening the neighborhood.

Questions, Comments, and/or Concerns?

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THANK YOU!
Idora Neighborhood
Kick-Off Meeting

SUMMARY

The City of Youngstown Planning Department and the Ohio State University Planning Team hosted a neighborhood meeting in the Idora Neighborhood to gain resident's input. The meeting was held at the Rescue Mission meeting facilities on Glenwood Avenue at 6:30pm on September 26, 2007. This neighborhood meeting was the first in a series of meetings to allow residents to voice their concerns and give feedback throughout the process of developing a comprehensive neighborhood plan for the neighborhood. The planning initiative is part of an ongoing effort to create neighborhood plans for all the city’s neighborhoods as outlined in Youngstown 2010 – the city’s award winning citywide comprehensive plan.

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An extensive neighborhood outreach effort was performed in an attempt to give all neighborhood residents a forum to voice their concerns, hopes for the future, and encourage them to get involved. The Idora Planning Team (OSU and City Staff) canvassed every street in the neighborhood passing out meeting fliers and talking to residents. An automated telephone messaging system was also used to call every house in the neighborhood and inform them of the meeting and location. Press releases were sent to all local media outlets asking them to inform the public of the meeting. Letters were also mailed to targeted “neighborhood leaders” to give them a personal invitation and encourage them to help make the planning process and revitalization of Idora a success. A meeting announcement was also posted on the recently created Idora neighborhood web page on the Youngstown 2010 website (http://youngstown2010.com/neighborhoods/index.htm). On September 26 (meeting day) Karen Perkins, Co-Project Manager and Ian Beniston, Co-Project Manager, were featured on the local ABC affiliate’s, WYTV – Channel 33, evening newscast in a three minute live segment regarding the planning process and encouraged the residents to attend the meeting and make their voices heard.

Approximately 60 neighborhood residents attended the meeting on September 26. Residents were asked to sign in and provide contact information, so the Idora Planning Team could create a neighborhood contact list of those that would like to be involved in the revitalization of the neighborhood. Residents were provided with a three-page survey after signing in. The survey responses can be found beginning on page 154. The meeting commenced with the City Staff and the OSU Team introducing themselves to the residents. The introductions were followed by a presentation and discussion session. The presentation provided residents with information about the existing conditions of the neighborhood. It also gave residents the opportunity to participate through the use of interactive TurningPoint technology. TurningPoint response cards were used to give residents the opportunity to answer questions posed by the planning team. The responses can be found beginning on page 158. The presentation was interspersed with healthy discussion/debate regarding the serious issues the neighborhood is facing. Residents seemed to have been waiting for this opportunity for a long time and are energized to take back community control of their neighborhood. The attendees were a diverse group in terms of race, age and income due to the extensive neighborhood outreach efforts.

The future, as discussed at the meeting, was to be realistic, and to work within the confines of what could be done with the resources available. The guests were asked to rate their concerns about neighborhood issues. A summary of the results is provided below (focusing on the 3 highest rated in each category):

Quality of life priorities:
1. Crime and Safety
2. Street and Sidewalk Maintenance
3. Clean and Litter Free

Housing Priorities:
1. Demolition of Abandoned Housing
2. Rehab Existing Structures
3. Code Enforcement

Recreation/ Open Space:
1. Conversion of Vacant Lots to Green Space
2. Parks
3. Youth Rec Programs

Commercial/ Business:
1. Clean and Green Glenwood Ave.
2. Broader Range of Businesses
3. Streetscape Improvements

Idora-wide priorities:
1. Clean and Green the Neighborhood
2. Improve Glenwood Avenue
3. Organize Neighborhood Residents
After the organized question and answer session, the dialogue continued as neighbors got to know one another and offered further suggestions as to how to improve the neighborhood. Stemming from this meeting a neighborhood block watch group has formed and may be the impetus for the development of a non-profit neighborhood development organization. A neighborhood cleanup, announced at the meeting as the first “call to action” was attended by over 40 people who walked the neighborhood and gathered trash and junk for 3 hours on a Saturday morning. In addition, Youngstown Litter Control and the city’s Street Department worked extensively in the neighborhood — cutting vacant lots and removing the debris collected by volunteers. Over six dump truck loads of tires and over one hundred bags of trash were removed from the neighborhood.

