

Friends of Chelsea Greenline Interest Meeting
Thursday, March 10, 2016 5:00-7:00PM
The First Tee of Memphis

Presenters: OGOR, Mid-South Greenline, Mid-South GreenPrint
Community Attendees: 12

I. Presentations

- A. Our Grass Our Roots
- B. Mid South Greenline

- a. Greenlines are proposed across the tri-state area as networks of greenspace and alternate routes of transportation
- b. plan is 500 miles of trails and 200 miles of bike paths by 2040
- c. ideas include parks, greenways, community involvement, increased transit options, improving health and safety

- C. Mid-South Greenprint

- a. includes many recommendations for projects and initiatives that can help neighborhoods, and that do align with the purpose of FCG

II. Chelsea Avenue Greenline Information

Using available railroad space

Expected completion 2018

Starts at evergreen avenue and chelsea and runs westward on thomas street; ends at Washington Park

Purpose to create a multi use trail (walk, bike, skate)

"Rails to Trails Project

III. Friends of Chelsea Greenline Brainstorm

- A. Recruitment

- a. People adjacent to greenline; neighboring businesses and citizens; faith based organizations; community development corporations; Lick Creek; Greenline, urban planners

- B. Gaining Participation

- a. canvassing the neighborhood (survey door-to-door); address other community issues within FCG group(Use as platform); events; festivals in Washington Park; hosting mock Chelsea Greenline trail walk; bike rodeos

- C. Goals before Greenline Arrive

- a. Bike rallies; 2k runs; increasing membership; establishing relationships with businesses
- b. Large businesses may have funding for organization expenses (ADM cares, NexAir), and we can bring them into the festivals
- c. Make proposals to assess brownfields in North Memphis (land use projects)
- d. 2017 deadline for design ideas to be submitted for Chelsea Greenline

D. Mission Statements

- a. Opportunities to bring family and friends together for planning events on the Chelsea Greenline.
- b. Entrepreneurship in the form of selling flowers, solar powered kiosks, bicycle shops
- c. Fosters healthy living in an active greenspace that helps neighborhood blossom into thriving community.
- d. Accessible, equitable space that enhances connectivity with lively and consistent designs.