Neighborhoods Rising Celebration

On Thursday, October 20, Virginia LISC and partners from the Neighborhood Resource Center (Greater Fulton’s Future) and Pathways (Battersea Rising) celebrated the neighborhood quality of life plans with several hundred friends in attendance at the Hippodrome in Richmond’s Jackson Ward. The neighborhood plans were formally presented to both Richmond and Petersburg’s mayors by the community. The evening was a great success for residents.

Presentations were made by residents from Fulton and Battersea. Their stories were moving. Words cannot capture the emotion shared by these eight individuals. Instead we have captured them on video so that you may hear their stories. Each video of the residents and comments made by both Richmond’s Mayor Jones and Petersburg’s Mayor Moore can be found on the Virginia LISC Facebook page—

http://www.facebook.com/VALISC.
Richmond’s New Hot Spot: The Hippodrome

LISC is proud to be a part of this exciting venue’s development.

In 2008, Virginia LISC provided Walker Row Partnership, the developer and owner of the Hippodrome, a $300,000 predevelopment loan. The dreams at that moment were to rehab the theatre and the Elks Lodge building, along with new construction on an adjacent vacant lot to return the Hippodrome to its entertainment roots with live R&B and Blues acts. The Elks Lodge redevelopment would facilitate the Hippodrome programming with constructed dressing rooms, rehearsal space, offices, and a restaurant and entertainment venue open for lunch, dinner and late night. In addition, residential units were developed on the upper levels.

Then in 2011, Virginia LISC provided a loan of $300,000 to retrofit the Hippodrome’s kitchen. And Dreams have become Realities.

On October 20, 2011, Virginia LISC held its Neighborhoods Rising Event at the Hippodrome. Thanks to Ron Stallings and his staff, the event was memorable.
Hull Street Corridor
Revitalization Planning Team
held Community Planning Meeting at
Manchester Middle School

Virginia LISC, with staff from Richmond and
Chesterfield, facilitated another successful
meeting with residents, business owners and
others interested in the Hull Street Revitaliza-
tion Planning process.

The meeting was held at the Manchester Middle
School on Monday, October 24. Close to 40
stakeholders were in attendance to share their
views on the existing corridor and ideas for in-

provement.

John Taylor, Senior Planner and the project
leader for Richmond, gave an overview of the
project, Frances Stanley, LISC's GIS Analyst,
gave an overview of the demographic composi-
tion of the area and Veronica Jemmott, LISC's
Community Partnership Manager, gave an over-
view of the citizen engagement process and what
we had learned thus far in the process. Those in
attendance were then asked to sign up if they
were interested in participating in a steering
committee with the corridor consultants. Next
steps: The City will issue an RFP for consult-
ants for this project.

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