

**ALLIED DRIVE TASK FORCE UPDATE  
FOR THE  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISISON  
April, 2009 Meeting**

1. Construction of the City's new tax credit project in Allied Drive continues slightly ahead of schedule. The first building is expected to be completed by July, 2009. An additional building/month will come online until November when everything is complete. The City exceeded the goal number of Allied residents hired to work on this redevelopment project. One of the minority subcontractors working on the project has gone out of business.

Stone House Development is the property management firm for the City property (at least for the first couple of years). Stone House, the CDA and the Allied Task Force have agreed on a pet policy, a smoking policy, and an appeals policy for the new property.

2. Stone House has been working with staff from the Building Bridges program to get current tenants of the City property through a pre-screening to determine if they will qualify to move into the new City property. Stone House staff estimated based on the pre-screening information that 12-15 of the current tenants will be eligible to move into the new property.
3. The Task Force now has a standing agenda item related to the grocery store closing. There is no new significant developments toward getting a different grocery option in the neighborhood.

Work on putting together a shuttle service for residents to get to other grocery stores is on hold. We are awaiting the results of the Association's survey of residents on this topic to determine need, preferred grocery store, travel days/times, cost, etc.

The City of Fitchburg is looking to add a weekend bus route that would help Allied residents get to the new Super Target store in Fitchburg.

4. The Safety & Security Subcommittee of the full Task Force continues to meet every other week. They have collected information on the topic from residents during a community meeting and through written surveys. In addition, the Subcommittee is gathering a lot of quantitative as well as qualitative information from the Madison Police Department as well as the Fitchburg Police Department. Their draft report to the full Task Force is expected in April or May.

5. Lorri Wendorf is working with CDBG staff and organizational members of the Allied Employment Partnership to get the recommendations of the Task Force Employment Subcommittee implemented. The primary recommendation is the creation of a Allied Employment Consortium with some specific suggestions for the Consortium to implement.