

NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER STUDY

UPDATE 3/22/2012

Community Conversations

Staff are holding seven Community Conversations on Neighborhood Centers gathering input from residents. The three questions being asked at these sessions are:

What are 3 things that you or your family need from a neighborhood center?

What difference does a neighborhood center make in a neighborhood?

Does it matter where a center is located? (not just distance, but in a school, in a park, apartment bldg., etc.)

We have completed 3 community conversation meetings thus far with approximately 75-85 people in attendance.

People attending the communication conversations are completing a short form providing us with information on household size and age groups in the household, household income, race/ethnicity, what neighborhood they live in and if there is a center they frequent now. This will give us some information about the people attending the sessions.

Data

Staff are working on data collection both from census data and from currently funded centers.

Staff of currently funded centers and their boards of directors are also being surveyed with a couple of questions.

Engagement of Currently Funded Neighborhood Centers

Staff are meeting with Center Directors every 3 weeks to keep them updated as the study moves forward, to keep them engaged in the process, and they have been helpful in providing information and feedback to staff.

Time line

Staff are still working to meet the original time line of finishing the report by early May so that the Mayor and Council have it for their 2013 Capital and Operating Budget discussions