

STOCKYARD, CLARK-FULTON & BROOKLYN CENTRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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Service Delivery

On July 1, 2010, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (DSCDO) was asked to provide community development services for the Stockyards, Clark Fulton and Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods. The primary services proposed for the area are "Neighborhood Stabilization" – community organizing, housing code enforcement, safety, and support for resident lead neighborhood improvement initiatives. There are 5 full-time staff at the SCFBC program office, 1 full-time law school fellow, 1 full-time Americorps Vista service worker, 1 part-time intern, plus support from DSCDO Housing Director and Single Family Manager, housing and safety service partnership with MidWest Housing and commercial development support from Tremont West Development Corporation and DSCDO, all under the supervision of DSCDO's Executive Director.

Staff

Megan Meister, Program Director

Megan has worked as a community organizer in the Stockyard neighborhood for six years. Megan supervises all community organizing staff and interns. Megan also supervises housing and land-reutilization staff in partnership with Matt Lasko, DSCDO Housing Director. Megan is responsible for the day to day operations of the satellite office, planning, budget oversight, programming, community organizing, etc.

Community Organizing staff:

Adam Gifford, Community Organizer

Adam has been providing community organizing and safety coordination in the Stockyard and Clark-Fulton neighborhoods for two years. In his current position, Adam will be responsible for working with existing block clubs and community associations in the service area. Adam will continue to develop new block clubs and leadership in the service area. Adam will be dividing his time equally between organizing and safety. Adam is also developing a service area wide safety committee, develops programming with local schools, developing an Operation Focus initiative for the service area and offering bi-monthly leadership training courses for stakeholders in the service area.

Dharma Valentin, Community Organizer

Dharma joined the staff in August 2010. She is a recent graduate of the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. Dharma will be responsible for working with existing block clubs and developing new block clubs and leadership in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood. Dharma is also developing new engagement and programming in the service area.

Noa Margolin, Community Organizer, Mandel School of Applied Social Services Internship

Noa joined us in early September. She is placed with our organization for 24 hours/week. She will be working with us through July 2011. During Noa's first semester, she will be responsible for working with a number of block clubs in both the Stockyard and Clark-Fulton neighborhoods. She will also be developing and implementing new web-based marketing and outreach strategies including a Facebook page and developing a bi-weekly e-mail listserve.

Vacant, AmeriCorps VISTA

We are currently interviewing for this position. The goals of this one year placement will be to assist in foreclosure outreach and prevention, housing support and assistance, community organizing and vacant land re-use.

Tremont West Development Corporation

TWDC will continue to provide community organizing services in the Tremont neighborhood of Ward 14.

Midwest Housing and Safe-16

Please see information below.

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Housing and Vacant Land Reutilization Staff

Matt Lasko, Housing Director

Matt Lasko will assist with supervision of SCFBC's housing staff. Matt will spend approximately 20% of his time working in the SCFBC service area. Additionally, SCFBC will receive services from DSCDO's single family housing manager when single family housing opportunities arise.

Single Family Housing Manager

The Single Family Housing Manager is responsible for coordinating the redevelopment of vacant and abandoned housing and the development of new housing in Detroit Shoreway, Stockyards, Clark-Fulton and Brooklyn Centre. Duties include researching the acquisition of vacant housing, stimulating private rehabilitation of vacant housing, and transferring ownership to the City and County landbanks of badly deteriorated houses slated for demolition.

Adam Stalder, Housing and Land Re-utilization Manager

Adam will begin employment on September 22, 2010. He is a recent graduate of CSU and has a Master's Degree in Urban Planning, Design and Development. The position will require Adam to spend approximately 50% of his time as a housing specialist. The remainder of the time will be spent supporting community efforts in relation to vacant land re-use including: community gardening, Re-Imaging Cleveland projects, public art, parks, common greenspace, urban agriculture, etc.

Greg Baron, Housing Specialist

Greg joined the organization in August 2010. Greg is currently responsible for code enforcement, response to community complaints, housing programming and resource referral, graffiti abatement, Board of Zoning Appeals and representing the community in cases before Housing Court. Greg recently completed a property vacancy survey for the entire service area utilizing the grading system designed by DSCDO. Greg is also in the initial stages of developing a service area wide Housing Committee.

Matt Yourkvitch, Real Estate and Property Acquisition Consultant

Matt is a graduate of CSU Marshall College of Law and is working with the organization through December 2010. Matt will be assisting with property research, acquisition, planning and strategies for the service area. CSU has made a commitment to provide 2 new law school fellows in January.

MidWest Housing

Jan Kappenhagen, Midwest Housing, and Michael McDonald, Safe-16, will provide housing, code enforcement and safety services from W. 65th to W. 82nd Street in the Stockyard neighborhood. The Stockyard, Clark-Fulton and Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office will provide organizing and outreach services to this area of the Stockyard community.

Commercial Development

Sammy Catania from the Tremont West Development Corporation will provide commercial development services for West 25th Street. Sammy will work with Marilyn Mosinski, economic development director for DSCDO, to provide commercial development services along Clark, Fulton, Denison, and West 65th St.