The neighborhood meeting and cleanup were the first steps in an effort that will eventually put the “beat” back into Idora and once again make it a great place to live.

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Residents responded to the call for action by attending the neighborhood meetings and cleanup in force.
IDORA RESIDENTS filled the meeting to capacity and filled the room with healthy discussion as they voiced their desires for change.

RESIDENTS came out in force to the meeting.
Map 11.1 Idora Neighborhood Kick-Off Meeting Participants
Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan for Idora Neighborhood Questionnaire

Thank you for completing this neighborhood questionnaire. Your input is necessary and important to assist the Idora Neighborhood Planning Team in developing the Idora Neighborhood Plan. We are here to listen to you. THIS IS YOUR PLAN. Please answer all questions and drop off the survey before you leave.

Please answer the following questions:

1. What do you like about the Idora Neighborhood? _______________________________________________________________
2. Do you shop in the Idora Neighborhood on Glenwood Avenue? _______________________________________________________
3. If yes, Where do you shop on Glenwood Avenue? _________________________________________________________________
4. Where do you shop outside the neighborhood? _________________________________________________________________
5. Quality of Life Priorities
   - | Trees and Gardens | Crime and Safety | Recreation Opportunities
   - | Public Transit | Street and Sidewalk Maintenance | Clean and Litter Free
   - | Other

For each of the following sections please indicate your top three priorities by writing a 1, 2, or 3 next to the desired selection

4. Where do you shop outside the neighborhood?
   - | Business Association | Clean and Green Glenwood Avenue | Facade Improvements
   - | Broader Range of Businesses | Street Improvements | Other Issues

5. If you answered other issues please comment here: _______________________________________________________________
6. Housing Priorities
   - | Demolition of Abandoned Housing | Ensure Diversity of Architectural Styles | Other
   - | Rehabilitate Existing Structures | Improve Affordable Housing | Code Enforcement

7. Recreation and Open Space Priorities
   - | Parks | Community Gardens | Conversion of Vacant lots to green space
   - | Public Art | Youth Recreation Programs | Community Center | Street Trees

8. If you answered other issues please comment here: _______________________________________________________________

9. Commercial and Business Priorities
   - | Business Association | Clean and Green Glenwood Avenue | Facade Improvements
   - | Broader Range of Businesses | Street Improvements | Other Issues

10. If you answered other issues please comment here: _______________________________________________________________

11. What is your age?
   - | 0-4 years | 5-9 years | 10-19 years | 20+ years | Life Long
   - | under 19 | 20-24 years | 25-34 years | 35-44 years | 45-54 years | 55-64 years | 65-74 years | 75 or older
   - | 0-4 years | 5-9 years | 10-19 years | 20+ years | Life Long

12. Please tell us about your education status:
   - | Did not finish high school | Received High school diploma
   - | Attended some college | College graduate | Past graduate study
   - | Did not finish high school | Received High school diploma

13. What is your education status?
   - | 0-4 years | 5-9 years | 10-19 years | 20+ years | Life Long
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14. How long have you lived in the Idora Neighborhood?
   - | 0-4 years | 5-9 years | 10-19 years | 20+ years | Life Long
   - | Did not finish high school | Received High school diploma

15. What is your housing occupancy status?
   - | Homeowner | Renter | Business Owner

16. If you answered other issues please comment here: _______________________________________________________________
17. If you moved to the Idora Neighborhood within the past 5 years, where did you move from? _______________________________________________________________

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE!
Idora Neighborhood
Kick-Off Meeting Questionnaire Results

AGE

DURATION OF RESIDENCY

EDUCATION LEVEL

IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD 155 NEIGHBORHOOD PARTICIPATION
NEIGHBORHOOD PARTICIPATION

CRIME AND SAFETY: 92
STREET AND SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE: 35
CLEAN AND LITTER FREE: 30
TREES AND GARDENS: 20
RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES: 15
PUBLIC TRANSIT: 10

QUALITY OF LIFE PRIORITIES

NEIGHBORHOOD WIDE PRIORITIES

CLEAN AND GREEN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: 60
IMPROVE GLENWOOD AVENUE: 54
ORGANIZE NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS: 37
YOUTH PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH: 34
IMPROVE SCHOOLS: 20
IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE: 15
INCREASE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: 12

