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## Allied Drive Work Team Summary Report: December 14, 2004

Prepared by the Mayor's Office

### **Introduction**

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Three key events have occurred since the Mayor's Office released the first report:

- 1) **Neighborhood Meeting:** The Mayor sponsored a meeting at the Head Start Office building to inform residents about the City's actions since April of this year. Each staff team plus the Joining Forces for Families staff provided a display table and listened to resident suggestions for future activities. Over 60 residents of the area attended the open forum at some point in the evening
- 2) **Request for Concepts:** The City asked for interested developers and other groups to submit a request for qualifications and ideas that would offer some suggestions for neighborhood improvement activities. These proposals are listed on the web at [www.cityofmadison.com/cdbg/docs/allied\\_rfq\\_summary.htm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/cdbg/docs/allied_rfq_summary.htm).
- 3) **Council Action on the Supersaver:** The Common Council will consider approval for the City to purchase the Supersaver to use as a development site that would benefit the area.

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### Employment

1. Review how businesses involve hiring of residents, provide training/coaching for residents, and how we can help county support employment opportunities.
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### Safety

#### **Housing Inspection (George Hanks, building Inspection)**

Conduct routine unannounced inspections of the common areas of the buildings as well as the exterior of the properties.

Inspectors are looking for proper maintenance of the common areas including the basements. The inspectors are also checking for reasonably clean walls and floors, smoke detector

maintenance and general maintenance of common area walls, floors, doors and windows. Exteriors are checked for property maintenance issues including junk, trash and debris, tall grass and weeds, un-shoveled sidewalks and inoperable cars. In addition all inspectors respond to complaints from residents in the area.

From January 1, 2004 through November 30, 2004 the Inspection Unit staff initiated 289 cases and conducted 684 inspections in the area. The numbers have not change substantially. We are writing more violations per Official Notice and the items are requiring more work to be done. Examples include ordering carpet replaced instead of being cleaned and walls repainted instead of being cleaned.

Building inspection has mailed the first group of letters to the property owners requesting appointments for the door-to-door systematic inspection. The inspections have begun. Nine buildings have been inspected and several more are scheduled for this week.

#### **Fire (Fire Marshall Ed Ruckriegel)**

The Madison Fire Department accomplished all of their initiatives for 2004. They will continue to focus on fire inspection initiatives.

#### **Police (Captain John Davenport, West District)**

##### **1. Fear Reduction:**

The police department continues in its efforts on fear reduction with increased presence in the neighborhood via Weed / Seed project initiatives, increased foot patrol initiatives by patrol officers and neighborhood officers, and with the South / West community policing team (CPT). The South / West CPT has been active in the neighborhood with traffic enforcement, drug enforcement, and in addressing disturbance situations.

The neighborhood safety phone tree has been activated and the program is operational. Unfortunately, of the many eligible service providers, only three are currently active in this initiative. The Learning Center, JFF and Headstart have expressed interest and are actively involved in the program.

The Allied Dr. neighborhood officers meet on a regular basis with City of Fitchburg police officers assigned to the Allied Dr. area. West District command staff confers on a regular basis with City of Fitchburg Police command staff on response strategies.

##### **2. Improve Crime/Problem Reporting Systems:**

Det. Lieutenant Jay Lengfeld and Det. Linda Draeger continue to review all police reports related to the Allied Dr. neighborhood for crime patterns, significant issues, and problem identification. Det. Draeger also meets regularly with the Allied Dr. neighborhood officers to share information and discuss neighborhood related issues. Community Services has developed a brochure to help educate residents on available agency and community resource services.

3. Building Community Trust:

District officers are meeting with State Dept of Transportation personnel investigating the possibility of bringing DOT staff to the Allied Dr. area to afford Allied Dr. residents the opportunity of obtaining easier access to their resources, i.e. state ID cards, drivers licenses, etc. Our goal is to not only provide easier access to State DOT resources, but also to educate, gain compliance and ultimately reduce the number of repeat offenders of non hazardous traffic violations.

