

Friends of Chelsea Greenline Interest Meeting
Wednesday, April 27, 2016 5:30-7:00PM
New Chicago CDC, 1036 Firestone

Presenters: OGOR, University of Memphis Law Students
Community Attendees: 19

I. Presentations

A. OGOR

1. Introduction to OGOR and Chelsea Greenline
2. Recap from 1st Interest Meeting on March 10, 2016 (minutes available)
3. Spotlight for Dr. Carnita Atwater, Director of New Chicago CDC
 - a. Has spent over \$150k in maintaining and using the closest portion of the greenline area. Includes yard work, festivals, and community walks.
 - b. FCG should collaborate with her and build off of her recent greenline exposure and success of community engagement
 - c. Currently in planning phase of New Chicago revitalization

B. "But What ABOUT The Blight?" with University of Memphis Law Students- Erica Perry and Lakevia Perry

1. Working within Environmental Court, they see cases about heavy code enforcement violations that go against the Neighborhood Preservation Act.
2. Blight defines as something unsightly, unsafe, unappealing, uninhabitable, nuisance, and not in code compliance. This can be residential or commercial.
3. Section 104 of the Neighborhood Preservation Act allows an individual to sue a property owner, but they must live in surrounding property. Section 106 allows any individual to sue, no matter where their residence is located.
4. This information can be used to maybe tackle the large commercial blight surrounding the neighborhood and the Chelsea Greenline.

II. OGOR Brainstorm

A. Ideal Usage of the Chelsea Greenline

1. Ideas from Participants: art/murals/interactive art, dog park, walking trails, exercise equipment, nature (animals and plants), walking markers, festivals and bike rodeos, community garden, Native American history

B. What is needed to Implement Usage

1. Ideas from Participants: cameras, cleanliness, trash receptacles, police presence, lighting, grants and other monetary resources, Greater Memphis Greenline as a financial help or guide, Memphis Greenprint as a financial help or guide, talk with Manassas High Students for involvement on greenline and ideas to implement