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Fairmount Neighborhood Plan Meeting Scheduled **Residents to Review Goals and Action Plan**

The third in a series of meetings to plan for the future of the Fairmount neighborhood has been scheduled Thursday, June 9, 2011. The meeting will be hosted in the Slater Center cafeteria located at 325 McDowell Street. The hours of the meeting are from 5:00 P.M. –7:30 P.M. and the community is being encouraged to drop in any time during those hours.

During the first meeting in May over 60 people from the community attended and provided input regarding their likes, dislikes, hopes and fears for the neighborhood. During the second May meeting, the neighborhood participants prioritized the items noted from the first.

In addition to these community forums, the neighborhood provided input via a survey. “This meeting format is different from the previous two meetings. In those meetings the staff was gathering information in order to come to some sense of what was important to the people of the Fairmount area,” stated Shari Brown, Director of the city’s Department of Community Development. “This is a drop in meeting, where neighbors can come take look at what came from the previous meetings and surveys and learn about recommended goals and action items,” continued Brown.

Community members are encouraged to come out and talk to individual staff members from not only the area of community development, but other staff members who will have a role in the recommended action items. “Members of the neighborhood will have the opportunity to ask questions on safety, transportation, public works and the like,” stated City Manager Jeff Broughton.

All public input has been combined with staff’s field and data research. That compilation was then used to create goals and action items. Staff will present a draft of those targeted areas regarding Zoning and Land Use, Neighborhood Appearance and Maintenance, Neighborhood Organization, Neighborhood Safety, Parks and Recreation, Transportation Planning and Public Works.

“The Fairmount Neighborhood Plan meetings have been very successful in that there has been great participation by the public, with plenty of input and suggestions. We have received positive feedback

from many of the area's residents and we are again encouraging the residents to come out to review the plan that they have helped to develop," continued the City Manager.

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