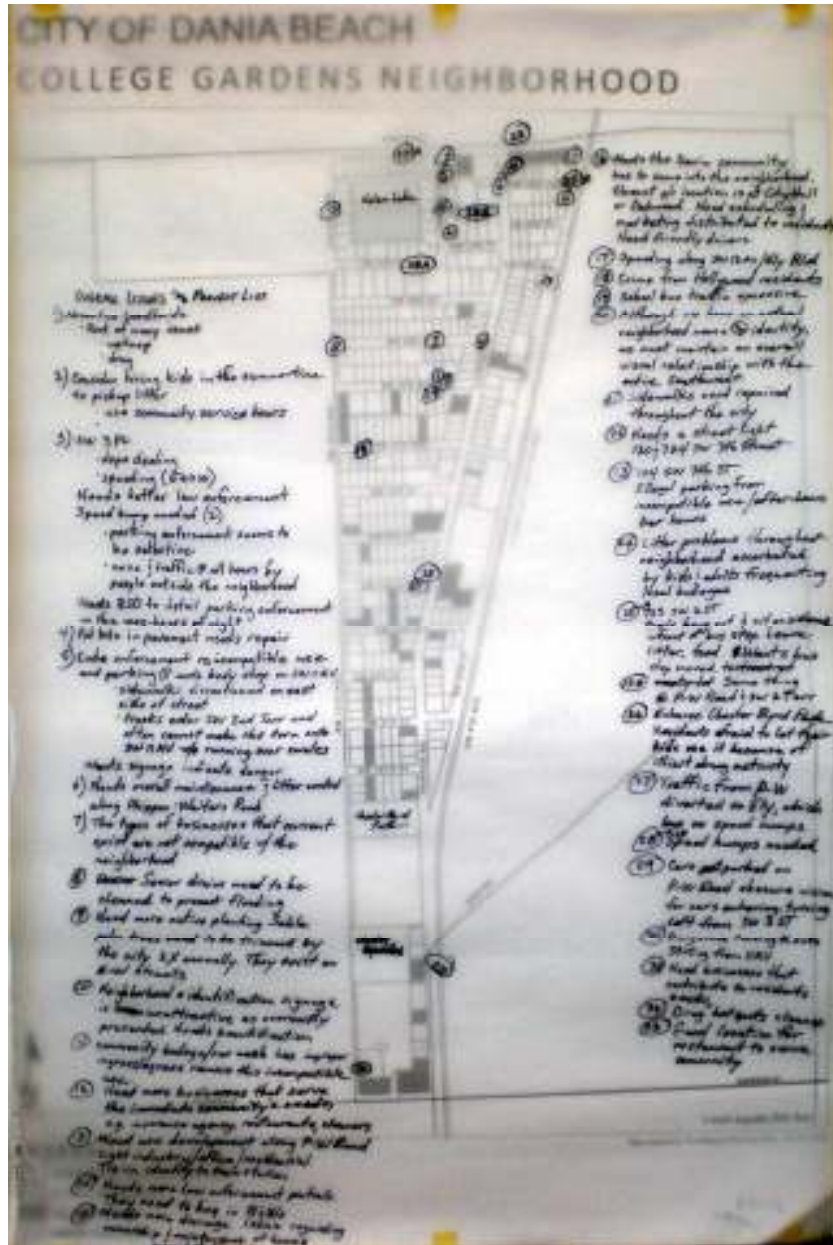


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On July 30, 2008 a Dania Beach CRA Expansion Neighborhood Meeting was held in the neighborhood of College Gardens in order to gather information from residents on the specific needs and desires for the College Gardens community. The meeting was held from 5:30 to 8:30 pm and was well attended with 21 residents present as well as Mayor Albert C. Jones and Vice Mayor Anne Castro. Residents were welcomed by CRA Director, Mr. Jeremy Earle and then were presented with background information and the findings of the project.

Residents were asked to provide their comments and recommendations on conditions in the neighborhood.