SEX

MALE: 43%
FEMALE: 57%

RACE

WHITE: 27%
BLACK: 73%

OCCUPANCY STATUS

OWN

BUSINESS OWNER

RENT
NEIGHBORHOOD PARTICIPATION

IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD:

• Please fill out your Idora Neighborhood questionnaire.
• Let us know what your major concerns and priorities for the neighborhood are.
• Feel free to write on the back of the paper if you need additional space for comments.
• Make your voice heard

IDORA neighborhood plan | purpose
1. Youngstown 2010 Vision
2. What is neighborhood revitalization?
3. Discuss the existing condition “reality” of the neighborhood
4. Listen to your concerns and gain your input.
5. Discuss possibilities for the future.
6. Encourage involvement by ALL NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS.
7. Not about “pie in the sky plans”. Plan will result in visible incremental changes throughout the neighborhood.

IDORA neighborhood plan | purpose
1. Create an opportunity for residents to be heard and organize
2. Increase quality of life for neighborhood residents
3. Place every parcel into an active and productive use
4. The time is now

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7. Not about “pie in the sky plans”. Plan will result in visible incremental changes throughout the neighborhood.

IDORA neighborhood plan | purpose
1. Create an opportunity for residents to be heard and organize
2. Increase quality of life for neighborhood residents
3. Place every parcel into an active and productive use
4. The time is now

Accepting that we are a smaller city: Youngstown should strive to be a model of a sustainable mid-sized city

Defining Youngstown’s role in the new regional economy: Youngstown must align itself with the realities of the new regional economy

Improving Youngstown’s image and enhancing quality of life: Making Youngstown a healthier and better place to live and work

A call to action: An achievable and practical action-oriented plan to make things happen

IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD 158 NEIGHBORHOOD PARTICIPATION
Do you agree with your neighborhood boundaries?

1. Agree
2. Disagree
3. Not Sure

Which neighborhood logo do you prefer?

1. Logo 1
2. Logo 2
3. Logo 3
4. Logo 4
5. None of the above.
IDORA Neighborhhood Plan | Neighborhood Conditions

1. Population

- Total Population: 1,633 residents
- Under 19 age group is larger than City average, 35 percent as compared to 29 percent.
- 35 to 54 age group is larger than City average, 29 percent as compared to 26 percent.

2. Education

- 13.7 percent are college graduates, while an additional 25 percent have some college.
- 25 percent has less than a high school education.

3. Housing

- Many Styles of Housing
- 750 Total Units
- 107 Vacant Units

4. Land Use

- Business 79 6.9%
- Institutional 32 2.8%
- Multi-Family Residential 9 0.8%
- Recreation/Open Space 1 0.1%
- Single, Two and Three Family Residential 1,029 89.5%

5. Vacancy and Tax Status
- Vacancy is a problem
- Vacancy is concentrated in certain areas

IDORA neighborhood plan | vacancy

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IDORA neighborhood plan | vacancy and tax liens

Do you agree that connections with Mill Creek Park should be improved?
1. Agree
2. Disagree
3. Not Sure

Do you agree that a portion of the neighborhood should be designated a Historic District?
1. Agree
2. Disagree
3. Not Sure
IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD | neighborhood issues

• Glenwood Avenue Corridor
• Parkview Avenue
• Former Idora Park Site
• Crime

IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD | survey

Which Glenwood Corridor Concept do you prefer most?
1. Concept 1
2. Concept 2
3. Concept 3
4. None of the Above.

IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD | survey

What is the number one issue you feel should be addressed?
1. Vacancy
2. Glenwood Corridor
3. Crime
4. Recreation
5. Youth Programs
6. Neighborhood Commercial

IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD | city resource focus

• City to Target Code Enforcement
• Community Development Agency will Target Housing Rehab Assistance
• City will Prioritize Infrastructure Needs
• City will Prioritize Demolition
• Target Commercial Facade Program
• Target Acquisition of Abandoned Property

IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD | what is in the works?

• Focusing of City Resources
• Identification of Private Resources
• Neighborhood soon to be profiled on Youngstown 2010 website www.youngstown2010.com/neighborhoods
• Other possibilities include: youth program, community garden, and more recreation space
• Neighborhood Plan = Objectives and Strategies
WE NEED YOU!

