

N.P.C. NEWS



NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL NEWSLETTER  FALL 2013

City of Wilmington - Dennis P. Williams, Mayor - Sophia Hanson, Director, Department of Planning and Urban Design

Introduction

"Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others."

- Jonathan Swift

Longtime NPC Leader, David Batchelder, has stepped down as President of the 6th District NPC and as President of the NPC Leadership. David has dedicated more than 15 years of service to the City.

The ability to envision and execute are key attributes of successful community planners. Our civic leaders work diligently to strengthen the City's neighborhoods.

The passion that leaders like David display makes them irreplaceable. The dedication he has shown makes his contributions priceless. We thank him for his service.

NPC Visits Community Court



Pictured (l-r): Annie Schacher, Councilmember Darius Brown, Danielle Malangone, Carmen Facciolo, Marianne Kennedy, Gaye Council, Edie Ortiz, Judge Susan Cline, Jaehn Dennis, Judge Beatrice Freel, Judge James Hanby, Harold Schneikert, Judge Bonita Lee, Judge James Tull, Vanity Sanders, Linda Perkins

On April 22, 2013, the 3rd District NPC President Jaehn Dennis, 8th District NPC President Harold Schneikert and Council Member Darius Brown joined a Delegation of State Judges and staff on a trip to Newark, New Jersey's Community Court. The Delegation toured the Newark Municipal Court building, observed several Community Court Hearings and met with key representatives. Newark Chief Judge Richard Nunez met with the team and reinforced that, to make the program a success, assistance from the judges, local government and the Bar Association is vital. He explained that the new

court system is designed to address the issues that lead each individual into the courtroom, thus reducing crime. During the Community Court Hearings, attendees witnessed a very high appearance, program compliance and success rate. The services offered include on-site rehabilitation referrals, job readiness, anger management, community service opportunities, health care assistance and Veteran's assistance. All of these services are accessible on the first day a person is admitted into the program. This tour gave the NPC insight into how to create a successful Community Court in Wilmington.

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NPC Leaders Share Vision



NPC Leaders were pleased to attend a dinner meeting with Mayor Dennis P. Williams to discuss issues pertinent to community revitalization and neighborhood development. The event allowed for a broad exchange of ideas on ways to improve the City. With all eight NPC district

representatives in attendance, this meeting provided the leaders with a direct forum to share their collective experiences.

The NPC Leadership is enthusiastic to work with the administration on making their shared vision of this great City a reality.

Community Project Day 2013



Mayor Williams with State Representative Potter, Senator Henry, Councilmembers Freel and Shabazz, NPC and Civic leaders.

On the other side of town, 7th District NPC President Brad Seigfried directed a graffiti tour with civic leaders to compile a comprehensive list for their area. This list was then presented to the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services for remediation.

NPC Leaders look forward to an even grander Community Project Day in 2014!

Community Project Day began in 2011 with 40 civic and community groups participating. This year, NPC Leaders were excited to see more than 70 groups volunteering citywide. Subira Ibrahim, the newly elected President of the 1st District NPC, worked with volunteers from Public Allies to clean, weed and mulch the entire perimeter of Riverview Cemetery.

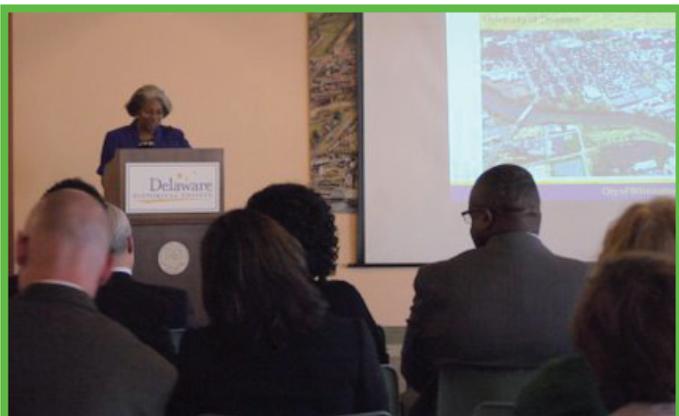


Mayor Williams with 1st District NPC President and Public Allies volunteers.

NPC Leaders Attend Housing Strategy Summit

Earlier this year, the City of Wilmington hosted its first Housing Strategy Meeting, attended by Mayor Williams, key City officials, seven local, non-profit housing agencies, the University of Delaware and NPC Leaders. The purpose of the Meeting was to provide a forum for discussion on creating housing opportunities in the City. Velda Jones-Potter, the Chief Strategy Advisor for the Mayor's Office, presented the City's Preamble which highlights a theme of "working together with a unity of purpose."

Themes from the City's Preamble echoed throughout the various presentations. Jerome Brown, President of the 5th District NPC, found the Meeting informative and added that the setting provided an opportunity for civic leaders to network with the housing community.



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- Must Reside in the City of Wilmington
- Eligible zip codes are: 19801, 19802, 19805, 19806
- Property constructed before 1978
- Pregnant or have a child under the age of 6
- Meet HUD income eligibility requirements
- Property has at least one bedroom
- Property contains lead-based paint hazards



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