Suggestions and recommendations for redevelopment of the FEC/Phippen-Waiters corridor

- Residents' comments reflect that Phippen-Waiters Road needs overall maintenance and litter control.
- Comments were made about potholes, incompatible uses, examples of improper ingress/egress, and littering problems.
- Parking on Phippen Waiters Road poses a problem by obscuring vision for drivers.

- Suggestions were made to place some type of mixed use development along the Phippen-Waiters Road corridor to include industrial, office, and residential uses.
- Residents noted that it was important to tie in the neighborhood identity with the proposed train station. It was also noted that the intersection of Stirling and Phippen-Waiters Roads is a good location for a restaurant to serve the community.

Suggestions and recommendations for redevelopment/revitalization of the residential corridor

- Residents cited absentee landlords as the root of many issues in the neighborhood; for example the lack of upkeep and presence of illicit drugs.
- There are issues regarding ownership and maintenance of homes specifically around Nelson Lake.
- Residents also felt that the types of businesses that currently exist are not compatible with the neighborhood. More businesses are needed that serve the community's immediate needs. Examples are insurance agency, restaurants, and dry cleaners.
- Residents feel that litter problems throughout the neighborhood are exacerbated by kids and adults frequenting local bodegas. A suggestion was made to hire kids during the summer months to pick up litter and enable them to complete their community service hours.
- Residents noted that better law enforcement was needed to manage drug trafficking issues, speeding, and parking enforcement, and noise disturbances.

- Residents suggested that although they have an actual neighborhood name and identity it is important to maintain an overall visual relationship with the entire southwest.

Suggestions and recommendations for redevelopment of the south end

- Residents suggested enhancing Chester Byrd Park as many are afraid to let their kids use it because of illicit drug activity. Also cited were concerns about crime from Hollywood residents.

Suggestions and recommendations for correcting infrastructure deficiencies in the neighborhood.

- There is a need for more native planting and maintenance of landscaping. Sable palms found on east-west streets need to be trimmed by the city twice annually.
- Residents suggested that current neighborhood identification signage is unattractive as currently presented, and beautification is needed.
- Residents felt that more drainage was needed and that better maintenance of currently existing sewer drains is needed to prevent flooding.
- Residents requested that the Dania Beach Community bus come into the neighborhood as the closest pick up locations are presently at City Hall and Oakwood. There is a need for scheduling and marketing to be distributed to residents. Friendly drivers are needed.
- There is a demand for businesses that contribute to residents needs.

- Residents want crime and drug hotspots to be eliminated.

General comments on neighborhood issues

- Speeding along SW 12 Av/Ely Blvd
- School bus traffic is excessive
- Sidewalks need to be repaired throughout the city.
- A street light is needed at 720 & 724 SW 7th Street
- 704 SW 7th Street there is illegal parking from incompatible use/ after-hours bar
- 725 SW 2nd Street people hang out and sit on the sidewalk in front of the bus stop. They leave litter and food. Want the bus stop removed. Same thing for Phippen-Waiters Road and SW 2nd Terrace
- Speed humps needed
- Dangerous turning right onto Stirling Road from 11th Avenue - Trucks that enter SW 2nd Terrace often cannot make the turn onto SW 11th Avenue without running over swales. Signage is needed to indicate this danger.

Michele Mellgren provided a wrap-up and Jeremy Earle thanked everyone for their participation.





City of Dania Beach
Dania Beach CRA Expansion Neighborhood Meeting
College Gardens
July 30, 2008
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to gather information from residents on the specific needs and desires for the College Gardens neighborhood.

Agenda

- 5:30 pm** **Welcome and Introduction**
Jeremy Earle
- 5:35 pm** **Comments from Community Representative**
Introduction of leader by Jeremy Earle
- 5:40 pm** **Project background**
Michele Mellgren
- 5:50 pm** **Project Findings**
Bob Daniels
- 6:00 pm** **Input from Residents**
Meeting participants (to be recorded verbally and graphically)
- 8:25 pm** **Wrap up and next steps**
Michele Mellgren
- 8:30 pm** **Adjourn**