Neighborhood Residents are vital to the neighborhood planning process and will play a major role in strengthening the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Cleanup!

Block Captains are needed
If you would like to volunteer to lead a small group on your block please see one of the planning team members

Neighborhood Cleanup!

Saturday, September 29
From 9am to 11am
Meet on Parkview Avenue in front of Idora Park Site
Cleaning Supplies will be provided
Your involvement is critical!
THE TIME IS NOW!!!
Please take a flier before you leave

Block Captains are needed
If you would like to volunteer to lead a small group on your block please see one of the planning team members

• Collect Neighborhood Questionnaires
• Please return your Turning Point Response Card
• Continue City Department Focus in Neighborhood
• Another Neighborhood Meeting Soon
• Plan will result in necessary and visible changes in the neighborhood

THANK YOU!

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Idora Neighborhood
Meeting #2

SUMMARY
The City of Youngstown Planning Department and the Ohio State University Planning Team hosted the second neighborhood meeting in the Idora Neighborhood to gain resident's input on the goals and strategies created for the neighborhood plan. The meeting was held at the Rescue Mission meeting facilities on Glenwood Avenue at 7:00pm on November 14, 2007. This neighborhood meeting was the second in a series of meetings to allow residents to voice their concerns and give feedback throughout the process of developing a comprehensive neighborhood plan for the Idora Neighborhood. The planning initiative is part of an ongoing effort to create neighborhood plans for all the city's neighborhoods as outlined in Youngstown 2010 – the city's award winning Citywide Comprehensive Plan.

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An extensive neighborhood outreach effort was performed in an attempt to give all residents a forum to voice their concerns, hopes for the future, and to encourage them to get involved. The Idora Planning Team (OSU and City Staff) canvassed every street in the neighborhood for the second time passing out fliers and talking to residents. CityWatch (an automated telephone messaging system) was used to call every house in the neighborhood with the following message:

Attention Residents of the Idora Neighborhood:
A neighborhood meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Rescue Mission Distribution Center located at 2246 Glenwood Avenue. This is the second meeting to be held as part of the Idora Neighborhood Planning Process. Come out and make your voice heard! Your neighborhood needs you! Again the meeting will be held on Wednesday November 14 at 7:00pm at the Rescue Mission Distribution Center located at 2246 Glenwood Avenue.

Letters were sent to every resident that attended the first meeting personally inviting them to participate in the second neighborhood meeting and further emphasizing the criticalness of their involvement in the neighborhood revitalization process. A meeting announcement along with information about the planning process was posted on the newly created Idora webpage on the Youngstown 2010 website (http://youngstown2010.com/neighborhoods/index.htm). A public announcement was printed in the Youngstown Vindicator – the city's largest newspaper with a circulation of approximately 300,000. Phone calls were made to personally invite key stakeholders including the newly elected councilman representing the neighborhood.

On November 13, the day before the meeting, a reporter and camera crew from the Youngstown Vindicator spent several hours with a group of residents. The reporter questioned them about the progress residents have made in organizing since the planning process began. They also walked through the neighborhood as a group discussing their vision for the neighborhood.

Approximately 80 people attended the meeting on November 14. Residents were greeted at the door and asked to sign in on the contact sheets. They were also asked to sign up for the newly formed block watch (Idora Neighborhood Association). Residents then took their seats at tables where an information packet was provided for each resident. The information packets included the goals and strategies for the neighborhood plan, comment sheets, a pamphlet with information about the Idora Neighborhood Association, and a nuisance compliance form.

The meeting commenced with Bill D’Avignon (City of Youngstown Planning and Community Development Director) welcoming residents and reiterating the importance of their involvement. The welcome was followed by a brief update on the planning process provided by Nathan Harber (OSU Planning Team). Nathan also provided participants with direction on how the small group discussions would work.

