

**ALLIED DRIVE TASK FORCE UPDATE  
FOR THE  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISISON  
June, 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 early 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 staff met with the Allied Task Force to discuss the proposed screening criteria. A detailed and thorough discussion resulted in some changes to the proposed Stone House screening criteria. Those changes were forwarded to the CDA and were approved by the CDA.

The Task Force approved the CDA staff recommendation on pet & smoking polices at the new property. However, the Task Force is seeking more information from the CDA about why these policies are not implemented uniformly across the city.

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. Building Bridges staff continue to work with residents of the current City property helping them to plan for a transition to different housing, whether in Allied Drive or not. Bridges staff have asked to meet with the Alder and City staff on a number of questions that residents have asked. That meeting will take place next week.
4. The Task Force now has a standing agenda item related to the grocery store closing. Ray Harmon from the Mayor's Office reported no new significant developments toward getting a different grocery option in the neighborhood.

5. The Safety & Security Subcommittee of the full Task Force provided the Task Force with a set of draft recommendations for their feedback and comment. They will continue to discuss these draft recommendations at their June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
6. A significant topic at the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was the number of incidents of shots fired in the Allied Drive neighborhood over the last few weeks. Madison Police reported what they knew about the incidents and again asked for residents help in identifying those involved, as there were many witnesses when the shots were fired.

Task Force members articulated why so many residents are fearful of reporting crime and talking with the Police when events like this happen. Hopefully there will be recommendations in the Subcommittee report that help address this issue.

7. The Task Force heard from an area landlord about the growing problem with a problem property and pleaded for the City to do something about it. The landlord has subsequently resigned as the president of the Allied Landlord Association out of frustration.
8. Fitchburg building inspector provided an update on the nuisance abatement process currently underway for a problem property located in the Fitchburg portion of the neighborhood.