Koehler/Williams January 12 meeting

Kroger closing Harmon Highway Store & Wisconsin Ave

Agreed Question: How can our community respond to assure all people will have ample and sustainable access to affordable and healthy food, as well as pharmacy services.

Suggested Interests related to the Agreed Question:

~Grocery Store near me that I WANT to shop at
~Affordable food
~Fear the most vulnerable will be impacted by a food desert on the N & S sides
~The location of any store need to a diverse population to be sustainable
~A place to attract community at large
~Safe & Secure
~Centerpiece for the community
~A place to serve all needs of food desert areas across the city and county
~Easily accessible by foot, car, or public transportation
~A food co-op to serve the low-income areas
~A place to provide education on food/health
~A place to provide locally grown foods
~Maintain adequate food supplies at food pantries to serve food desert areas
~Need financial support from government, local, state, and Federal
~Make sure efforts are data driven so they don’t fail
~Need multi-solution approach (not just a grocery store)
~Concern about people’s health in not having quality food
~Need quality food that is affordable
~Need to have realistic goals
~Need education and training on healthy food preparation
~Make healthy local food more available and desirable and affordable
~find businesses interested in community not just profits
~support legislation to create urban food areas/zones

~Cooperative environment that links together businesses, schools, private sector interests, and government

~Provider services for those without a bank account

~Meet immediate needs as well as long-term needs

~Help make inner-city desirable and help to create investment opportunities

~Provide pharmacy services, etc.

~Understand business model that works for inner city

~What can community do to help assure success

~We need to do something for ourselves

~Develop strategies to create space for good businesses to succeed/as opposed to corner rip-off stores

~Develop reasons to attract/retain population in inner city neighborhoods by reinvestment creation

~Community kitchens that prepare free healthy meals for neighborhood kids

~Engage people to financially support facility (customers & volunteers)

~Create strategies for financial success

~Do community outreach

~Provide learning and involvement opportunities

~Look at environmental impacts/justice

~Keeping up with expectations of what customers expect/market trends

~Delivery service possibilities

~Understand demographics of neighborhood and what community will support

~Look at appropriate and feasible locations

~Communicate value of shopping local

~Be realistic

~Community Ownership

~Look at salvage store opportunities

~A co-op of need, as opposed to a co-op of want – OR both