

COMMUNITY GOALS FOR COUNCIL MEETING ON DRUGS AND GUN VIOLENCE IN COLUMBUS NEIGHBORHOODS

Meeting with Columbus City Council: September 29, 2011 @ 4:00

1. Confirm that Council understands how critical this issue is, and that Council is willing to move forward, in partnership, aggressively on this issue. Outline the community's plan of action to address these issues.
2. Develop an agreed framework for moving forward, which includes:
 - a. Council's commitment to enacting a stronger Loitering in Aid of Drug Offenses law, and working with the Administration on an enforcement strategy that cracks down on illicit drug sales and gun violence in Columbus neighborhoods
 - b. Agree to a method and date for a Public Announcement of Council's commitments, under Council leadership signatures:
 - i. To enact an upgraded Loitering in Aid of Drug Offenses law (February 1, 2012?)
 - ii. To set the number and timing of public hearings deemed appropriate prior to enactment (2?: public input?, review of draft legislation?)
 - iii. To agree in principle for funding a Demonstration Project, to include this neighborhood and similar to the one proposed.
 - iv. To request that the Administration include funding for a multi-agency Demonstration Project in its FY 2012 budget, and to signal that Council will enact funding for such a project
 - v. To commit to a date by which the final Demonstration Project parameters will be established and broadcast (November 1, 2011?)
 - vi. To set a next meeting date, a point person, and a process and timeline for identifying and involving other stakeholders in the final design of the Demonstration Project.