

Sherman Park Unrest

Preliminary Response Efforts

Overview of Aug 13th Incident

- 31 total arrests for disorderly conduct
- 6 businesses set on fire totaling an estimated \$5.8 million in damages
- 7 police officers injured
- 9 squad cars damaged, including one set on fire
- 78 ShotSpotter calls requiring investigation of one or more shots
- Additional fires set, including one auto fire and scattered debris
- Two related shootings injuring an 18 year old male and 16 year old female

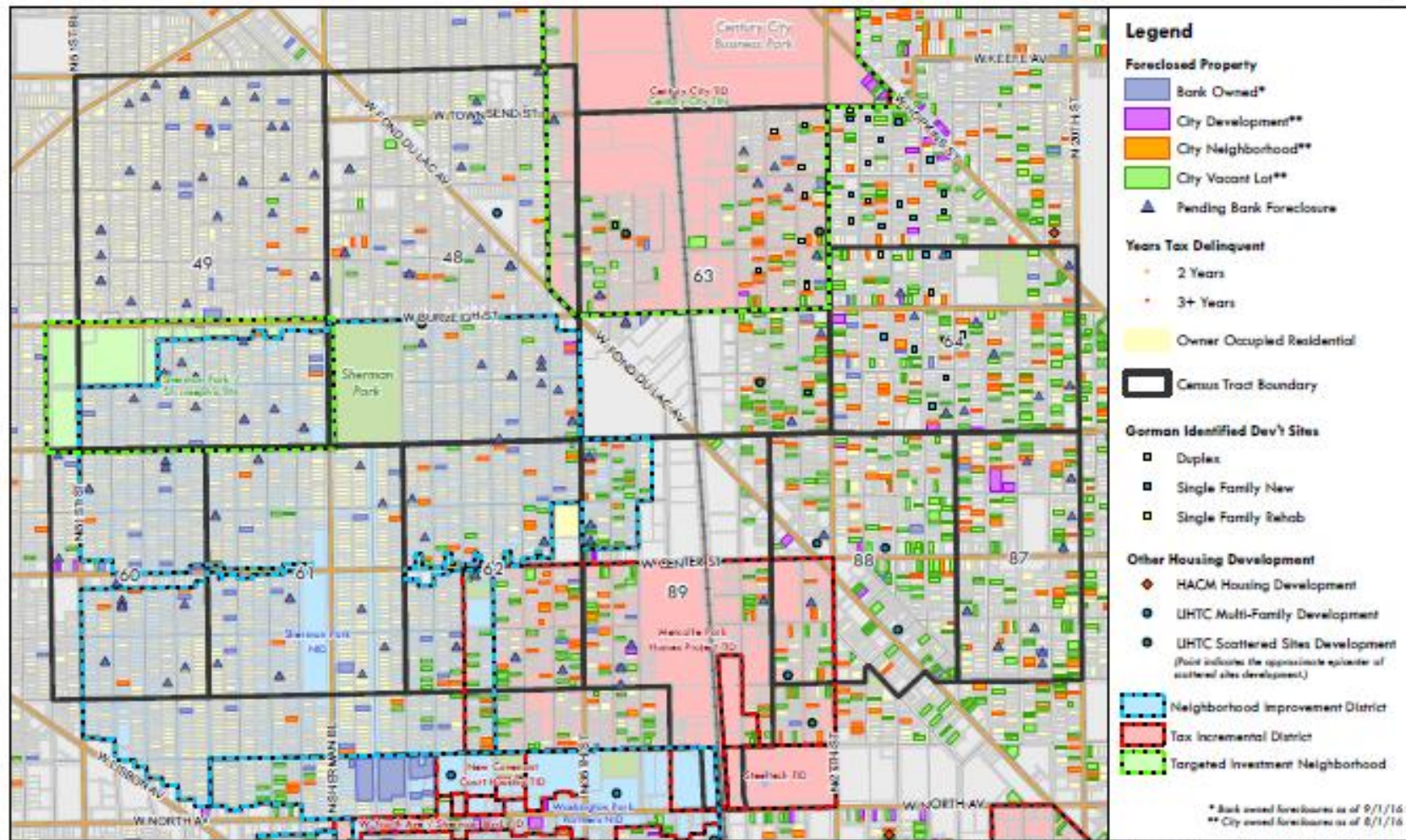
First Steps

- Restore calm, peace and normalcy for residents
- Engage with community leaders, churches to collect preliminary needs
- Meet with affected businesses and confirm insurance coverage
- Assess immediately available information regarding the neighborhood condition
- Conversations with various State and Federal officials regarding their willingness to assist

