

Planning Commission Long Range Study Meeting Notes
April 16, 2014 – McDonnell Towers Community Room
Valley Woods Community Revitalization Plan

1. Would like to see additional senior housing and senior center on property to the north of McDonnell Towers and River Park Place.
2. Exercise and activity area wanted with indoor and outdoor pool.
3. Outdoor picnic area with gas BBQ (not charcoal) wanted.
4. Concern with natural area being eliminated and hopes City will look at other areas in the city for the senior center.
5. Wants centrally located senior center not necessarily adjacent to existing senior center/McDonnell Tower; is concerned that those in adjacent housing will feel more entitled to the senior center than those who are not adjacent residents.
6. Wants flexible space and meeting rooms within the senior center.
7. Whirlpool or hot tub with possible partnership with hospitals for therapy use.
8. Wants adult daycare services.
9. Concerned with the cost of maintaining a new senior center and wants to know where the funding will come from because taxes are already high.
10. Would like existing pool at McDonnell Towers to be manned with lifeguards.
11. Interested in more organized activities such as sewing, arts and crafts, jewelry, ceramics classes.
12. Would like extended hours of use of the community room and fitness room and use of the billiards tables.
13. Convenience store prices too high and not enough products or variety of products.
14. Provide enough drivers for transportation and possibly provide a Dial-a-Ride type service.
15. Re-open the McDonnell Towers Community Room.
16. Concern if the Community Room has been closed because of those wanting to use it for religious services.
17. Kitchen cabinets and flooring need to be upgraded in apartments.
18. Driveways and potholes need to be repaired.
19. Russian translator in office is needed (several people agreed).
20. Need upgraded TV in River Park Place.
21. Would like a movie night (movies to be shown in the community room to be viewed with other residents).
22. Provide outside stationary workout area.
23. Individual apartment renovations needed.
24. Wi-fi service in the building wanted.
25. Provide smoke-free living option.
26. Revitalize the natural area to the north.
27. Protect wildlife habitats.
28. Provide bike trail.

29. Provide more benches outside and possible congregating areas for wheelchair users outside as well.
30. Repairs to individual units (i.e. 24400 #909 air conditioner broken; 24300 gas oven broken).
31. Post "No hunting signs" throughout Valley Woods Park.
32. Provide computer room with classes.
33. Provide drinking fountain outside.