

## Meeting Notes from INSPIRE Kickoff on 3-23-16

### Strengths

Green
High homeownership rate
New ShopRite
Golf course
Strong schools
Access (close proximity to 695, I83, etc.)
Senior center
Senior housing
Long time residents
Strong community involvement
Strong neighborhood associations
Strong alumni
40+ acres of urban forest
Large homes
Variety of housing
Quiet community
Houses of worship
Diverse population
Commercial districts
Access to recreation
Good people
Recreation center
Community gardens
Early childhood opportunities
Public transportation
Head start
Outdoor community movies
Swimming pool
Lifeguard training for summer jobs

### Weaknesses

Trash/litter/illegal dumping
Street lighting
Overgrown street trees
Vacant/nuisance housing
Management of group homes
Drug dealing
Façades in business district
Structure of businesses on 4700 block of Liberty Heights
Lack of diverse businesses
Increasing rents with school/community improvements
Snow removal for access to school area
Lack of parking at the Ambassador Theater

### Opportunities

Job opportunities (new grocery store)
New businesses
Development opportunities
Strengthen/create more affordable housing
Opportunities for first time homebuyers
Low interest renovation loans
Healthy Neighborhoods expansion
Increase population
Renovation of vacant homes
Accessibility to urban forest
Direct bus route to FPHS
Reconfigure Safe Routes to School for CRES
Uniform facades in business district
Outside seating in business district
Destination business districts
Traffic calming
Pedestrian crossing improvements
Bicycle facilities
Metro school connections
Visible walking paths with lighting
Calvin Rodwell and Grove Park Middle connections/paths
Activating the Ambassador Theater