Officers from the West District have completed environmental improvement evaluations, from a public safety perspective, and have provided feedback to landlords and Building Inspection on recommendations for improvement and issues that need to be addressed in the near future

Officers assigned to Weed/Seed initiatives co-hosted an Allied Community Improvement Project with Dane County Head Start. The project began with a clean up effort in the neighborhood, which was followed by a movie, and then by pizza and soda. Officers and community members worked together, ate together, and developed relationships during this effort.

MPD staff was able to respond directly to issues raised at the October Allied Dr. Open House. Overall the feedback was very positive on the impact of police services in the neighborhood. Questions were raised about the department's immigration posture, Department of Transportation issues, and relative to MPD response time. There was certainly a better understanding of our services once these issues were discussed.

### Housing

1. Housing Quality:

Building Inspection initiated a systematic inspection program working to educate owners and property managers to maintain their properties. The City informed building owners that the City would not be providing rehab grants from the TIF funds, but did promote its Rental Rehab loan programs for owners interested in improving their properties

2. Tenure:

The CDBG Office and the Community/Economic Development Unit revised the TIF 10% application format, and issued a request for proposals for the use of the TIF 10% funds. The TID District committee, which included two neighborhood representatives, stated a preference for proposals that will help increase owner-occupancy in the area. The City received one application for the funds, and will be reviewing its feasibility in the next few weeks.

3. Income Diversity:

Gorman and Company representatives met with City staff and some neighborhood residents to discuss their vision for housing redevelopment in the area, focusing on the Madison Plaza site for an initial phase of Section 42 development. This project would offer new rental housing to current Allied residents, as well as attract renter residents to the area.

4. Stability And Affordability:

Project Home received \$15,000 from the Mayor's Allied and Challenged Neighborhood funds for a housing counselor to help work with Prairie Crossing tenants to help reduce the amount of turn-over and stabilize their housing situations through referrals for a variety of services. Unable to continue to provide inexpensive affordable housing in the area, the Friends Community Housing group has placed four of its buildings on the market

**Physical Development and Accessibility**

1. Redevelop the Madison Plaza Shopping Center

A request for qualifications was issued in mid-November soliciting prospective developers to pursue capital investments and development projects within the neighborhood. Nine responses have been received. These responses will be evaluated over the next month.

The Gorman Co. has submitted a proposal to develop the former Super Saver Grocery site in the Madison Plaza Shopping Center. Gorman is developing concept plans for the redevelopment to include residential rental housing. Staff will be working to refine the development concept plans for the area and to confirm the location of the proposed public road extension of Summit Drive to Red Arrow Trail as called for in the Draft Physical Improvement Plan. Additional properties may need to be acquired to complete the extension of the road, including portions or all of the Fast Forward roller-skating rink, and the check cashing business on the frontage road. The redevelopment would involve a possible partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT) to mitigate negative effects of the Verona Road/Beltline interchange project

2. City Comments on the Verona Road Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Common Council approved a resolution on September 7, 2004 commenting on the Draft Verona Road/West Beltline Highway Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS evaluates alternatives to address congestion problems on the Beltline between Todd Drive and Highway 14 and on Verona Road south to Highway PD. Significant negative effects on City neighborhoods will need to be more fully evaluated and mitigated before the Final EIS is approved.

3. Secure Belmar Park for Joint Madison-Fitchburg Use.

Meetings continue with the City of Madison, Dane County, City of Fitchburg and the Boys and Girls Club to solidify plans to make portions of Belmar Park available to the Boys and Girls Club for construction of a new neighborhood center. The Boys and Girls Club continues to pursue various funding options to close financing gaps for the project. The Club continues to plan for a 2005 construction start with a multitude of planning, design, funding, land transfer and inter-governmental issues needing to be addressed.

4. Private Redevelopment Along Allied Drive.

Troy Hauk, who owns nine residential buildings along the east side of Allied Drive south of the existing neighborhood center, plans to renovate four of the buildings and convert them to owner-occupied condominiums and to demolish the other five buildings and build new owner-occupied condominiums in their place. In initial conversations with the developer, staff have encouraged the property owner to meet with existing residents, and the neighborhood association to discuss possible development proposals and to work to address issues important to existing residents in the neighborhood. Staff have encouraged the developer to prepare a carefully thought-out plan to ensure that residents are not displaced from the neighborhood and have the ability to stay in the neighborhood.

