February 21 Community Meeting Notes

Issue rankings (based on sticker votes)

* Street Safety (lighting, bridge closure, sidewalk maintenance, biking, etc.) (18 votes)
* Neighborhood safety & crime (17 votes)
* Opportunities for Young Adults (9 votes)
* Vacant lots/blight (9 votes)
* Jobs (8 votes)
* Illegal dumping and litter (7 votes)
* Road conditions & pot holes (7 votes)
* Employment (6 votes)
* Education w/closing of Burton school plus lack of higher ed opportunities and community college (3 votes)
* Financial disinvestment (2 votes)
* Trees need to be trimmed (2 votes)
* Environmental concerns (2 votes)
* Peer pressure among teens (1 vote)
* Infrequent public transportation/bus shelters (1 vote)
* Not inclusive (1 vote)

Notes from Issue Group Discussions

Jobs Group

* Apprenticeships and trades
  + Steamfitters
  + Welders
  + Machining
  + Auto mechanic
  + Plumbers
  + Electricians
  + Carpentry
* Local union 449—Markus Hollingsworth 814-315-6838
* Career Street Erie
  + Job shadowing opportunities
* Community center car to borrow to get to job/apprenticeship

Neighborhood Safety and Crime

* Idea: Reduce Violence and Crime Prevention
* Who: Law enforcement, parents/youth, community members, schools, community centers/churches
* How: lights, cameras, neighborhood watch, build better relationships, get to know your neighbors, build trust, role models, anger management, conflict resolution programs, faster response times for violent incidents, identify where the weapons are coming from, an initiative to turn in guns without consequences.
* Where: block party/celebration, utilize schools/churches to hold classes and seminars on anger management and conflict resolution
* What can I do on my own?: make a point to introduce ourselves to neighbors we don’t know; use positive lyrics and music to engage young people
* Take responsibility
  + Educate our families about community cautions and controlling our emotions
  + Positive attitudes

Blight and vacant lots

* House for rehabs needs
* Lights on June St
* Who owns property and building
* Dumping on empty lots
* Harlin Day Care Center needs to be torn down
* Across from Post #700 there is a house with no roof
* Habitat for humanity
* Better code enforcement
* Why isn’t the health department involved?
* Neighborhood Resource Organization w/John Villa

Street Safety

* Traffic lights on Fairmont
* Better coordination between police, community leaders, neighborhood watch, and citizens/residents
* More stop signs?
* Fixing of potholes on Woodlawn, Glendale, Fairmont, and Buffalo Rd.
* More street lights on Fairmont and near JFK Center
* Litter with glass bottles and trash, especially on empty lots and Woodlawn Ave. park
* Better sidewalks
* Street cameras near JFK Center and Woodlawn park