

## **Eastgate Meeting - Feb 2019**

1. Treasurer's report: Jan. 1 balance - \$4754.82. \$625 was spent on reinstating 501c3 status.
2. The Eastgate Elementary Food Pantry is need of canned meats like Tuna.
3. A screening of the "The Legacy of Eastgate" will be held at the Martin Luther King Library on Feb. 26th at 5:30pm followed my the film "Historic Woodland Park" at 6:45pm.
4. Presentation by Community Housing Network: Ryan Cassell Director of Real Estate Development: [rcassell@chinic.org](mailto:rcassell@chinic.org) 614-487-6782

### **Creekside Proposal**

Creekside Place will built at 500 N. Nelson Rd. which will be a Permanent Supportive Housing facility.

#### **Timeline for Development:**

- Apply for funding from the city in 2019.
- Construction to begin 2020.
- Projected opening in 2021.

#### **What will the facility include?**

- Creekside Place will be a 63-bed residence facility.
- 50 for homeless people placed through the system shelter system.
- 13-mentally ill people placed through ADAMH.
- It will be a co-ed community.
- The entry will be monitored 24/7 at a front desk.
- There will be a counselor on site for 10 hours a day.
- The building will have security cameras.
- They want to set up a community advisory council and will reach out to the people such as in Eastgate to serve on the council.

#### **Why is this facility needed?**

- Over 1000 people are homeless on any given night.
- The goal is to help the homeless transition to independent living.
- It is better than a shelter.
- It is more stable and more secure.

#### **What do we know about these type of facilities?**

- They used a study from New York City that says that property values have an initial drop but rebound within a few years.
- They monitor the activities of the residents and if there are legal issues the offender will be evicted.
- They count on neighbors to report anything they see.
- There is a similar building on Parson Avenue with 16 formerly substance addicted residents that can be reviewed.

**What is the goal with this facility?**

- Josh Raines (National Church Residences, licensed social worker with a Masters Degree in social work) talked about the philosophy of the National Church Residences in that their goal is to rehabilitate the residents and make them productive members of society. They stress health and wellness. One of the programs they offer is a job placement service, placing 50% of the residents.

**How are the residents selected?**

- Residents are placed through city services like the shelter system.
- Screening of residents for history of violence and criminal behavior. Exempt people: Sex offenders, convicted of making drugs like meth, conviction of arson and convicted of violent act in the last 12 months. Some people getting released from prison and/or jail can be admitted but the previous four will exempt them.

**Community Concerns**

Several Eastgate residents were concerned about it being so close to Eastgate and the ongoing problems at the Nelson Park Apartments that may affect Creekside residents as well. Several believe the timing of the proposal and the issues of NPA is more stress the Eastgate community can handle at this time.

Next monthing meeting will Monday March 4th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.