



*Visioning Our Future: Looking Ahead to 2015*

**Appendix Document**

June 2011

**Appendix:** (we have tried to represent the notes as much to the exact detail of how they looked on the pages. In each group, we have used a different character to represent a point of interest that was noted by the group. Some are checks, others are stars, etc. If you have further questions, feel free to contact us at 404.736.6602 or [info@clarkstondevelopmentfoundation.org](mailto:info@clarkstondevelopmentfoundation.org))

## **CDF Community Meeting June 1, 2011**

**RED GROUP** – Wade Medlock -

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Safety & trust

Safe streets

Community picnic with all nationalities

Children holding hands around a globe

Sustainable community – food & energy

\*City Center – revitalization (cafes, high speed rail, trees, bikes, pedestrians)

Many parks & green spaces

Kids playing

Bike path (trail)

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Emphasize international community

21<sup>st</sup> century model community

Community as a model for peace

\*Public Arts (benches for peace)

\*Pedestrian safety (pedestrian bridge, crosswalks)

Alternative transportation (pedi cabs)

\*Public Montessori school K3-12!

Good public schools

Provide opportunities for all income levels

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! \*Public employees in Unions & Universal health care

\*Community Credit Union

\*State-of-the-art preventive clinic

City funded interpreters

School teaching English in Native language (ESL)

Strong linkages between all the education institutions

**BLUE** – Shell Ramirez

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Increase home ownership 18.5%

Community Police/ing

\*Community Health Clinic

Greater focus on chronic health issues

- Diabetes
- Over eating
- Heart disease
- Cancer
- Mental health

Festivals

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\*Complete downtown – square\*

BIKE PEDICAB

Walkable jobs in Clarkston

From the mouth of babes

Clean community

\*New charter school

Community garden

Active families in school

Smoke free

Reopen 129 wells in city

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Play grounds

Safety

More civic involvement

More sidewalks and connectivity

Clean up the community – citizens

Maintain beauty

Save trees

Support the Rec teams

Soccer, baseball, basketball, cricket

Restaurant – more Phu truc

**ORANGE GROUP** – Sherrill Terry / Chris Holliday

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Pix of success

\*Corridor / bike, walks, tree canopy / well-lit, SAFE!

B/T ND → Thriftown

Connect biz, homes, people

! \*["Play Streets" (closed 2 traffic)]

Neighborhood playgrounds 2 develop relationships, pool

e. g. Glenlake

Affordable housing, safe housing

Share social norms

Dropping barriers

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Recognize what are barriers for us all

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

- Embrace change, adaptable
- Mayor + City Council who look like population of those represented : more involved community
- More active / involved citizens

Community of communities to talk about barriers, fears

Conversations about real, concrete issues e. g. urban ag

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Full spectrum of healthy food stores / options in city limits

\* RR turn to positive w/ garden/street scapes

- Before/after pix
- Scout project
- Livable Cities complete mixed use, trees, fruit

Sat Farmers' Mkt Artists' Mkt

\*Global Growers Ntwk.

Urban Ag = livelihood for people

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Empowerment zone

Written about Clarkston:

- Age in place
- Multi-generational
- Before + after (2011 vs 2025)
- \*Embrace change = can do!
- \*Children here are well cared for
- Stories by children of growing up in Clarkston
- Senior's stories

**GREEN GROUP – Birendra Dhakal**

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GIFT

- Empty land
- No. of caring people
- Dedicated govt committed to change
- Resilience they (refugees) show
- Existing diverse international community
- Opportunity for different communities to work together

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Vibrant Community Vision 2015

\*\*\*Destination appeal

- Good jobs locally available
- Thriving small businesses
- Internal allure restaurants

Bicyclist should be stopping

Musical concert next to City Hall – GAZEBO!

\*\*\*Gardens (flowers / fruits everywhere)

- Local farmers' market with vendors from local areas (veg / crafts etc)

\*\*\*Model city where people can come see the integration

MARTA bus stop covers

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Local transportation linking local places

\*\*\*Schools of excellence / many of them!

