

SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT ZONE

A Multi-Faceted Approach to Neighborhood Revitalization

CONCEPT

In 2008, the Safe Schools/Safe Neighborhood Sub-Committee developed the concept of the "School Neighborhood Impact Zone." This concept created a new demonstration model for neighborhood revitalization which focuses City programs and services within a two-block perimeter of a new school site.



The Zone concept was divided into four phases that include; Phase 1, The establishment of activities; Phase II, The implementation of building activities; Phase III, the development of the Glen Oak Zone Plan; and Phase IV, The implementation of the plan .

The Zone concept anticipated that each Zone Plan would address the issues and concerns unique to that Zone. The background data and input from the residents and stakeholders is gathered to create a plan unique to each Zone. Each Zone Plan will be tailored to the specific neighborhood conditions to enhance that neighborhood and the City as a whole.



The success of the Zone concept required a strong partnership between School District 150, City of Peoria, Tri-County Regional Planning, and the Community (Glen Oak Residents, business owners, landlords, faith-based organizations, and social service agencies). All involved coordinate the delivery of neighborhood improvement in conjunction with development of School District 150's new school site.

VISION

To provide a series of coordinated, focused strategies around a planned neighborhood school to create a safe, vibrant, attractive, and affordable neighborhood within an existing urban setting

FACES OF THE ZONE



EXECUTION

The Glen Oak Zone was chosen as a demonstration model for the implementation of the School Neighborhood Impact Zone concept which began in 2008 and will continue through 2010. The Harrison Zone will begin in 2010 to revitalize the neighborhood surrounding the site of the new Harrison School. The following pages outline the ongoing and/or planned activities for both the Glen Oak and Harrison Impact Zones.

GLEN OAK IMPACT ZONE PLAN OVERVIEW



BACKGROUND

The Glen Oak Zone was created on May 13, 2008 as a demonstration Zone. The Glen Oak Zone was chosen due to the viability of the neighborhood and opportunity for stabilization. Glen Oak Zone assets, that led to the zone designation, included established neighborhood organizations, existing infrastructure which could be repaired or improved, an established housing stock and base of homeownership, and various community services. The Zone process involved a series of public meetings which resulted in the creation of a plan unique to the Glen Oak Zone. The following four primary goals were developed by the neighborhood to guide revitalization efforts.



CURRENT INVESTMENT

- * \$27 million invested for the construction of the new Glen Oak Birth-to-Eighth Grade Community School
650 Student Capacity
126,000 Gross Square Feet
- * Continued focused delivery of City services
- * \$1.5 million offered in housing rehabilitation services
- * \$7,500 to the Boys and Girls Club for a Playground
- * \$2.7 million in Impact Zone Infrastructure
- * \$157,109 in ADA Ramp Improvements
- * \$290,000 in CDBG-R Funds for sidewalk improvements within the focus area
- * \$118,500 HUD Economic Development Initiative Grant Announced by Senator Durbin for new sidewalks within the Focus Area
- * \$200,000 in infrastructure improvements around the new school
- * \$118,589 in Public Service Agency Programs

NEXT STEPS

- ⇒ Complete construction of the new Glen Oak School
- ⇒ Continued investment by the City of Peoria
- ⇒ Continued active participation by the neighborhood
- ⇒ Work with the business district to form a Business Association and initiate District improvements

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Curtail Crime

- ◆ Increased police activity (31 saturation patrols in 2008 and 33 in 2009).
- ◆ In 2009, increased police activity resulted in:
 - 5 search warrants with eviction of all 5 tenants
 - 36 arrests for a variety of offenses
 - Seizure of 461 grams of crack cocaine, 2 handguns, and a sawed-off shotgun.
 - 43 traffic citations issued



Increase Home Ownership

- ◆ Offered \$1.5 million in housing rehabilitation services
 - 19 approved applications for whole house repairs
 - 8 approved applications for system repairs
 - 1 approved application for adopt-a-ramp



Create a Positive Place to Raise Children

- ◆ Systematic inspection of 237 parcels within the focus area which resulted in:
 - 175 properties with at least one code issue (majority were chipped or peeling paint). Most were resolved and 50 violations defaulted or received tickets.
- ◆ Summer basketball program with 50 boys in attendance
- ◆ Variety of social service programs offered



Increase Neighborhood Involvement

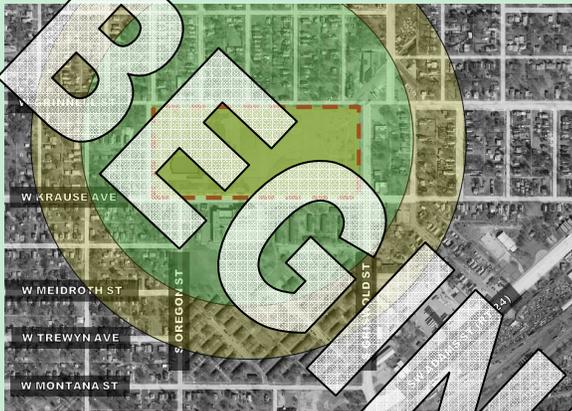
- ◆ Glen Oak Cleanup on July 20, 2009
- ◆ Combined Night Out Against Crime on August 4, 2009 with 3 neighborhood associations.
- ◆ Safe Walk to School: a volunteer effort to monitor the safety of children going to and returning from school.



HARRISON IMPACT ZONE BEGINNING 2010

BACKGROUND

In 2010, the City of Peoria, in partnership with School District 150, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, and citizens will embark on a plan to improve the neighborhood around the new Harrison School.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Identify by the end of 2010

CURRENT INVESTMENT

- * Harrison Birth-to-Eighth Community School
\$21 Million
650 Student Capacity
109,000 Gross Square Feet
- * Harrison Homes (Peoria Housing Authority)
\$40 Million
200 Housing Units
28 Acres of Land
- * HUD Economic Development Initiative Grant
Announced by Senator Durbin
\$125,000 for sidewalks along Grinnell
- * \$390,000 for sidewalk and curb replacement on
Griswold from Starr to Grinnell

NEXT STEPS

By using a planning process which includes active citizen participation through a door-to-door survey and an Open-Space or goal-setting meeting, a neighborhood plan will be developed identifying neighborhood goals, actions to achieving these goals, and an implementation schedule to ensure success in the Harrison Impact Zone.

BEGINNING 2010



RESPONSES FROM THE 2009 GLEN OAK NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