5. Improve Pedestrian and Bicycle Access

Traffic Engineering and City Engineering have completed the traffic calming islands along Allied Drive.

The Community and Economic Development Unit has acquired an easement between multi-family buildings west of Allied Drive to provide a pedestrian/bicycle connection between Allied Drive and the Southwest Bike Path. Appraisals have been received. City Engineering is planning to bid the construction of the pedestrian/bicycle path connection between Allied Drive and the southwest bike path in the winter of 2004. Construction should start in late winter or early spring 2005.

The staff team has also identified a need to discuss improvements on the Cub Foods property to provide improved pedestrian and bicycle connections between the Southwest Bike Path and the Cub Foods property. Staff will discuss possible improvements with Cub Foods.

Additional improvements, such as new sidewalks in areas where they currently do not exist, have been identified in the Draft Physical Improvements Plan. Many of these improvements would need to occur in the City of Fitchburg.

6. Improve Area Parks.

Madison Newspapers, Inc. has conducted a very successful fundraising effort for playground improvements within Belmar Park.

7. Draft Allied-Dunn's Marsh Physical Improvements Plan.

The draft plan was prepared over the last couple of years to provide a set of recommendations to guide physical development projects and traffic circulation system improvements in the area including under-utilized and undeveloped properties. The plan contains recommendations to address the negative effects associated with the Verona Road/West Beltline reconfiguration. The draft recommendations will be used to inform the activities of the Physical Development and Accessibility Team and to implement recommendations within the Vision Plan.

8. Comments Received at the October 21, 2004 Allied Drive Open House.

The Physical Development and Accessibility Team set up a display at the open house which consisted of boards showing the Draft Physical Improvement Plan recommendations for the neighborhood, impacts associated with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Verona Road/West Beltline Highway Project, and transit route information

Some residents expressed concerns about Troy Hauk's possible plans to redevelop the nine buildings that he owns on the east side of Allied Drive. Questions were asked about the process which would be used to review the redevelopment plans and opportunities for residents to comment and participate in the process, concerns regarding being displaced from existing dwelling units, possible increased housing costs following the renovation, the City's role in the development process, and what the specific plans entailed. At this point, no specific development plans have been provided to the City for review and comment. The process which will be followed to consider the proposed plans depends, in large part, on the specific development proposal made to the City. The City always encourages developers to meet early and often with neighborhood residents, the neighborhood association and the Alderperson prior to formally approaching the City with a development project. Based on discussions with Troy Hauk, it appears that the project will require approval by the City's Plan Commission and possibly the Common Council.

Some residents also expressed concern about the Verona Road project and the extension of Raymond Road and the number of buildings which would need to be removed to accommodate the extension. Other comments concerned the access to the Cub Foods store following the Verona Road highway project. Staff indicated that access would be provided along the bike path, which would be elevated over the top of Raymond Road and the highway, as well as across Raymond Road.

One resident questioned the redevelopment of the Super Saver grocery store with residential uses, and suggested that it would be a good location for community service agencies and a business incubator.

### **Health and human services**

#### **1. Public Health**

Both Madison and Dane County public health agencies have put a temporary moratorium on accepting new referrals other than those for state mandated reportable communicable diseases, due to the current pertussis outbreak. Group health education services and neighborhood based services provided by City public health nurses are limited to nursing office hours at the food pantry each Wednesday at the Boys and Girls Club. (The pertussis outbreak began in mid-August and continues to this time (early December).)

Plans for a collaborative flu clinic with the Wellness Center had to be set aside, as Madison Public Health did not receive influenza vaccine as a result of the suspension of Chiron's license to manufacture influenza vaccine. Now that we have influenza vaccine available, staff are reassessing whether or not demand for flu shots still exist on Allied Drive, given the prioritization with an emphasis on at risk individuals only.

#### **2. Allied Wellness Center**

The Wellness Center continues to provide a place where people come to seek out resources, medical guidance, and community connection. The Center has a variety of programs that



will be offered over time; developing outreach to get people to attend is the challenge. One thing the Center is beginning to work on is the development of a "Welcome Wagon" with the collaboration of the Boys and Girls Club, the Allied-Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Association, Madison police, and Joining Forces For Families, in order to reach out to newcomers, and to get residents more community-minded and connected. The Parish Nurse, Susan Corrado, is also working to get a SHARE food program started in the neighborhood.

