ALLLIED DRIVE TASK FORCE UPDATE FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISISON February11, 2009 Meeting

1. Construction of the City's new tax credit project in Allied Drive continues on 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.

Stone House Development is the property management firm for the City property (at least for the first couple of years). Stone House staff are working with City staff, the alder and the Allied Task Force to determine their final screening criteria to be used at the site. They are also working with the Building Bridges program to get current City tenants "pre-screened". Once current tenants are pre-screened, Building Bridges staff can work with the individual tenants on issues that would prevent them from being accepted into the City's new housing units. For those current tenants that will not be eligible to live in the new housing, Building Bridges staff will work with them to find other housing.

- 2. The Task Force is very concerned about the loss of the Cub Foods on the other side of Verona Road. City staff and exploring other options for another grocery store as well as working with a non-profit and other municipalities to provide a shuttle for Allied residents to get to other grocery stores. City staff and the Alder are also working with local neighborhood associations on the issue as well.
- 3. The neighborhood signs for Allied Drive were approved by the Task Force and by the Common Council..
- 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. In the near future, they will also have dialogues with the Dane County 911 Center, Child Protective Services, Burr Oaks Association/Neighborhood Walks, the Family and Town Supper model, parenting and school staff. By April, 2009, they will be drafting a report and recommendations to the full Task Force.