

Residents

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community," said East Ward Council Member Derwin Montgomery. "What we see tonight (on May 4) are individuals who are passionate about that and want to make sure this council and others know the desire of the community and what the community wants to see happening within its confines and boundaries. That does not end with this conversation, but it's only a portion of the larger picture."

In 2010, the Housing Authority of the City of Winston-Salem developed a master plan for the Cleveland Avenue Community that was endorsed by both the city and county planning boards and the City Council.

The goal of the plan is to "create a mixed-income, mixed-use neighborhood by increasing the density toward the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, attracting retailers, removing the superblocks by reconnecting the street grid, providing a new boulevard, and creating a pedestrian-friendly environment."

Resident Amber Baker is looking to put down roots in the community and is hoping to reinvest in the community.

"Currently I reside in Kensington Village, which is a wonderful example of a property that was once riddled with crime and an eyesore for the city that has since been redeveloped," Baker said. "I am now looking to purchase in East Winston because

I'm willing to put my money where my mouth is. As a professional, I realize that the way we will continue to build that community is when people like myself purchase in that neighborhood.

As you continue to build East Winston, you need to look at what you're putting there as people like myself look to reinvest in the city."

In 2014, HAWS was awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development a \$500,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant to support those efforts of transforming the designated area. The plan covers 130 acres of the area.

HAWS claims to have invested \$10 million dollars in the community since 2010 including the development of multiple new multifamily residential properties.

The Oaks at Tenth is a new multifamily development that has been recently completed, and Camden Station Apartments, at the corner of Cleveland Avenue and Twelfth Street, are now under construction.

While it was pointed out that the city has made investments into the area's shopping centers on New Walkertown Road and the old Mutual Insurance building, it still leaves much to be desired.

"Yes, we've made investments, but we are going to have to do a whole lot more than what we have done if this neighborhood and community is to become what people have seen it to be in the past and what we all know it can be in the future," Montgomery said.

Resident and local political watchdog JoAnn Allen said that the council seems to lack vision.

"As long as we're talking about downtown, you all have all the vision you can muster up. But when we talk about South Winston, East Winston or Northeast Winston, there is nothing.

You all make all these decisions but you don't come and actually see what's going on," Allen said. "Your job is to do right by the people who elected you to be there, once again, whether that was legally or illegally.

You continue to make East Winston one of the poorest in the state."

Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke said that she has been one of the few elected officials that has gone on record as saying that there have been too many undesirable activities east of U.S. 52 and that council is going to have to do better.

"When you let one part go down, it's not helping. It affects the whole city. I love east of 52 and nobody's going to make me leave east of 52.

I just want you to join us, like you are this evening, when we're speaking about how we think our city ought to look.

We need you to come and support how you think your city ought to look and what you think we ought to be doing," she told a chamber full of residents.

Montgomery seconded that thought saying residents should continue to make their voices heard at the meetings and beyond.

"I impress upon all those who are here today, let this not be the last time we come together to have this conversation but let us join together to make sure that what we're talking about as a neighborhood and community actually happens and comes to fruition.

That we work diligently within our community to make sure that we put the pressure, not just on City Hall, but state and federal government, to make sure that we see what needs to take place in our community."

Mayor Allen Joines was called Tuesday to give his perspective on the issue but The Chronicle was told by his staff that he was out of town and would not be returning until Monday, May 18.

City Council will hear the rezoning issue again on July 20 at 7 p.m. at City Hall in room 230. The meeting can also be viewed live online at http://winston-salem.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=29, or by watching the city's television station (WSTV-13) on Time Warner Cable on channel 13.

Neighborhood advocate gains \$180,000 in organizing grants

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods (NBN) will enter its 25th year July 1. It closes out fiscal 2014 on June 30th by celebrating community organizing in 14 added east northeast Winston-Salem neighborhoods, strides made possible through \$180,000 in grants from The Winston-Salem Foundation, Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

In addition, new contracts with the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem (HAWS) and United Way of Forsyth County totaling \$117,000 provided

resources to add five additional staff to accommodate scheduling Neighbor Nites (an NBN creation) and to conduct surveys in the new neighborhoods.

Neighbor Nites are where residents connect to discuss and share resources in their own neighborhoods, and where they plan projects that benefit their families.

Over 24 years ago, NBN gave its first grant for the purpose of strengthening a Winston-Salem neighborhood that used an asset-based community development (ABCD) approach.



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Pictured left to right: Front row, Margot Jerome, Paula McCoy, Robert Leak III, Dee Washington, Carly Williams, Cornelius Graves, Nakida McDaniel, John Gladman II, Lucia Terpak. Back row, English Bradshaw, Kenneth Holly, Anthony Rue

Coming full circle, this year's Winston-Salem Foundation Community Luncheon keynote speaker, John McKnight, first met NBN Executive Director Paula McCoy during his visit to Winston-Salem in the 1990s. McCoy warmly introduced John McKnight, professor emeritus of education and social policy at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois at the luncheon; and McKnight received her with pride, remarking on the enduring strides NBN has made in

Winston-Salem since their first meeting over 20 years ago. In true ABCD fashion on the day before the luncheon, NBN hosted "A Neighborhood Moment with John McKnight" at Fourteenth Street Recreation Center. It was well-attended.