### 3. Joining Forces for Families and the Early Childhood Initiative

The Early Childhood Initiative (ECI) is off of the ground. It is full; there are approximately 17 families in the program with a variety of needs. Two emerging hard-to-serve populations that we are struggling with are homeless teens and undocumented Spanish-speakers. Childcare is a big gap area, but Dorothy Conniff is helping us to develop options to grow quality childcare capacity in the area. We are still trying to work out kinks, but this is understandable since we just got started in July.

ECI was selected as one of eight state pilots for Governor Doyle's Kids First Initiative. The State will provide the program with technical assistance and possibly waivers or exceptions in certain areas to pilot innovative approaches. Dane County Human Services staff have also submitted a grant request to Blue Cross Blue Shield to grow the program's capacity.

### 4. Coordination and Resource Issues

Girl Neighborhood Power coordinator is actively looking for grant funding that might provide public health nurse involvement once again in this important program for girls 9 to 14 in five neighborhoods across Madison (including Allied Drive).

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The City of Madison along with Fitchburg, Dane County and the Madison Metropolitan School District meet every six months to discuss coordination and collaboration issues that impact Allied. At present, this group is working together with the Boys and Girls Club to facilitate the location of the new Club building on a portion of the Bel-Mar Parkland.

### 2. Service Providers

The Allied Stakeholders group, which meets monthly, coordinated a report that identifies the different service providers in the Allied neighborhood. This list outlines programs and their hours of operation along with who can participate. It is expected that this information will be shared in the Allied neighborhood so residents and families better understand what programming and services are available to them.

**Appendix – Calls for Service in Allied**  
**MPD Jan. 1 – Nov 29th 2004.**

CALL TYPE	2001	2002	2003	2004
Homicide	0	0	1	0
Sexual Assault	4	8	6	9
Robbery Armed	5	4	7	9
Battery	105	115	80	83
Weapons Offense	48	30	48	35
Robbery, Strong Arm	10	7	7	9
Burglary (Residential)	37	29	30	26
Stolen Auto	38	41	33	34
Theft	95	131	85	39
Prostitution	0	1	2	3
Drug Incident	76	151	93	103
Misc. Sex Offenses	0	1	3	4
Aggravated. Battery	23	12	29	18
EMS Assists	124	114	17	12
Gun calls	0	2	6	1
Threat complaints	43	55	30	29
Fight calls	56	45	44	36
Disturbance	215	341	209	194
Juvenile complaint	144	138	95	68
Juvenile arrests	2	4	2	2
Domestics	210	283	136	147
Neighborhood trouble	28	20	18	14
Suspicious Person	94	89	50	53
Suspicious vehicle	25	46	41	30
Unwanted person	59	78	42	52
Noise complaint	321	299	136	186
Motor vehicle accident	26	34	16	15
Motor vehicle accident w/injuries	13	5	2	3
Intoxicated driver	3	0	2	0
Intoxicated person	13	2	2	7
On street parking	34	50	12	8
Private property parking	404	414	412	199
Check person	293	233	157	143
Check property	111	177	156	134
Damage to property	99	91	59	62
Trespass	108	117	156	75
Missing Juvenile.	1	63	51	36
Child Abuse	9	6	10	8
Violation of court	18	26	31	39
Preserve the peace	21	22	26	26
Adult arrest	102	80	137	83
Theft from auto	0	8	5	12
Graffiti	0	3	1	3
911 Disconnects	170	214	191	192
Total of all call types of CFS to neighborhood	3187	3589	2576	2245
<b>Difference</b>		<b>+ 13%</b>	<b>- 28%</b>	<b>- 13%</b>

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goal is to provide training and support for early literacy development for early childhood care and education teachers and providers as well as parents. Recruitment of Spanish and Hmong speakers, in addition to English speakers will be done to ensure full participation. A workshop for daycare providers was held at Red Arrow Trail DCPD on May 25, 2004. Approximately 30 caregivers/parents participated, including many Spanish-speakers. A meal, childcare, transportation and translation services were available. Participants received about 2 hours of training. Preliminary feedback was positive.

