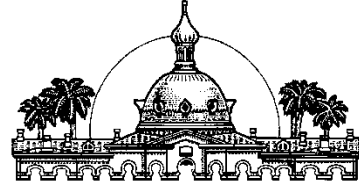


5-Year Consolidated Plan – Public Meeting #1

Progress Village/Palm River/Causeway Area
Progress Village Magnet Middle School Cafeteria
February 15, 2011
6:00PM



Summary:

Palm River/Progressive Village/Causeway

Hillsborough County is in the process of developing a Five Year Consolidated Plan FY 2011-2016 to create a strategic and unified vision for HUD funding over the next five years. In order to arrive at this vision Hillsborough County is conducting a series of public workshops to allow for public input and comments related to the Five Year Plan.

On February 15, 2011 the County conducted the first of six workshops which was located in the Progress Village/Palm River/Causeway Area at the Progress Village Magnet Middle School Cafeteria.

In an effort to provide an environment that would allow for all attendees to be heard a two tier approach was conducted. The first was in the form of a fill-able survey. The second was through an open discussion where citizens were asked to discuss issues and concerns publicly.

Community Survey

The survey allowed for attendees to rank eligible activities from 0 “no need” to 5 “highest need.” Activities were divided in to six categories including: Public Facilities and Improvements, Public Services, Housing Rehabilitation, Other CDBG Activities, Economic Development Activities, and Homeless Services. The surveys also addressed public opinions and information for housing and other statistical information.

Survey Results

Within the Palm River/Progressive Village/Causeway Area of the county, there were a total of 13 respondents. Their results produced *category* ranking scores between 3.4 and 3.7. Out of the six *categories* the public responded that activities in Public Facilities, Public Services and Other CDBG Activities had the strongest need with in average overall rank of 3.7 out of 5 for all three categories. The Lowest averaged ranked *category* was Economic Development Activities at 3.4 out of 5. The highest average ranked *activities* were Water/Sewer Improvements, Flood Drain Improvements, Street Improvements, Crime awareness, Youth Services, and Rehab; Single-Unit Residential with a rank of 4.5. The lowest average ranked *activity* was Asbestos Removal with a rank of 2.

Details in each category are as follows:

- Public Facilities – Average 3.7

| Highest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Ranking |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Water/Sewer Improvements | 4.5 |
| Flood Drain Improvements | 4.5 |
| Street Improvements | 4.5 |

| Lowest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Ranking |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Asbestos Removal | 2 |

- Asbestos Removal is the lowest ranked activity overall

- Public Services – Average 3.7

| Highest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Ranking |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Crime Awareness | 4.5 |
| Youth Services | 4.5 |

| Lowest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Ranking |
|--|-----------------|
| Screening For Lead-Based Paint/Lead Hazards Poison | 2.9 |

- Housing Rehabilitation – 3.5

| Highest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Rank |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Rehab; Single-Unit Residential | 4.5 |

| Lowest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Rank |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Lead-Based/Lead Hazard Test Abatement | 2.5 |

- Other CDBG Activates – Average 3.7

| Highest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Rank |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Code Enforcement | 4.4 |

| Lowest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Rank |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Construction of Multi-Family Housing | 2.7 |

- Economic Development Activities – Average 3.4

| Highest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Rank |
|--|--------------|
| Loans/Grants for Business Development Activities | 3.8 |

| Lowest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Rank |
|---|--------------|
| Commercial/Industrial infrastructure Improvements | 2.9 |

- Homeless Services – Average 3.6

| Highest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Rank |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Youth (Under 18 years of age) | 4.5 |

| Lowest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Rank |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Persons with HIV/AIDS | 3.1 |

Source: Hillsborough County Affordable Housing Department: Community Survey February 2011

Housing

Of the resident surveyed, the majority responded that Home Ownership is more affordable than renting within the county. Also, when purchasing a home, surveys showed that families of four making \$54,000 annually, prior to taxes, could afford to pay "less than \$125,000" for a home. The majority affordable rent range is from \$650-\$850.

Respondent Information

There were 13 respondents (3 male and 10 female). These respondents came from three different zip codes; 33540, 33619, 33570, and 33579 however, the majority (8) came from the Zip Code 33619. These residents have lived in the county between 2 and 72 years, with an average of 34.58 years. Of the respondents 4 were White, 6 were Black/African American, 2 were Hispanic/Latino, and one did not respond. The median age categories of residents were 36 to 50. Income ranges differed significantly, however the median income was \$50,000 to \$69,000. The income ranges \$50,000 to \$69,000 and \$70,000 to \$99,000 contained the most persons with three respondents falling into each income range. The respondents familiarity with Community Development varied with 4 who were "very familiar," 3 respondents "Somewhat familiar," 3 respondents "Not familiar at all," and 3 respondents did not answer.

Open Discussion

During the open discussion citizens were asked to speak their mind on issues and concerns affecting their respective community. Through this process many Palm River/Progress Village/Causeway Area residents spoke out. A number of issues were brought to the Project Teams attention. Listed below are issues that were discussed during the open discussion:

Community Needs

- Family Health Centers/Health Care Facilities
 - Need indigent care options
- Water & Sewer Improvements
 - Issues with well & septic (Palm River & Progress Village areas), mostly in areas NOT subdivided
 - Inter-local Agreement between City and County perceived to be problematic
 - Concern about health problems associated with water quality
 - Lack of access to reclaimed water
- Storm water Improvements
 - Flooding issues (all areas)
- Housing
 - Vacancies need to be addressed
 - Potential to rehab. Homes (need funding)
 - Need for demolition (Progress Village & Palm River)
- Homelessness
 - Concern about people living in vacant lots/woods
 - Lack of programs and shelters to address homelessness
- Youth/Senior/Special Needs
 - Senior Daycare Center (existing programs, but not structured)
 - Youth facilities & afterschool activities/services (especially in Palm River area)
 - Project at 78th & Causeway – for youth services

- Aesthetic Concerns
 - Streetscape improvements (especially Causeway Blvd.)
 - Need for landscaping in common/public areas (maintenance responsibility has been an obstacle in the past)
 - Need for code enforcement
 - Building façade improvements
- Transportation/Connectivity
 - Potential Zinnia “loop”/extension for safety to get children to/from school
 - Sidewalks needed at 70th & 32nd and throughout older neighborhoods
- Crime/Safety
 - Crime/drug activity
 - Need programs to address drug addiction; crime watch; etc. (e.g. “Weed & Seed” program)

Conclusion

Although there are many categories that citizens of the Palm River/Progressive Village/Causeway Area feel are important. There are a few items that were stressed throughout the meeting as being of the highest priority:

- Water/Sewer Improvements (Potable Water)
- Flood Drain Improvements
- Street Improvements (Streetscaping)
- Housing Rehabilitation (Vacant Homes)
- Youth Services/Centers
- Health Facilities
- Crime Prevention

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More information can be seen at
www.hillsboroughcounty.org/affordablehousingoffice/5yearplan.cfm