

City of Winston-Salem North Carolina

COUNCIL MEMBER EAST WARD

November 14, 2019

Dear Dreamland Park Resident,

Since our April 18th meeting at the 14th Street Recreation Center, I have been working toward a next step for the vision ideas you expressed that included new and improved housing, better streets, community amenities, and increased home ownership.

You may know that three very stable and concerned agencies want to or are actively engaged with you. The United Way has their Place Matters program, Habitat for Humanity has a desire to build and/or rehabilitate housing and Liberty East CDC is working to improve relations among residents.

After speaking with you and representatives of the agencies, it is clear that we must have a common vision and goal for the neighborhood. I am recommending that we undertake the development of a comprehensive plan that would focus on transforming Dreamland Park neighborhood to a vibrant, sustainable, attractive and appealing community. That plan would be driven by your ideas, concerns, and desires. The detailed plan would show the agreed upon physical changes like new commercial/retail spaces, new houses, new landscapes, new streets, new open or park spaces. The plan would also include needed social programs and what is needed to position the neighborhood for economic improvement.

I have worked to develop a unique approach for creating a comprehensive transformation community modeling study with NC A&T State University and their Department of Built Environment, Construction Management Program, Environmental, Health and Safety Program, and Geomatics Program. The technical expertise of the architectural engineering faculty coupled with the creative input of landscape architectural students, who will come to the neighborhood to collect your ideas, will generate multiple interactive models. The project will be over one academic year and would be coordinated through Habitat for Humanity.

Before I move forward, I would like your reactions. On November 26th, I will be at the 14th Street Recreation Center from 11 a.m. to noon and from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to answer any questions you may have about the journey to create a Comprehensive Dreamland Park Neighborhood Development Plan. If you are not able to come, feel free to call me with your thoughts and concerns.

Serving You,

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