

Welcome to CHARP's Neighborhood Campus Forum

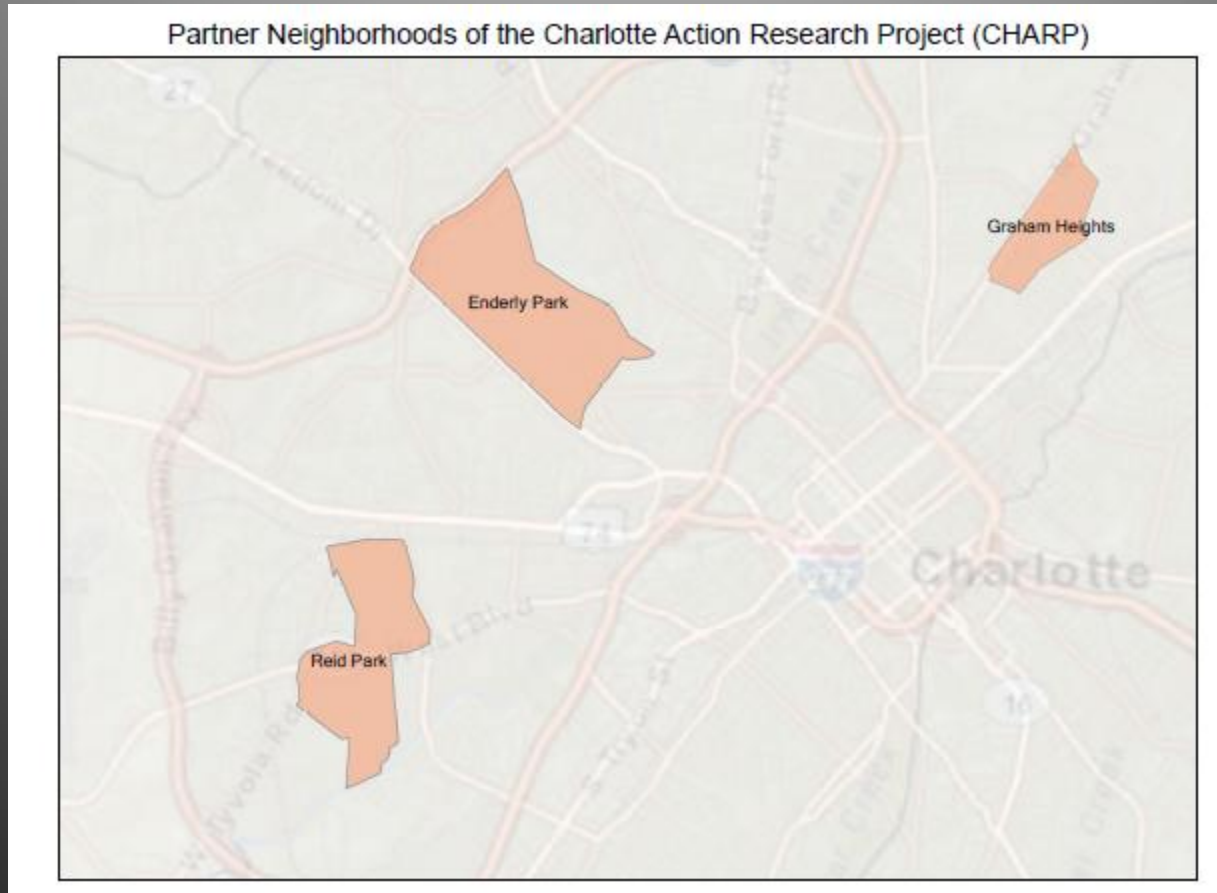
Charlotte Action Research Project

May 29, 2013

Tonight's Program

- Introduction, Dr. Janni Sorensen
 - CHARP mission and research model
 - Purpose of tonight's event
 - Acknowledgement of funder and neighborhood partners
- Introduction to CHARP's Neighborhood Partners
- Discussion of our Research Process
- Resident Presentations
- Question & Answer Portion

CHARP's Partner Neighborhoods



Introduction of Residents

- Barbara Queen (GH) and Rosalyn Davis (GH), **Neighborhood Change**
- Jeff Pharr (GH), **Spatial Justice**
- Rickey Hall (RP), **Empowerment and Citizen Rights**
- Angela Edwards (RP) and Brittany Edwards (RP), **Communities and Schools**
- Franklin Emmanuel, Cora Robinson, and Pearl Anderson (EP), **Neighborhood Safety**

How did we get here?

Our Research Process

- Series of forums with neighborhood partners
- Identification of research questions related to neighborhood quality-of-life issues
- Each forum was a step toward our ultimate goals:
 - Create research themes
 - Make them available to wider, campus/community audience

Questions?

- Please save for the end of all the presentations.
- Questions will be two-way—residents should ask campus partners questions and vice versa.
- Please sign in with your email address so we can create a listserv of tonight's attendees.

