

KINGSPORT ALLIANCE FOR HOME REVITALIZATION

Livability Committee – September 13, 2010

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□ Problem

- Bureaucratic red tape prohibited our Community Development staff from completing rehab requests
- Furthermore, Federal restrictions required a complete rebuild of the house – limiting the number of available dollars

□ Goal

- Create a public/private partnership to repair homes for qualified individuals.

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□ Result

- ▣ Creation of the KAHR Program (Kingsport Alliance for Home Revitalization)
- ▣ Partnership between the City of Kingsport, First Tennessee Development District, Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Carpenters Helper and Appalachian Service Project

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- Funding for Program
 - ▣ General Fund dollars (no restrictions)
 - ▣ Community Development Block Grant
 - ▣ Kingsport Housing Authority (grant programs)
 - ▣ FTDD HOME funds
- Labor
 - ▣ Volunteer labor through Carpenters Helper, ASP
 - ▣ Supplies funded/refunded through KAHR
 - ▣ Licensed work (electrical, plumbing) is contracted out

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□ Process

- Applicants are reviewed by CD and KHRA office
- Upon review applications are distributed based upon need and availability of volunteer agencies
- All emergency repairs are contracted out
- Examples
 - Complete rehab = Contracted out with local GC
 - Floor replacement = Volunteer agency
 - Bathroom (electrical and plumbing) = volunteer agency and local GC

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- Program has exceeded our expectations
- A once unachievable list of requests has been addressed
- Partnerships with original volunteer agencies has expanded
- Program has allowed us to partner with other agencies;
 - ▣ Eastern Eight
 - ▣ Peoples Inc.
 - ▣ Youth Build

Dale Street People Inc.



1334 Center Street

Eastern Eight



New Youthbuild Homes

1005 & 1009 Robertson St.



Housing Challenges

- While it is much needed the KAHR program is typically an internal patch with very little cosmetic improvement to the home
- City needs to develop a program to address housing redevelopment within the core of the City
- Infrastructure is in place (utilities, sidewalks, alley's, schools, etc.)
- Program
 - ▣ Construction of new homes (purchase-demo-rebuild)
 - ▣ Remodel existing structures
 - ▣ Where you can multiple lots should be considered
 - ▣ Work with the Home Builders Association, Realtors, etc.



Questions?