NBN is a local organization that partners with neighborhood groups. Contact NBN at 336-602-2519 or dWASHINGTON@nbncommunity.org for more information.

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May 13 - May 19, 2015

3.49 LB MVP
Select Varieties
Dry Rub Whiskey
Black Pepper Spare Ribs
Without MVP Card \$3.99 LB

2.49 LB MVP
St. Louis Pork Ribs
Without MVP Card \$3.49 LB

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Pork Ribs
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3.99 LB MVP
Boneless
Chuck Roast
Without MVP Card \$5.49 LB

6.99 EA MVP
16 Oz. Pkg. - 26-30 Ct.
Food Lion Raw
Jumbo Shrimp
Without MVP Card \$10.99 EA

9.99 EA MVP
16 Oz. Pkg. - 26-30 Ct.
Food Lion
Cooked Shrimp
Without MVP Card \$13.99 EA

2.99 EA MVP
5 Lb. Bag
Tidalia Onions
Without MVP Card \$4.69 EA

99¢ LB MVP
Red Vine
Cluster Tomatoes
Without MVP Card \$1.49 LB

99¢ LB MVP
Bulk
Gala Apples
Without MVP Card \$1.69 LB

4.99 EA MVP
1.40 Oz.
Select Varieties
Tide Detergent
Without MVP Card \$5.99 EA

2 FOR \$4 MVP
8.4-16.4 Oz. - Select Varieties
Eggo Waffles or Pancakes
Without MVP Card \$2.99 EA

88¢ EA MVP
4.5-9 Oz. - Select Varieties
Michelin's
Dinner Entrees
Without MVP Card \$1.29 EA

2 FOR \$3 MVP
6 Pack - Select Varieties
Mott's Applesauce
Without MVP Card 2/55

2 FOR \$4 MVP
6 Pack - 10 Oz. Bottles or 128 Oz.
Select Varieties
Hawaiian Punch
Without MVP Card \$2.69 EA

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12 Oz. - Select Varieties
On the Border
Tostitos Tortilla Chips
Without MVP Card \$4.29 EA
Limit 2 Free

8.99 EA MVP
8 Large Rolls - Select Varieties
Bounty Paper Towels
8 Mega or 16 Double
Charmin Ultra Bath Tissue
Without MVP Card Regular Retail

5.95 EA MVP
7.25-15 Oz.
Select Varieties
Chef Boyardee
Microwave or
Canned Pasta
Without MVP Card \$15

4.69 EA MVP
20.5-32 Oz. Bag - Select Varieties
Tyson Family Pack
Chicken
Without MVP Card \$5.99 EA

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9.5-13 Oz. - Select Varieties
Nabisco Chips Ahoy!
Cookies
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Starts Friday @ 8 am

99¢ EA MVP
17.5-18 Oz. - Select Varieties
Kraft Barbecue Sauce
Without MVP Card \$1.99 EA
Limit 4
Rest of Week: \$1.99 EA

10.99 EA MVP
Twin Pack - 2x 12.9 Lb. Bags
Kingsford Charcoal
Without MVP Card \$16.99 EA
Limit 2
Rest of Week: \$12.99 EA

2.94 FOR MVP
48 Oz. - Select Varieties
Friendly's Ice Cream
Without MVP Card \$3.19 EA
Rest of Week: 2/55

9.99 EA MVP
13-20 Lb. - Select Varieties
Purina
Dry Cat or Dog Chow
Without MVP Card Regular Retail
Rest of Week: \$10.99 EA

Groups

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Community and Business Development departments, as well as representatives of existing neighborhood associations and Neighborhood Watch groups, will be available at the fair to answer questions and assist with forming new associations and groups.

Representatives of recently formed neighborhood associations are encouraged to attend and register with the city.

Residents not affiliated with a neighborhood association or Neighborhood Watch can find out if they live in an area with either group, and if so, can be enrolled at the fair.

Also at the fair will be representatives for the Fire Department, CityLink and Recreation and Parks and the Human Relations departments. There will be

music, light refreshments and door prizes.

The city says it promotes neighborhood associations and Neighborhood Watch because they enhance neighborhood safety and provide a direct link for conveying timely information to city residents. For example, police can contact a Neighborhood Watch group to warn its members if a burglar has been active in their area.

Neighborhood associations build relationships between neighbors, give neighborhoods a voice with the City Council and city staff, and give city officials another means of reaching citizens with useful information, such as Sanitation holiday collection changes and opportunities to apply for city programs.

For more information about the fair, call CityLink 311 or visit CityofWS.org/CBD.