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2. Safety Saturday  
A "Safety Saturday" initiative that would bring public safety officers to the neighborhood for a fun and safe prevention lesson about fire and other safety related issues. The fire Marshall indicated the intent to pursue funding for a teachers position for the Safety Town Project.

3. Police

#### *A Visible Presence*

The police department has increased their presence in the neighborhood via Weed / Seed project initiatives. The supervisors of this program have been directed to develop plans supporting high visibility patrol and community/resident interactions throughout the summer months for their weed / seed teams. The South/West Community Policy Team (CPT) has been active in the neighborhood with traffic enforcement, drug enforcement, and in addressing disturbance situations. Members of the police department continue to develop positive working relationships within the neighborhood and to work closely with other stakeholders in the community.

### *MAD DADS*

Representatives from Minneapolis-based MAD DADS were invited to come to Madison to discuss their organization. MAD DADS is a national grass roots organization formed by African American males who want to make a positive impact in their communities. Their primary focus has been on violence, drugs and weapons. Several meetings were arranged with these representatives with members of the Madison Police Department, Allied stakeholders and Allied residents. The meetings were quite productive and there appears to be an interest to start a MAD DADS chapter in the Allied neighborhood.

### **Housing**

5. **Housing Quality:**  
Building Inspection continues to provide a higher level of systematic inspection to this area, both to educate owners and property managers to maintain their properties
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9. **Occupancy:**  
Occupancy rates in the neighborhood appear to have stabilized, after a drop over the last six months. (Precise figures are not available )

### **Physical development**

1. **Redevelop the Madison Plaza Shopping Center.**  
The Department of Planning and Development is pursuing the possibility of a City acquisition of portions of the Madison Plaza Shopping Center to facilitate the sale of the land for redevelopment purposes. The property could accommodate over 100 affordable multi-family dwelling units, both rental and owner-occupied. The property could also

accommodate mixed-use development, including commercial redevelopment to provide services to the neighborhood. The redevelopment would involve a possible partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT) to mitigate negative effects of the Verona Road/Beltline interchange project.

2. Providing City Comments on the Verona Road Draft Environmental Impact Statement. City agencies have prepared summary comments on the Draft Verona Road/West Beltline Highway Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and have also prepared a draft resolution with recommendations on the DEIS. The resolution has been referred to five commissions and was approved by the Common Council in September. The DEIS evaluates alternatives to address congestion problems on the Beltline between Todd Drive and Highway 14 and on Verona Road south to Highway PD. Significant negative effects on City neighborhoods will need to be more fully evaluated and mitigated before the Final EIS is approved.
3. Improve Transit Access to Business Clusters and Employment. Madison Metro has conducted a survey within the neighborhood. Staff are tabulating responses and preparing an analysis for review.
4. Improve Pedestrian and Bicycle Access.
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## Health and human services

### Madison public health services:

In addition to ongoing services to individuals and families, public health nurses are:

- Providing health consultation to residents (staffing Food Pantry hours at the Boys and Girls Club)
- Attending Allied Stakeholders, JFF, and Early Childhood Initiative meetings
- Beginning to meet with the Wellness Center planners
- Providing health education presentations at the BGC Summer Camp
  1. Handwashing (Sanitarian); Home Safety (Safe Communities Coalition program) and Exercise and Your Heart (Public Health Nurse)

### Wellness Center planning group:

- Has hired Susan Corrado as Parish Nurse
- Made a final determination on location of the Wellness Center (JFF Office)
- Held their open house at the end of July to open their doors to the residents

### Joining Forces for Families:

- Has agreed to provide our Department with any anticipated changes in operations or plans besides those known to our staff

### Early Childhood Initiative:

- The county continues to hold meetings regarding planning for this initiative (we believe the County Executive is applying for ECI funding through the UW Madison Blue Cross/Blue Shield funding RFP)
- The most recent meeting of ECI planners was also attended by 9 parents (and their children), who were entirely reached through the efforts of the Public Health Nurse.

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