



St. Paul's Advisory Committee Meeting

Electronic Update
July 18th, 2023

People First Update

- *July 2023 Report*
- *Origin and Reunion Application Updates*
- *Upcoming PF Engagement Activities*
- *Resident Highlights*

People First July 2023 Update



As of June:

- 583 households and 1546 individuals received family support services from People First, USI.
- 323 individuals are employed of the 425 able-bodied.
- 76% of the assessed work-able residents are employed.
- 21 residents age 65+ and disabled are dual income, SSI/SSDI, and employment.
- 102 unemployed residents.
- Average wage of \$ 14.93 per hour for June placements.
- June's highest wage earner is making \$ 19.00 an hour.

Origin and Reunion Applications

As of June, USI has assisted:

- 24 residents apply for Reunion.
- 24 residents apply for Origin.
- 52 not interested in returning to either building



Reunion
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ORIGIN CIRCLE
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Upcoming Engagement Activities

- Family Zoo Day on July 29, 2023.
- *Unity In the Community* back to school event on August 19th, 2023.
- Back to School Uniform distribution August 2023.
- Continued push for pre-k registration to increase youth participation in early learning programs.



Resident Highlights

A resident who wanted to continue her educational journey advised her FSS that she was experiencing trouble paying for her summer semester.

- FASFA (financial aid) was unwilling to pay for the resident's summer semester because she withdrew the previous semester.
- The resident had to withdraw from school to focus on her household in 2012 and re-enrolled in 2022.
- FASFA would only assist with the fall semester, and the resident could not pay for the summer semester.
- A barrier relief was submitted for \$2,224.20 to cover the summer session. The resident re-enrolled for the summer session to work towards her degree. She will be eligible for FAFSA in the Fall of 2023.

For the past year, the Education Specialist, along with the support of FSS, has been working with a resident with three children, one of whom is autistic, and who initially was difficult to engage.

- Once consistent engagement was established, the goal was to ensure that all educational needs were met, specifically for her child with Autism.
- The identified child was age appropriate for kindergarten but had not been in any programs or received supportive services.
- The education specialist did her due diligence in educating the parent on the importance of school, her rights as a parent, and the supportive services available to the child.
- Although hesitant, the resident allowed the education specialist to refer her to a support group for parents with autistic children.
- Though this has been a lengthy process, the parent understands that her child's development is pivotal at this moment, and that she has the support of the People First Team.

Development and Infrastructure Updates

- *Development Highlights*
- *Saint Paul's Boulevard Update*

Origin Construction Status



- The Origin Circle (120 units) construction is about 60% complete and anticipates completion in Fall 2023.
- The roof is 100% complete, the exterior brick and siding is about 32% complete. This building is divided into 4 sections:
- The first section is painted trim install and cabinets set.
- Section two is painted, and the crews are installing the interior doors and trim.
- Section three the crews are finishing off the drywall and starting to paint.
- The last section they are installing the insulation so they can install the drywall.

Reunion Construction Status



- The Reunion (72 unit) construction is about 56% complete and anticipates completion in Fall 2023.
- The roof is 100% complete and the exterior brick and siding is about 35% complete.
- The first half has been painted and the crews are installing interior trim and doors.

Block 17 and 18 Status Update



Block 17 and 18 was recently included in VHDA's Bond round in early July.

- Anticipated closing date is Mid-August
- Construction is estimated to break ground in September 2023.
- Block 17 and 18 will comprise of 140 units of housing, public plaza and a total of ~30,000 s.f. of commercial space
- Block 17 and 18 anticipates an 22-month construction period and leasing to begin in Q1 of 2025.

Special Update:

Block B1 – received 9% tax credits from VHDA



- Block B1 was awarded \$1,513,583 in yearly 9% tax credits at the end of June. These credits are very highly sought after and competitive. It is a huge financing accomplishment for that project.
- Block B1 will include 81 units of Housing.
- Replacement units – 32.
- LIHTC units – 19.
- Market Rate Units – 30.

Saint Paul's Boulevard Update



- Following recent utility and roadway works, all Saint Paul's Boulevard lanes between Market Street and Wood Street are now open.
- This marks a milestone in Saint Paul's Transformation project, with successful tie-ins of storm drain, signal, and roadway systems to the new Freemason Street extension.