The meeting proceeded to small group discussion with 10 residents and one facilitator (planning team member) at each table. The discussion centered on the goals and strategies created for the neighborhood plan. Residents were able to comment on things they liked, disliked, and issues that may have been overlooked by the planning team. Overall, residents were highly enthused about the work of the planning team. The small group discussions lasted for 45 minutes and were followed by three brief presentations.
Jim London made the first presentation after the small group discussions. Jim London is a resident of the neighborhood and leader of the newly formed block watch (Idora Neighborhood Association). Jim commented on the love for his neighborhood and invited his neighborhoods to stand with him and make their neighborhood a better place to live. Jim asked that every participant sign up for the block watch and attend the first meeting to be held in January 2008 at the Rescue Mission. The meeting room was filled with clapping when Jim was finished.

Jim was followed by Officer William Ward of the Youngstown Police Department. Officer Ward talked to the residents about the crime data he has compiled and what the police can do. Officer Ward challenged all residents to report any and all suspicious activity in the neighborhood to the police department immediately. He went on to discuss the opportunities to reduce criminal activity in the neighborhood through the use of several tactics including community policing (officers walking the neighborhood), saturation patrols, and strict enforcement of city ordinances (i.e.: parking and curfew). Officer Ward was again met with a round of applause upon finishing his presentation.

The final speaker was Paul Drennen the newly elected fifth ward councilmen in the City of Youngstown. The Idora Neighborhood is part of the fifth ward. Paul told the crowd he is excited about helping to create positive changes in the neighborhood. The meeting adjourned with Ian Beniston thanking the residents for coming out and encouraging them to stay involved throughout the process.

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Idora Neighborhood
Meeting #2 Photos
Map 12.1 Idora Neighborhood Meeting #2 Participants
Agenda
- Introduction
- Where we are
- Small group discussion
- Next steps

The Planning Team
THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN
Karen Perkins – Project Manager
Bill D’Agnun – Director of Planning and Community Development
Anthony Abate – Chief Planner
Ray DeCarlo – Zoning Analyst

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM
Nathan Harber
Ian Beniston
Paul Logue
James Thompson
Brandon Mark
Austin Kreid

Small Group Discussion
- Divide into groups of approximately 10 people
- One facilitator per table
- Review, discuss and comment on the draft plan – goals and strategies
- Further direction will be given by the facilitator at each table
- This activity will take 45 minutes
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NEIGHBORHOOD PARTICIPATION

IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD

30 Minutes

15 Minutes

10 Minutes

5 Minutes

1 Minute

Next Steps

- Review Comments
- Prepare the Health Plan
- Idora Neighborhood Health Plan Open House
Next Steps
- Adoption of the plan by Planning Commission and City Council
- Idora will be the model neighborhood

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Neighborhood Watch Discussion

THANK YOU!!
Idora Neighborhood Meeting #2
Goal Comment Worksheet

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING #2 GOAL COMMENT WORKSHEET

1. Goal A - Increase neighborhood pride.
   Comments of Support:
   Comments of Concern:
   General Comments/Recommendations:

2. Goal B - Ensure that the Idora Neighborhood is a safe place to live.
   Comments of Support:
   Comments of Concern:
   General Comments/Recommendations:

3. Goal C - Create a neighborhood commercial corridor on Glenwood Avenue.
   Comments of Support:
   Comments of Concern:
   General Comments/Recommendations:

4. Goal D - Preserve existing housing throughout the neighborhood.
   Comments of Support:
   Comments of Concern:
   General Comments/Recommendations:

5. Goal E - Reclaim, recreate and rehabilitate vacant land and structures to create productive and usable spaces.
   Comments of Support:
   Comments of Concern:
   General Comments/Recommendations:

6. Goal F - Clean and green the neighborhood with the help of the city, local organizations and Idora’s residents.
   Comments of Support:
   Comments of Concern:
   General Comments/Recommendations:

7. Please identify any breezes that may have been overlooked?

8. Please provide feedback on the planning process to date or offer any recommendations in the space below.
   You may use the back of each page for additional comments and recommendations.
   Thank you for your input!
A SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks goes out to all of the Idora Neighborhood residents that participated in the Neighborhood Meetings. The development of this document would not have been possible without them.

Throughout the city there are many people who care about their neighborhoods and who are working hard to make them better places. Youngstown has many neighborhoods, and these grass roots should be the basis for neighborhood plans.

- Youngstown 2010
Map 13.1 Idora Neighborhood Meetings Participants