Map of 10 Census Tracts

SHERMAN PARK STUDY AREA ANALYSIS OF CURRENT NEIGHBORHOOD CONDITIONS

Prepared by the Department of City Development Planning Division, 8/21/2016
Source: City of Milwaukee Information Technology Division Real Estate Division US Census Bureau



Neighborhood Assets/Challenges

- Some Assets:
 - Strong Community Institutions
 - Visible Community Leaders are Residents
 - Beautiful Park and Housing Stock
- Some Challenges:
 - Crime
 - Unemployment
 - Vacant Property and Lots

Unemployment in Sherman Park

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	TOTAL
Population 16 yrs and over	17,842
In labor force	9,989
Employed	7,760
Unemployed	2,229
Not in labor force	7,853

Source: US Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates

Property Conditions

- 534 vacant properties
 - 213 are city owned
 - 53 of those have raze orders
 - 312 are bank owned
 - 18 of those have raze orders
- 442 vacant lots
 - Including a proliferation of highly visible exterior property maintenance issues, alley obstructions and other blight

Short Term Goals

- Create visible improvement to the property conditions in the neighborhood.
- Connect the unemployed with transitional job opportunities and individual supports.
- Create a subsidized workforce connection program that links unemployed individuals from the 10 census tracts to jobs related to property removal, rehabilitation and maintenance.
- Solicit funds to support these activities.

State of Wisconsin Assistance

- ✓ \$2 million for Vacant Property Removal and Rehabilitation
 - ✓ Funds awarded to City by MOU
- ✓ \$1.5 million in TANF funding for Transitional Jobs Subsidies
 - ✓ Funds awarded to UMOS/Employ Mke provide \$7.25/hour wage subsidy
- ✓ \$1 million in Fast Forward funding
 - ✓ Funds available to local employers
- ✓ Mobile Access Centers at various sites/dates in Sherman Park

\$2m for Vacant Property

- Similar to the 2013 program, funds will be reimbursed to the City by MOU in increments of \$10k/property
- Will expand beyond demolition to include deconstruction and rehabilitation.
- 2017 Proposed Budget contemplates:
 - \$900k toward demolition of 90 properties
 - \$200k toward deconstruction of 20 properties
 - \$900k toward rehabilitation of 90 properties
- Goal is to match these funds with other sources to maximize transitional job opportunities

Rehabilitation Resources & Plan

- Resources

- \$900,000 from DFI grant
- State TANF transitional jobs funding

- Plan

- Assist redevelopment of 90 City-owned foreclosed properties
- Use TANF funds to pay wages for Milwaukee Builds trainees during training program
- Connect successful trainees to construction jobs generated by redevelopment of 90 foreclosed houses



Northside Housing Initiative

Gorman & Co.

- Previous phases renovated 128 houses purchased from City
 - 5 neighborhoods within 3-mile radius of Century City
- Proposed Phase 9 = 75 property capacity
 - Emphasize Sherman Park and adjacent neighborhoods in property selection
 - City provides \$10,000 per property grant
 - WHEDA financing
- Phase 9 renovations
 - New water service lines, Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC
 - Roof, Windows, Kitchen and bath improvements, ADA accessibility

Northside Housing Initiative

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- During renovation, sub-contractors hire Milwaukee Builds trainees for project work
 - 300 hired through earlier phases
 - Proposed Phase 9: 75 trainees to be hired
- Following renovation
 - Houses rented to families with income at or below 60% of Area Median Income.
 - Houses made available for sale to tenants or others after 15 year rental period
- Timetable
 - Property selection underway
 - Milwaukee Builds training cycle begins Fall 2016
 - Construction begins spring 2017

Additional Redevelopment (15 properties)

- DCD will identify other developers who can link employment of hard-to-employ individuals with rehabilitation of foreclosed properties.
- DFI funds provide \$10,000 per property subsidy for up to 15 additional properties.
- Use similar model to Gorman & Co.
- Work to scale up capacity of other developers.