Plan and develop green space

\*\*\*Town square / community focal point

National wildlife habitat

Athletic community with refugees and locals integrated

\*\*\*Safe neighborhood

40 Oaks / Market Street

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! Expanded city boundary

Nature path along the river

Clarkston clinic

Fully funded library with more space / facilities

Front picture in video

Neighborhood / community sense

Fastest internet access in the region

**YELLOW GROUP** – Mayira Bunting

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\*Town square – open plaza

Walkable safe community  
+ bikable

Neighborhood charter school

Increase in educational achievement  
All ages + levels

Job training center – small business support + opportunities

! \* Crafts, arts community, community market

Community media

Signage to promote Clarkston

Street signs + plaques

What is Clarkston image – little city / big heart

Visual image

Neighborhood watch

Parent co-op – daycare swap by subdivision or apt

Pool – safety, teams, classes

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Transportation to health care

Plan for health clinic

Public park – picnics, sports, passive park land

Safe + accessible

\*Safe housing clean – fear don't want to complain – advocacy for community to know rights –  
safety committees in apt complex

Mixed income / mixed use communities

Library

University students intern volunteers in community

**PURPLE** – Jyotsna Blackwell

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GIFT

People

Vitality of people coming together

Diversity – strength

Clarkston – diversity is the norm

Size / Diversity / Unique

Drive & motivation from the community to start a life!

Strength = small town

People moving into Clarkston b/c reputation - small town – diversity

Institutional green space → open

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**PART 1**

Sidewalks – walkable community

Railroad tracks

Affordable housing → services connected to it

Transportation system (fuel efficient)

\*Safe places for children to play

Farmers market

City center – places for people to congregate (indoor & outdoor)

Community that accepts voices from everyone → voices accepted + it matters

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\*Locally supported economy (e. s. businesses, farmers market, restaurants)

↑ Jobs

Less noise – railway / highway

\*More services for at-risk students youth (~~recreation facilities safe place~~)

\*Feeling safe = safe neighborhoods

(Bigger Police Department) → recreational = walkable community

Street festival – all different groups to celebrate the diversity (like Decatur) (Drummers)

Destination place for celebrating diversity

Clarkston newspaper / e-newspaper

Community gardens

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Interfaith dialogue

Bike exchange

Dedicated bike land

## **CDF Community Meeting June 15, 2011**

**RED GROUP** – Steve Dorage

(page 1) What Gifts Exist?

- New City Manager – Keith Barker
- Experienced Childcare workers
- Diversity → multicultural network, ethnic communities
- Emory U and other neighbors
- Resource Center

(page 2) **In 2015 we want to see:**

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Schools? → How to bring into Clarkston?

Goals

Communication

Idea's

Supporting our Culture

Networking

- Referral arrangements for health

Pre-natal + post natal health clinic

Community

Understanding other cultures

- Pre-natal/postnatal clinic w/ relations to hospital + specialists (continuity of care)
- CCC to have a working kitchen
- CCC to be place where children + teens can go to  
to learn + talk + get support (programs @ music, art, etc.)
- Sidewalks that safe

(page 3) **Ideas w/in 5 minutes:**

\* Safe sidewalks / Community Watch (sharing with each other)

\* (Lighting)

