N. Delridge ACT Meeting  
Monday Sept 15, 2015 (note special date/time) 6-7:30pm, Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Lynda Bui, Amanda Kirk, Ranette Iding, David Beastock, Willard Brown, Michael Taylor-Judd, Parie Hines  
Absent: Kim Justice Guest: Ann Jewett  
Staff: David Goldberg, Aileen Balahadia

Intro/Welcome/Updates
Thanks to everyone for adjusting their schedules to make tonight’s meeting. We should be back on our regular 3rd Monday time next month.

Find It Fix It:
The Delridge Find It Fix It Walk is scheduled with Mayor Murray on Sat Oct 3 from 11am-1pm at the Brandon node. The first planning meeting was held last week and Ranette and Michael both attended. The walk seems to be oriented towards smaller, beautification “fix”s” and is meant to encourage use of the new FIFI app from the city to report such nuisances. They were able to do a mock walk of the event, focusing around Brandon, and painting a picture of the bigger picture/development issues Delridge is concerned about. Issues of drainage (especially on a potentially rainy day?), crime, parks, business district revitalization. There are funds available, up to $5000 for a proposed project from the community. The hope is that ideas may come from the walk for this—perhaps P-patch or park activation or alley clean up work behind the DESC building.

Delridge Plan Workshop Tue Sept 29th 6-8pm
The purpose of this event is to introduce, review, prioritize and add detail to the various strategies we have been collecting in the Action Plan. The hope is that this Workshop sets in motion the “action” phase of the plan and potentially recruits volunteers interested in pieces of the work. David reviewed the Agenda. Discussion occurred around the titles of the 4 areas of the plan—perhaps using “junction” instead of destination/node—and to remove “transportation” and add words like connectivity or mobility to convey the meaning of the topic better. POELs will recruit and facilitate small groups of cultural/linguistic groups to attend. Mailers/flyers have gone out to Delridge area residents. David anticipates 75 people to attend. As the group reviewed the flow for the day, two important concepts were suggested: 1) people wanted the chance to dive in deeper into the topics and not just rotate amongst 4 stations too quickly and 2) folks like the idea of getting to know their neighbors better, getting comfortable in 1 place and developing a rapport with the ACT facilitator. Given these, David and Aileen will review and adjust the agenda flow. It was suggested to possibly pair up 2 of the 4 topics—have people choose their group accordingly—and have 1 ACT facilitator stay with that group. Context experts would need to float and be available for questions. If ACT folks could pair up, they could support each other and notetake. More details to come. A basic Facilitators guide was also shared with tips/tools for working with groups – but this will need more work based on the changes tonight.

TO DO: David/Aileen send out revised Agenda and ACT facilitator notes

Office of Economic Development:
Lance Randall was supposed to attend and talk about the various OED services available to Delridge, and to listen in on the conversation we are to have about a business outreach survey. Unfortunately he did not attend.

ACT Focused work: Outreach/Survey phase

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The meeting ran long and we didn’t have time to review the summary of the grant ACT intends to apply for with the S&S fund at Dept. of Neighborhoods. Willard said he hasn’t yet met with Nancy at the WS Chamber, but will, and will then assess how to proceed with fiscal sponsorship for project. David reminded us that this is an ACT proposal and all folks should be part of the writing and vetting.

**TO DO:** Aileen email grant summary to ACT- seek others interested in supporting grant writing, etc

**TO DO:** Willard will report back on meeting with Nancy and decision on partner involvement.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm. Minutes submitted by Aileen Balahadia. Next meeting Monday October 19, 2015 from 6-730pm at Youngstown.