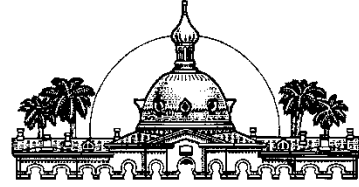


5-Year Consolidated Plan – Public Meeting #4

Temple Terrace / USF Area
University Area Service Center (UACDC)
February 22, 2011
6:00 PM



Summary:

Temple Terrace/USF Area

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 22, 2011 the County conducted the fourth of six workshops which was located in the Temple Terrace/USF Area at the University Area Service Center.

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

Through the course of this fourth public workshop there were a total of 4 respondents to the Community Survey. Their results produced *category* ranking scores between 3.4 and 3.8. Out of the six *categories* the public responded that activities in Other CDBG Activities, Economic Development Activities, and Homeless Services had the strongest need, all with an average overall score of 3.8 out of 5. The Lowest averaged ranked *category* was Public Facilities and Improvements at 3.4 out of 5. The highest average ranked *activity* was Transportation Services with an overall rank of 4.7 out of 5. The lowest average ranked *activities* were Senior Centers, Asbestos Removal, and Screening for Lead-Based Paint/Lead Hazards Poison, all with a rank of 2.5.

Details in each category are as follows:

- Public Facilities – Average 3.4

Highest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Ranking
Parks, Recreational Facilities	4.5

Lowest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Ranking
Senior Centers	2.5
Asbestos Removal	2.5

- Public Services – Average 3.6

Highest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Ranking
Transportation Services	4.7

		Lowest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Ranking
		Screening for Lead-Based Paint/Lead Hazards Poison	2.5
-	Housing Rehabilitation – 3.7		
		Highest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
		Multi-Family Housing	4.3
		Rehab; Multi-Unit Residential	4.3
		Lowest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
		Lead-Base/Lead Hazard Test/Abate	2.8
-	Other CDBG Activities – Average 3.8		
		Highest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
		Clean-up of Contaminated Sites	4.5
		Lowest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
		Historic Preservation	3.0
-	Economic Development Activities – Average 3.8		
		Highest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
		Streetscaping for Commercial Districts	4.3
		Lowest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
		Commercial/Industrial Infrastructure Improvements	3.3
-	Homeless Services – Average 3.8		
		Highest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
		Homeless Individuals & Families	4.3
		Chronically Homeless	4.3
		Lowest Ranking Activity(s)	Average Rank
		Veterans	3.0
		Persons with HIV/AIDS	3.0

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

Housing

Of the residents surveyed, the majority responded that renting is more affordable than home ownership within Hillsborough County. Also, when purchasing a home, surveys showed that a family of four making \$54,000 annually, prior to taxes, could afford to pay “less than \$125,000” for a home (although 1 respondent did not answer). The majority affordable rent range is from \$850-\$1200.

Respondent Information

There were 4 respondents (3 male and 1 female). These respondents came from two different zip codes; 33605 and 33613 (two did not respond). These residents have lived in Hillsborough County between 6 months and 30 years, with an average of 10.4 years. Of the respondents 2 were White and 2 were Black/African American. The median age categories of residents were 36 to 50. Income ranges differed, with one (1) respondent from \$35,000 to 49,000, (1) respondent from \$50,000 to \$69,000, and (2) respondents from \$70,000 to \$99,000 income groups. Respondents’ familiarity with Community

Development was split with two respondents that were somewhat familiar and two respondents that were not at all familiar.

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 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

- Public Facilities
 - Sidewalks
 - People walking on the road because there is no other option
 - Sidewalks needed 139th Ave., Nebraska, and Flea Market to 17th/20th
 - Stormwater
 - Alternative strategies for stormwater management (e.g. pervious sidewalks)
 - Alternative infrastructure (in general)
- Public Services
 - Youth programs
 - “Youth Build” construction training for youth
 - Scholarships for youth athletics
 - Domestic violence programs
 - Services/education/counseling for abused spouses
 - Information regarding how small business owners can plug into County’s resources (i.e., better communication w/private sector)
- Homelessness
 - Lack of shelters/services for homeless population
 - Need to better gauge difference between homeless population and underemployed population to determine best services to assist
- Housing
 - Subsidized housing
 - Need for additional units
 - Substandard housing/quality (e.g. energy efficiency)
 - First-time home buyer education
 - Perceived lack of resources/unaware of assistance options
 - Home ownership externalities (insurance, energy, maintenance, etc.)
 - Credit obstacle regarding mortgage qualification
 - Need for public/private partnership opportunities (e.g. community bank)

Conclusion

Although there are many categories that citizens of the Temple terrace/USF Area feel are important. There are a few items that were stressed throughout the meeting as being of the highest priority:

- Parks and Recreational Facilities
- Transportation Services
- Housing Rehabilitation (Single Family and Multi-Family)
- Streetscaping in Commercial Districts
- Homeless Services

- Sidewalks and Pedestrian Safety

For questions regarding the 5-Year Consolidated Plan, please contact Karen Collins at 813.274.6605 or collinsk@hillsboroughcounty.org.

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www.hillsboroughcounty.org/affordablehousingoffice/5yearplan.cfm