

Creating a Great Neighborhood: Allied Drive Community Design Meeting

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Mission Statement: Conduct a community design meeting to assist the residents and other stakeholders of the Allied Drive neighborhood in sessions to visualize the rehabilitation of their community based on neighborhood input. This will enable them to identify steps for economic revitalization and development of a mix of housing options to meet residents' needs.

Schedule of Activities

- Sept. 7 – Day One:** Neighborhood residents provide input to architects and consultants on major themes of housing, economic development, transportation, security, quality of life and community character.
- Sept. 8 – Day Two:** Based on neighborhood input, alternate solutions are developed by teams of architects, who report out to neighborhood residents and other key stakeholders and to the Allied Drive Task Force representatives throughout the day.
- Sept. 9 – Day Three:** Again reporting out to the group throughout the day, the teams of architects meet to refine alternative solutions.
- Sept. 10 – Day Four:** The architects meet as a whole to integrate the teams' solutions into a single vision – based on all neighborhood resident and key stakeholder input over the previous three days; the architects create presentation documents and report the outcome of the process to the entire group in a celebration at the end of the day.
- Post-event:** The architects refine the presentations and prepare a written report to the community.

More than 30 architects and allied professionals, coordinated by **AIA Southwest Wisconsin**, a Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, will assist Allied Drive residents in discovering a new vision for the neighborhood to move forward, not out. Working with the community, these professionals are volunteering their time, talent and expertise to the visioning process. It is the charge of AIA members to offer American communities the opportunity to celebrate their heritage while addressing emerging architectural and social challenges. In honor of the 150th anniversary of the American Institute of Architects, members nationwide are empowering citizens to share in creating a vision for their communities. For 150 years, architects have used the design processes to help citizens find their voices and realize a vision for beautiful, safe and livable communities. www.aia150.org; www.aiaaw.org

The community design meeting for the Allied Drive neighborhood is being conducted as an intense four-day design session. This will be a collaborative planning process that harnesses the talents and energies of all interested parties to create and support a feasible plan that represents transformative community change. The three major parties (Community, City and Architects) have been laying the ground work for this event for almost a year.