

**ALLIED DRIVE TASK FORCE UPDATE
FOR THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISISON
December 10, 2008 Meeting**

1. The demolition portion of Phase I of the Allied Drive Redevelopment is complete.
2. The City of Madison selected McGann Construction for the construction of the Phase I buildings of the redevelopment plan. Over 100 Allied residents have been applying for the construction jobs that will be available in building of the new housing as part of Phase I of redevelopment.
3. WHEDA held a successful career fair with the subcontractors for the redevelopment plan which enabled subcontractors to do a large number of interviews all in one day of Allied residents as potential employees.
4. The CAC Building Bridges Project, funded by United Way, which is helping tenants of the City property to improve their financial/credit status. There are many challenges for the project including a) families just don't have enough income, b) the program doesn't have enough resources to fully help the residents, and c) there have been some communication issues with the City and the property manager.
5. The Dane County Timebank and the Allied Neighborhood Association have moved into the City property. The Time Dollar Store opened on November 28th. The City is providing the space free of charge until the buildings are demolished for redevelopment.
6. The Allied Task Force had \$7,300 of their 2008 allocation remaining and elected to disburse the funds as follows:

Neighborhood Association received funds for phone service at their office which is shared with the Timebank Store. JFF received funds for utility assistance (\$2,600). MAP will receive \$1,500. Urban League received \$2,000 for transportation.
7. The Task Force heard two presentations from Strand & Associates on the Verona Road redevelopment project. The Task Force provided useful feedback to Strand & the DOT in preparation for their public information meetings.
8. 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 are also gathering resident input through an in-person survey being conducted by service providers. 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. They have identified the areas of Neighborhood Watch and Neighborhood Police Officers as areas that they want to explore more.

9. The Task Force saw a presentation on the art/signs being planned for the neighborhood. There is further discussion needed about the names being used on the signs.