Neighborhood Change

Presented by:

Barbara Queen & Rosalyn Davis

Graham Heights

Neighborhood Change: Introduction

- We used to have great stores, parks, beautiful homes, neighborhood schools, and higher homeownership in our neighborhoods.
- Our main purpose is to bring back those things that made our neighborhoods so special

Neighborhood Change: Local Businesses

- How can neighborhood businesses and corporations be more involved in our neighborhoods?
 - We're interested in creating an atmosphere where businesses can form reciprocal partnerships with our neighborhoods
 - There are smaller businesses and larger ones. What types of strategies can be used to engage these different types to create new partnerships?

Neighborhood Change: Retail

- How can neighborhoods attract more neighborhood- and family-oriented businesses to our neighborhoods?
 - No banks
 - No full-service grocery
- What can we do to make our neighborhoods attractive to businesses so that they will locate in our neighborhoods?
- What can we do to convince business that we are viable communities?

Neighborhood Change: Affordable Housing

- What does affordable housing mean in Charlotte?
- How is affordable housing distributed and what decisions determine where it is placed and concentrated?
- What are the existing affordable housing policies in Charlotte?
 - What are the perceptions of affordable housing in Charlotte?

Neighborhood Change:

Gentrification, Revitalization and Displacement

- We want to improve our neighborhoods but how do we make staying in place affordable?
- How do we avoid being displaced by positive change in our neighborhoods?

Neighborhood Change: Closing Comments

- Our taxes are increasing but rather than gain new parks and facilities, we have lost them over time.
- These are the questions we have and figuring out the answers can help us better understand our neighborhood and how to successfully improve quality of life for all of us

Spatial Justice

Presented by:

Jeff Pharr, Graham Heights

Spatial Justice: Introduction

- Introduction of research theme
 - How did this theme come up through the discussions?
 - Why is this topic important to you?
- What specific questions address this theme?

Spatial Justice:

Distribution of Amenities and Disamenities

- Who gets what: where, when, and how?
 - Why do certain areas receive better quality parks and infrastructure over others?
 - Is it tied to political power?
- How do unattractive land uses end up in our neighborhoods?
 - What can be done?

Spatial Justice

- Why are certain land uses subsidized but neighborhoods do not have access to the most basic retail?

Empowerment and Citizen Rights

Presented by:
Rickey Hall, Reid Park

Empowerment and Citizen Rights: Introduction

- What can individuals do to influence neighborhood outcomes?
 - Who makes the decisions?
 - Can we become part of the political process?
- How can neighborhoods access or accrue the power to influence the decisions made about their community?

Empowerment and Citizen Rights

- How can we move our neighborhoods away from service recipients and places where “things are done to us from outside” to an active decision maker?

Empowerment and Citizen Rights

- How can neighborhoods entice business, religious institutions, and other institutions to work with neighborhoods and enter into partnerships guided by both sides?

Communities and Schools

Presented by:

Angela Edwards & Brittany Edwards
of Reid Park

Communities and Schools

- How can mutually rewarding relationships be forged between neighborhoods and schools?
 - In other words, how can the partnership be framed as “worth it” to the school?

Communities and Schools

- What programs or resources can be created or used to engage children to address neighborhood issues?

Communities and Schools

- How can we begin to connect parents and neighborhoods to schools in meaningful ways?
 - How does the Charlotte context impact these potential partnerships?

Neighborhood Safety

Presented by Franklin Emmanuel,
Cora Robinson, and Pearl Anderson
of Enderly Park

Neighborhood Safety

- Introduction of research theme
 - How did this theme come up through the discussions
 - Why is this topic important to you?

Neighborhood Safety

- How can conditions in our neighborhoods and Charlotte be altered to decrease crime?
 - Physical
 - Social
 - Support services
 - Reaching out to youth
 - Economic
 - Job opportunities
- What hands-on strategies can we use to encourage people to be more active in making our neighborhoods safe?
 - What higher level (city, county, state, federal) resources can we use to do this?

Neighborhood Safety

- Does the label of “challenged” or “bad side of town” become a self-fulfilling prophecy?
 - How does perception of a place influence what happens to that place?
 - How do we overcome these labels?
- Labels stick and carry a lot of weight
 - It is hard to overcome these bad names without changing the name AND conditions around the place that is named

Neighborhood Safety

- How can we combat the attitude of ‘no snitching’ that has become so prevalent in our society?
 - Where did this attitude come from and how does it hurt our communities?
- The label ‘snitch’ turns people off
 - How can protecting your neighborhood and reporting crime be reframed?
 - How can we encourage positive behavior and care for the neighborhood?

Neighborhood Safety

- Closing Comments
 - We want to encourage positive behavior and pride in our neighborhood to reduce crime
 - We want to find ways for people to not feel trapped
 - How do we support people in our neighborhoods and let them know we support them in keeping our neighborhoods safe?

Thank you

- We'd like to thank our neighborhood partners for being here tonight to share their thoughts.
- We will now turn to our Question & Answer portion of the evening.