

## **TOLEDO RECOVERY PLAN CITY WIDE MEETING NOTES Roger's High School**

1. West Toledo resident – City puts in Toledo tax credit for being vaccinated in the amount of \$100.00. Help stimulate the economy and increase/improve the vaccination rate. Drafted legislation and running for City Council.
2. Youth, Parks & Recreation – people agreed it's a good priority
  - a. Sports equipment, a lot of creative/artistic children that we should start funding. Programs in Arts & Music
  - b. Something added for Seniors. Grant program to help them maintain property. More senior center activities.
  - c. City fund her program, 501c3. Gave information for Mayor
  - d. Over 50, grew up in Toledo, name the Park that you lived in. There's no programming at the parks. Winterfield Park has not gotten its new sign. Need to have programs in the parks.
  - e. Ct. Dotson... Year-round rec in the inner City so children can have something to do year-round.
  - f. \*Ig will send a copy of the slides and it will be posted on the website\*
  - g. Community Gardens. Use the parks as a way of educating youth
  - h. Work with Smith Park – Find a way to support the children, parents and elders at the park. Empower the community to step up and address the issues.
  - i. Chet Trail – Emphasizes on the parks.. initiative is for High Park
  - j. Monique Ward – Concerned about the violence in the community. Free programs and community centers. Not enough funding in the inner city communities. In the need of more.

### Safe and Livable Neighborhoods – appropriate focus

- a. Glenn Cook, South/East Toledo – Unity and put money where we can bring people together of all races.
- b. Arthur Jones – opportunity to make domestic violence a priority. Only 1 police officer assigned to domestic violence at this time. Priority to fund domestic violence.
- c. Beatrice Gracey- Inverness Village Area – Abandoned houses taken care of. Lighting into entrance at Gretna Green, need shrubbery and trees cut down, to make it a safer and more attractive neighborhood to live in.
- d. Traffic Control – programs that focus on controlling traffic in west Toledo specifically. Program to address the issue of violence.
- e. Mary Harris – elderly and disabled are being taken advantage of. Need money to hire people that are designated to take care of their yards. Clean, shovel, cut grass etc.
- f. Safe and livable neighborhoods – the police that are patrolling the areas are not connected to the people in the neighborhoods. Train them to work in the communities they're policing.
- g. George Sorantue – return to community policing so they all can get to know one another.

### Job Creation and Economic Development – a few agreed

- a. A new Wayman Palmer Building
- b. Missed comment (watch video)
- c. Investment in sustainable programs in the community centers. Need a serious study in lead playing a role in the violence in the communities, and get the lead problems cleaned up.

### Green and Healthy Housing

- a. Deidra Brown – involve the youth. The city needs to try harder to have more red and yellow children in these meetings.
- b. Missed comment (watch video)
- c. Too many hoops to jump through to acquire properties that people would like to purchase to revitalize the neighborhoods. Wants the city to focus on these properties
- d. District 1 – need paved streets and there are no sidewalks. Invest in the neighborhoods
- e. Changes to code enforcement in the city of Toledo, increase the staffing, changing some of the process they currently use.
- f. Lead abatement, properly cleaning, to become lead free to help our children. Vacant houses. Join the lead coalition at the first church of God. Lead Coordinator Stephanie Beebee
- g. Repairs to rental housing. Improving code enforcement.

### Avoiding Cuts in City Services – a few in agreement

- a. Money used to get vacant positions filled because the City is understaffed
- b. Public Transportation – Bus services is cut, not in outlying areas, attention needs to be made to that
- c. Not enough information to make an informed recommendation
- d. Use the 7 million dollars surplus and not the federal funds for hiring employees. Only hire double dippers and those in the inner city
- e. Mentorship programs to mentor people that wants to start their own business. Internship programs to get young people involved in. People are graduating and can't find jobs in their City. Community policing.

### Any other comments

- a. Celest - Programs to address Covid. How can the City work with Health Associations to address the health assistance needed in our communities? Black babies are not making it to 1 in Lucas County.
- b. Essential workers need child care assistance to help with their children. Give businesses funding to hire people.
- c. Connie Jones – Algonquin/ Toledo hospital area – flooding in the area. Fix flooding on central where the dip is. Starts at the historical Woodlawn. Has a new street but there's

still flooding on the street? Tear down the old houses and build in the new. Central down to Ottawa Park.

- d. Need to combine all programs for youth with their parents.
- e. Need to make sure parks are handicap accessible.
- f. Programs in order to make sure police are policed.
- g. Asking for information on a specific group that may be monitoring/organizing this process.