Community in Northeast Lexington

When we do community work, we must keep in mind that we are not there to solve anything. We are there to help and support those who are already changing their neighborhoods. As Laura Gallaher, director of Common Good, said:

“…good intentions isn’t really a good excuse. You know, I’ve kind of learned that the hard way. Sometimes you’re like someone has good intentions. But like really good intentions can be just as damaging as bad intentions. It’s not intentional, but sometimes even though people have good intentions, the way they go about things can really hurt.”

Sandra Martinez

Neighborhood Association meets at Arlington Elementary

“I think sometime it [Imperial Trailer Park] can feel very separate from the rest of the neighborhood. Like oftentimes the people who live here aren’t very connected to the other parts of the neighborhood. And part of that is language. But at the same time I think it’s really special that it’s inclusive too. But I wish more people, I don’t know, felt connected to the trailer park and more people in the trailer park felt connected to the neighborhood. If that makes sense.” —Resident in regards to Neighborhood Association attendance

Storm water will flood this street which is right in front some of the homes, creating an unhealthy environment for the children of the neighborhood to be around.

Common Good CDC @ Embrace Church
Embrace church sold part of their property to developers who will create studios. They will have to fix the sewage pipes in order to build.

Arlington Studios (© 2014 Arlington Studios)

Land that will become the Arlington Studios

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Children at Common Good are heading up a petition to put in a futsal court.

The newer trailers are displayed at the entrance

Some residents were fined if they did not take their fences down.

Vacant Lots

Homes are close to each other

Common Good

“Does it bother you that the homes are so close?”

“I like it because that way I know that my neighbors are always close in case I need a ride somewhere or anything really. It makes me feel safe to know that they’re within reach.” —MS. Carmen

“I once had a sociologist who was getting her PhD talk to me about the trailer park because that’s her area of interest. That’s what she studies. And she was like “Please don’t use the term trailer park. Please use the term mobile home.” Because she said that the term trailer park had a really bad connotation. And I told her no, because that’s not what our kids say. And they don’t feel shame about saying trailer park, so even in a different context someone does feel shame about it, why would I change the term our students use?” —Laura G.