City of Fairburn GICH Team

Freshman Report

September 19-21, 2017 ♥ Athens, GA
Logo and Mission Statement

As the City of Fairburn moves towards becoming a 21st century progressive city that is situated to succeed, we will evaluate, educate, engage and elevate (E4) our standard of living through our innovative community housing program. Our citizens will be situated to live, work and play in our great city.

We believe that every citizen deserves to live a life of quality and it is our aim to provide such by evaluating our housing and wellness needs, educating our citizens about our program, engaging stakeholders from various sectors of our city and elevate our quality of living. As a member of the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Program, we are situated to change the narrative and write a new and great story for our city, expand our resources, secure our infrastructure and housing development leading to economic stability for generations to come.
GICH Initiative Target Areas

Lightning Community

- Blight and dilapidated residential structures
GICH Initiative Target Areas

Summerwood Community

• Neighborhood Improvements and Clean-up
Housing Inventory Assessment

• Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Community Choices Technical Assistance Program Awarded in **April 2016**

• Housing Inventory Assessment completed in **Fall of 2016**

### Property Type – Lightning District

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Lightning Community
Cora Robinson Park Renovations

• New playground equipment, benches, and landscaping
• Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and City funds
• Cora Robinson Park Grand Re-Opening - **April 6, 2017**
Lightning Community Clean-Up

Lightning Community Clean-Up Day - April 7, 2017

• GICH Team Members, Partners and City Staff

Sponsored By: Fairburn GICH Team
Date: Friday, April 7, 2017
Time: 10:30 am – 2:00 pm
Partners:
  - Fairburn Parks & Recreation
  - In His Great Name Ministry
  - South Fulton Youth Arrow Council
  - Nehemiah Project
  - Open Word Christian Ministries
  - Green Oil Company
Lightning Community Clean-Up Day

• Two truck loads and 15 large bags of trash and debris removed
Lightning Community Zoning Audit

- Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Community Choices Technical Assistance Program Awarded in **April 2017**
- Zoning Audit Objective - To review the zoning districts within the Lightning Community for consistency with the City’s development policies and long term revitalization goals.
- Zoning Audit Anticipated Completion Date: **Late Summer/Fall 2017**
Abatement Proceedings

• Dangerous, Unsafe or Unfit Buildings or Structures Ordinance
  Adopted in August 2014

✓ Lightning Community
  ❖ 19 Structures uninhabitable
  ❖ 5 Blighted structures currently in abatement proceedings
  ❖ 7 Notice of Violations
  ❖ 1 Structure demolished
  ❖ 1 Structure under restoration process
Code Enforcement

• Nuisance: Care of Premises Ordinance
  Adopted in 1989, Last Amended August 2015

• International Property Maintenance Code

Lightning and Summerwood Communities

• Warnings & Notice of Violations
  ❖ Overgrown grass, trash/debris in yard and junk cars

77 Notice of Violations
31 Warnings
Summerwood Community Investment Partnership Program (CIPP)

• An initiative to address the aesthetics and beautification needs of the Summerwood Community

  ❖ Paint Up, Spruce Up
  ❖ Partner with local paint companies to provide resources
  ❖ City Tree Bank funds
Future GICH Initiatives

• **Next 6-12 months**
  - Use CDBG funds to continue renovation of Cora Robinson Park in the *Lightning Community*
  - ARC Community Choices Technical Assistance - Zoning Audit for the *Lightning Community*
  - Nehemiah Project, Inc. - Rehab senior homes in the **Lightning Community**
  - Continue abatement proceedings and code enforcement efforts in the **Lightning and Summerwood Communities**
  - Installation of sidewalks and street resurfacing in the **Summerwood Community (TSPLOST $)**
  - **Summerwood Community** Investment Partnership Program (SCIPP)
  - Collaborate with Habitat for Humanity - Utilize HFH home repair programs (Repair with Kindness & Brush with Kindness)

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was established between the City of Fairburn and Habitat for Humanities in July 2017.
Questions