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SECOND ANNUAL PASEO GATEWAY REPORT

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

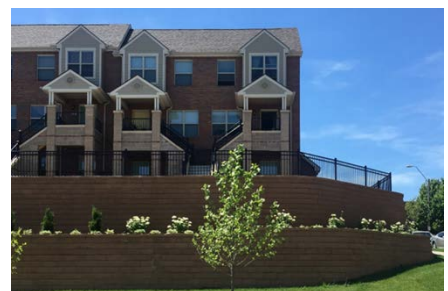
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In January of 2016 the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) executed the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Agreement for Paseo Gateway. Nearly 30 community partners supported the application including the neighborhood associations and local institutions. The Housing Authority and the City of Kansas City, Missouri are co-grantees. The purpose of the five-year grant is to replace the Chouteau Courts public housing site, and support the revitalization of the Paseo Gateway District. The \$30 million grant from HUD will leverage over \$100 million in local investment by lenders and community partners to support the revitalization of Pendleton Heights, and portions of the Independence Plaza and Paseo West neighborhoods (known collectively as Paseo Gateway). Choice Neighborhoods activities include programs in the three areas of Housing, People and Neighborhood. These are the 2017 accomplishments by the partners this past year.

I. Housing – The lead partners are Brinshore Development and the Housing Authority of Kansas City Missouri. Lenders include the City of KCMO, the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC), Central Bank, US Bank, and Bank of America. The primary goal is the replacement of the 134 public housing units at Chouteau Courts in mixed-income settings totaling 360 units in 6 – 7 phases.

II. Phase I – Rose Hill Townhomes was completed on vacant land at Troost and Admiral Boulevard and fully occupied in December 2016. It is a 33-unit townhome development for the disabled, special needs, and formerly homeless families. ReStart, Inc. is the lead referral agency supportive services provider.

Phase 2 – Pendleton Flats is a 30-unit mixed-income rehabilitation site for families on Brooklyn adjacent to Independence Plaza Park, and across the street from Scuola Vita Nuovo School. It was completed and occupied in Fall 2017.



Rose Hill Townhomes



Pendleton Flats

Phase 3 – Pendleton ArtsBlock is a 38-unit mixed-income site in the 2300 block of Independence Avenue. It focuses on arts with an arts incubator on the first floor plus exhibit and maker spaces. This space is overseen by the Charlotte Street Foundation. ArtsBlock closed on its financing in December 2017 and has commenced construction.

Phase 4 – Quinlan Place is a 57-unit, four-story, mixed-income development for families on Paseo Boulevard between 8th and 9th Streets. It closed on financing in December 2017 and has commenced construction.

Phase 5 – Quinlan Row is 22-units of mixed income townhomes for families across the street from Woodland Community School. It closed on financing in December 2017 and has commenced construction.

Phases 6 & 7 - The Housing Team began seeking sites for the remaining phases in 2017. At least one of these will be in suburban Kansas City North. These two sites will include the remaining 55 Chouteau Courts replacement units for families in mixed-income settings.



Quinlan Row



Pendleton ArtsBlock



Quinlan Place

II. People – The lead partners are United Way of Greater Kansas City and the Housing Authority. The primary goal is to strengthen community and supportive services for residents of Chouteau Courts and the surrounding community with a focus on health, education, and self-sufficiency.

555 Olive Center for Families – The Center continued to expand its programs, partners, and hours of operation as discussed below.

Start at Zero – Start at Zero is a new program at 555 Olive. It is an evidenced based home visiting service, targets households with newborns and provides a regular home visitor for three years that works with families on parent education, healthcare, and other resources.

Success by 6 – Start at Zero leads to the newly designed United Way Success By 6 Center at 555 Olive that is a place for families and children to participate in a weekly play-group, toy-lending library, and educational assessments.

The Independence School District – The District currently offers AEL, Citizenship and Forklift Certification Programs four evenings per week. Eleven participants from Paseo Gateway began training in the Fall of 2017 completed their Written and Driving Exams while enrolled.

Education – Through individual goal development with Chouteau Courts participants, ten individuals enrolled in post-secondary education, and three joined a United Way College Savings match program (IDA Program) for college enrollment.

Youth Programming – Youth from Chouteau Courts continued to participate in summer programming offered through community partners and at community centers. The summer programs divided the day between academic enrichment and recreation.

Family Assessments and Case Management of Chouteau Court Households – The HAKC Case Management Team serves 117 former Chouteau Courts households. This team successfully completed 274 assessments of heads of households, household members and children. Assessments plans to address critical health, employment, and education services with an aim toward self-sufficiency.

Meetings with Chouteau Courts Residents – Quarterly meetings continued with Chouteau Courts families until all were relocated. The Case Management Team led support groups for residents and provided guidance on relocation options and services provided by Choice Neighborhoods partner agencies. Translators were present if requested by Somali families.

Relocation Services – The HAKC Case Management Team and HDC Consulting Group, Inc. completed the relocation of the remaining families from the Chouteau Courts site and assisted 12 families in moving into the newly rehabilitated Pendleton Flats. All families were provided with multiple housing options and services tailored to their needs. These included transportation, application fees, furniture replacement, and utility assistance.

Neighborhood Canvassing & Awareness – United Way led a canvassing event in the Pendleton Heights Neighborhood to inform residents of current programs offered at the 555 Olive Center. Partner organizations included Literacy Kansas City, Start at Zero, Independence School District and Mattie Rhodes who provided volunteers to knock on doors and speak to neighbors and businesses.

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III. Neighborhood – The lead partner is the City of Kansas City, Missouri in conjunction with the neighborhood associations, businesses and institutions of Paseo Gateway.

Demolition of the Royale Motel – Demolition began on March 20, 2017 with a ceremony highlighting the work of the community. The clearance makes way for the Paseo Gateway Intersection improvements.



Paseo Gateway Intersection Planning – SKW Engineers completed the redesign process for the Independence Avenue / Paseo Boulevard Intersection with input from a series of public meetings.

STP Funding for Paseo Gateway Intersection Improvements – The City of Kansas City, Missouri received \$5,000,000 in Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for the intersection improvements.

PIAC Funding of the Intersection Improvements – The Paseo Gateway was awarded Citywide PIAC funding for the intersection improvements in the amount of \$2,020,000 for 2017 – 2021.

Utility Box Art – Mattie Rhodes, Inc. worked with artist Aaron Sutton and neighborhood stakeholders to design and install vinyl wraps to cover traffic signal boxes. The designs celebrate the history and cultural diversity of the neighborhoods. They create a visual impact for both drivers and pedestrians.

Art on the Avenue – ArtWalk and Celebration was held on August 26, 2017 showcasing the art transforming Independence Avenue. The event featured a tour and meeting with artists Aaron Sutton and Zachary Laman showcasing their utility boxes covers and mural. A variety of art activities for all ages held at Independence Plaza Park. The event was organized in partnership with Kansas City LISC, Mattie Rhodes, and Northeast Arts KC.

Critical Community Improvements (CCI) Plan: The City received a technical assistance grant from HUD to engage a consultant to finalize the Critical Community Improvement (CCI) Plan for Paseo Gateway. The CCI plan will be submitted to HUD in 2018.

Hired Neighborhood Liaison – The community organizer hired by Mattie Rhodes, Inc. will work with the neighborhood associations and other community groups in Paseo Gateway to increase organizational capacity for creating and achieving community improvement goals.

Art on the Avenue



Utility Box - Before



Utility Box - After