Path to Employment



Workforce Model

- Milwaukee Builds leverages transitional jobs to train local residents in residential construction and connect them to careers in the skilled trades.
- Employer support sessions inform local employers about the resources available to them through the Job Center of Wisconsin.
- Industry-driven customized recruitments to fill local vacancies.
 - 1600 open positions among the Center for Health Careers members.
 - 450 of those open positions designated for JCAP participants.
- Enhanced youth services.
 - Recruitment and engagement targeted at **opportunity youth** (16-24 years of age) with subsidized and unsubsidized jobs and supportive services including mentoring and social-emotional learning.

Job Center Access Points (JCAP)

- Job Center Access Points - bring the resources of the system to the community to assess and connect potential job seekers.
- 3 sessions to date and several more planned through the end of the year.
 - Employ Milwaukee
 - Parklawn Assembly of God
 - Milwaukee Urban League
- Includes State workforce system, DVR, Foodshare, DCF (W-2), and local program providers (including appropriate City departments).

Requests for Federal Assistance

- Met with WHO IGA and ruled out Federal “Stafford” Emergency Declaration based on the Administration’s rejection of similar prior requests
- Most agencies are limited in their ability to apply discretionary funds without a Stafford declaration
- Explored potential sources of emergency or discretionary funds at FEMA, SBA, HUD, DOL, EDA, DHS, and DOJ

Request to US DOJ

- MPD has incurred over \$1.3m in costs related to this event
- Emergency Byrne Justice Assistance Grants are available for a “precipitous increase in crime.”
- Last two awards went to Orlando (\$1.0m) and Baltimore (\$1.0m)
- Grant awards are for multijurisdictional response so the request is a joint city-county effort and the award will be funneled through WI DOJ
- Statement of need was submitted yesterday

Requests to Other Agencies

- HUD agreed to expedite the conversion of leftover NSP funds for use under general CDBG guidelines ~\$200k toward TJ subsidies
- EDA Administrator in town next week. We are looking for kick start investment in Century City
- DHS - requesting additional TANF funds
- DOL – ongoing discussions regarding the likelihood of a successful demonstration grant application from the Dislocated Worker Grant program

Other Related Efforts

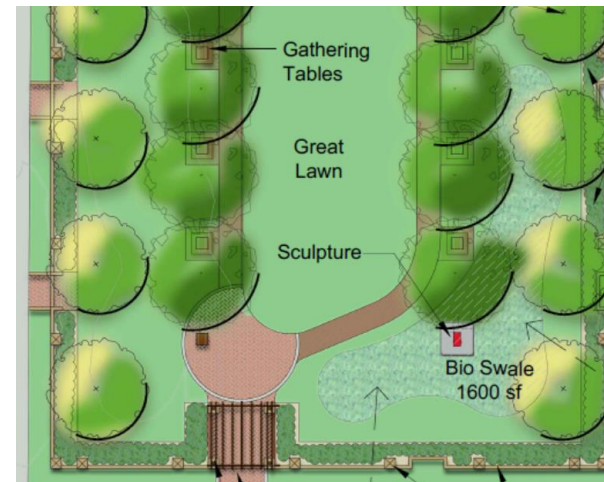
- Public Safety hearings/OVP planning process
- GMF “Reasons for Hope MKE” grant fund
 - Grants will range from \$500 to \$5,000.
 - Proposals from residents and grassroots groups, neighborhood-based organizations
 - May be used for activities that promote peace and community building and cohesion
- Upcoming meetings with Banks who may need CRA credits
- County meetings, business leader engagement

Vacant Lot Beautification

- ECO secured \$99k grant funding for lot next to Fondy Food Center plus North Avenue beautification using Zilber grant
- Remove blight, add vibrancy, ecological restoration
- Transitional jobs for young adults in park construction and maintenance
- Use as starting point for broader Green Space Program



Fondy Lot- Current



Fondy Lot- Planned, 2017

Long Term Planning Needed

- State and Federal Assistance provide a jump start but a longer term plan is needed.
- Plan should be neighborhood driven.
- Incorporate into and build upon other successful initiatives like Compete Milwaukee, Strong Neighborhoods.
- Partnership between public, private, nonprofit and philanthropic entities
- Your thoughts?