

Sharswood/Blumberg Choice Neighborhoods

Housing Task Force Meeting Notes

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Questions/Comments

1. Peace Park has been there for 3 years. Why will the first phase (PHA Development) be located there? Why not on other locations? On other vacant property?
2. Peace Park has to stay!!
3. This neighborhood has been great – a lot of people are from the Carolina’s (live here) and have a farming history.
4. Why don’t we integrate Peace Park and feature it, upgrade it, make it more attractive?
5. Seniors come out. It’s (Peace Park) near the senior building, it’s a good thing.
6. Peace Park is great. Scale it up. Melon and squash patches.
7. Have been in a lot of planning processes in the city. It’s great that this planning effort is so transparent and there is so much information shared. If it’s about a new neighborhood, we must be included. The Choice website says that the plan will build off of previous and ongoing community efforts. This garden has promoted community cohesiveness, cleanliness, empowerment – we want to hold PHA, City and partners accountable to making sure Peace Park is maintained.
8. There is an opportunity for Youth focused park / garden charrette / workshop.
9. What will you do for individual apartments? (Senior Building Rehab?) Air conditioning, more closet spaces, details on entrance?
10. Developments for Senior’s – will the new development consider special accommodations for seniors?
11. We (as Senior’s) want to know where we’re going to spend the rest of my (our) life.
12. Different types of security. What will be Senior building considerations?
13. Different housing models of living: High rise = elevators; low-rise = accessible right onto street.
14. New housing needs to address access / disability levels.
15. I would like to see brick fronts, and traditional buildings that fit within the character of the neighborhood.
16. How will security be addressed?
17. Need additional lighting.
18. Bus routing. Has SEPTA been invited to the sessions?
19. Parking: how will parking be addressed?
20. All are invited to Philadelphia Home Grown Music Festival Sunday, September 14th 14th @ Peace Park
“locally grown food, food justice, local musicians”
21. Is there an opportunity of leaving Peace Park where it is currently at 24th & Bolton?
22. Will Land Bank provide opportunities for people who live in the neighborhood?
23. What is a Land Bank? How will it impact this neighborhood?

24. There will still be a lot of families with children and youth and family. Priorities? Greening?
25. What does mix-income mean?
26. Will my rent go up?
27. What is available?
28. Will there be legislation to keep it equitable? Carrie Rathman Habitat.
29. Landtrust as a way to maintain affordability WCRP?
30. Housing counseling fair is critical.
31. Low-income people will not be able to afford new homes. "Black people are being moved out for whites and Jews."
32. PHA min rent is \$50 monthly