

**ALLIED DRIVE TASK FORCE UPDATE
FOR THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
January 9, 2008 MEETING**

1. The City of has finalized selection of the consultants for the redevelopment of the City-owned property.

The Alder for the area (Brian Solomon) hosted a neighborhood meeting providing residents another opportunity for input into the redevelopment of the City-owned property. That meeting was held on Sunday, December 16th. Child care and food were provided by neighborhood residents.

The consultants and City staff used the input from that neighborhood meeting and have developed two new concept plans for the City-owned property. Those concept plans were presented to the Allied Area Task Force on December 20th. Task Force members discussed both plans and provided feedback to City staff.

Revised versions of the two concept plans will be presented to the neighborhood at their next neighborhood meeting scheduled for January 7th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Allied Boys & Girls Club.

The Allied Area Task Force will see those final versions and take action on them at their special January 10th meeting.. The Common Council will be taking up the redevelopment plans at their January 22nd meeting.

2. Task Force members selected economic development/employment/training as their next focus area. The Neighborhood Services Coordinator is working with CDBG staff along with a subcommittee of the Task Force to develop a set of recommendations that will come back to the full Task Force for discussion and action.

Future work of the Task Force will include a subcommittee on Public Safety.

3. Allied Area Task Force members are getting monthly updates on the nuisance abatement and drug abatement actions the City has filed on several properties in the Allied Drive neighborhood. Those properties are now managed by two different property management firms. The alder has hosted two resident meetings for those effected by the property management transfers to work out issues on a case-by-case basis.
4. The Task Force received a draft of the City's 3-5 year Allied Revitalization plan for the Allied Drive neighborhood. This plan provides a vision for the broader neighborhood beyond the City-owned property. They will continue to discuss this document at future meetings.