

Missouri NAHRO
Community Revitalization & Development Report
Holiday Inn – Joplin, MO
8:30 AM – Wednesday September 17, 2014

OPENING:

The CR&D committed met at 8:30 in the Oak room. Two members and one visitor were present for the meeting.

Committee member Matt Moran reviewed the current tour plan for the Joplin fall conference. The tour is schedule for Thursday the 18th from 1:30 to 4:00 and will cover the tornado-damaged areas of town, with stops at the new hospital and high school. Other areas of note include the Housing Authority site, the Extreme Makeover site, and Cunningham Park. (see map)

“We are all aware of the devastation caused by the Joplin tornado in the spring of 2011. What we may not be aware of are the trials and tribulations during the following months and years of the rebuilding process. It is our hope that this guided tour will show the results of community revitalization on a large scale. Also we hope that we will be able to describe how the process of rebuilding evolved over time, and explore the difference between the realities vs. how it is “drawn up.”

Potential Sessions for 2015 Spring & Fall

We will continue to look for CR&D tour opportunities at our conference locations and also look for in seat session.

Here is a list of some potential classroom sessions:

- Funding sources and programs
- Universal Design
- CDBG application process
- Neighborhood Works
- Environmental Reviews
- Formation of a non-profit
- FEMA
- Efforts to end homelessness
- RAD updates
- Affordable housing projects for working families

CONCLUSION:

We ended the committee meeting with a visit from VP Jim Jenkins.

Report respectfully submitted by Douglas Brown; VP CR&D