

## **Steering Committee Meeting #4**

**Focus Area Feedback** | **2/1/2017**

### **Safety and Security**

- Champion BlockLink program: fosters neighborhood connection, supports home improvements, could sponsor vacant lot clean up, national night out
- Perception fueled by bad lighting, trash, broken sidewalks, unkempt properties
- Advocate for more bike/walk police

### **Youth and Education**

- Asking Youth about their Needs and Wants
- Youth to Youth Mentorship
- Apprenticeship Programs

### **Employment and Business Development**

- Attract better financial service providers w/ multilingual programming (Red Dough, Bank of Edwardsville)
- Network/channel for local businesses to hire locally, be connected with resources
- Encourage community outreach from Cherokee Street SLATE office

### **Housing and Community Development**

- Connect neighbors and tools and resources to renovate, supporting homeownership
- Support programs for Landlord Accountability
- Advocate for a “Renovate or Remove” designation on vacant and abandoned properties
- Build awareness and educate on ongoing work and resources

### **Transit, Streets, and Walkability**

- Lobby Alderpeople and community for One-way to Two-way conversions
- Lobby for street calming Chippewa and Meramec Street and Pedestrian Improvements (consider CID)
- Fundraising to improve intersections

### **Health and Community Services**

- Education and Awareness about proximate health services
- Community Clean Up Days (Bax can donate truck)
- Summer Farmer’s Market (activate parks and encourage healthy eating)
- Advocate through letter writing and community voice for consistency among supermarkets

### **Environment and Ecology**

- Lobby Forestry Department to increase tree canopy
- Support Rainscaping where possible
- Lobby for Occupancy Permits for rentals and require Lead Tests