Pool that works

Medical / Dental / MH Center

Neighborhood picnics

\* Clarkston Community Newspaper + better communication

\* Teen Programs

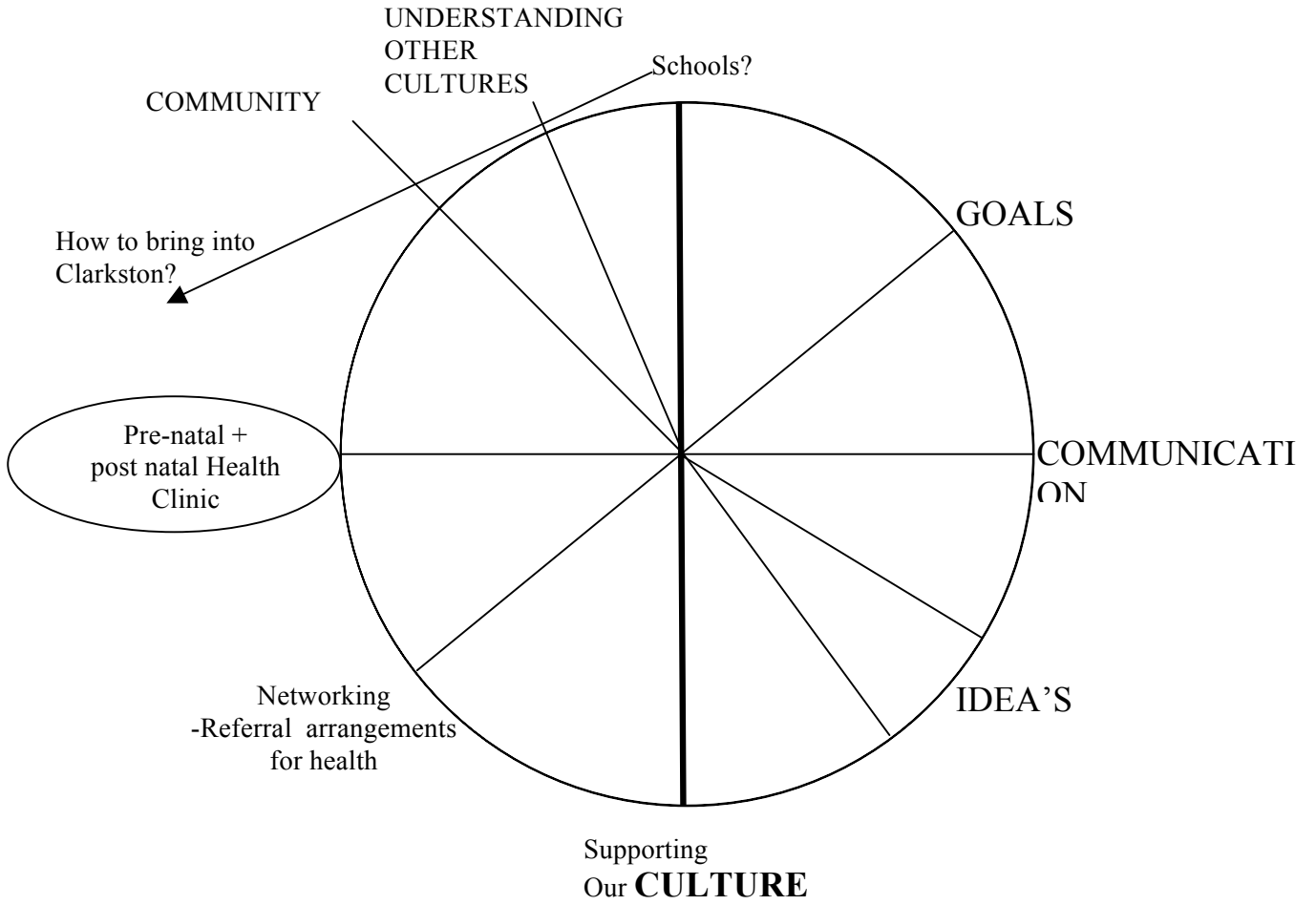
- Newspaper
- Music / Arts
- Counseling

Neighborhood camp

Communications w/ school @ Clarkston

**! Neighborhood School(s)!!**

**In 2015 we want to see:**





**BLUE** – Patty Caraher - Facilitator & Oliver Ferrari - Recorder

**4 YEARS**

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Clk. Comm. Industries

    Cottage industry

    Market to ATL

\* Eco Friendly Early Childhood Learning Center (multiple hubs)

    ➔ Source of learning

    ➔ Training site

    ➔ Research opportunity

Young people have alt. vision for their futures

! \* Mentors roaming the streets

Youth Ambassadors to schools

Basketball parks (24 hour hoops)

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\* More volunteer opps & apprenticeships

Skill matching for comm. via central hub (computer?)

\* Elderly + stay @ Home Moms are sharing their gifts with the comm. Visible

Bakery w/ breads from diff. cultures, Bread Fusions

Music – a concert series w/ diff. cultural musics

! Bike Rickshaws, Bike Lanes, Sidewalks, Carpooling

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\* Tenant Rights Prog.

Mother tongue preservation

    School liaisons

\* Health Advocates / translators

    take the child

    Health clinics / other orgs have cultural reps

Multicultural / Lingual Magazine

Comm. Crafts Ctr where elderly / home moms can meet there.

\* Cultural Festival – Arts, Music, Drama

Every apt complex has a room for comm. Meetings

(page 4) **GIFTS**

Clk Community Center

Comm. Involvement

Excitement for PAT

Diversity < Desire to maintain intentional

Energetic young people

Hunger / love of land (among refugees)

**ORANGE GROUP** – Nasra – moderator / Rosemarie – scribe

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\* Youth Activities =

Healthy, sharing @ recreation center ✓

Voucher programs

Senior housing / centers

More senior support

More partnerships w/ developers to provide facilities

i.e. libraries

Mixed use Intergenerational

Walkable communities

Destination – parks, transit, shopping

Multipurpose Recreation Center

i.e. YMCA / YWCA

Proactive community integration

Jobs, int'l bazaar

\* Apts better maintained

Well kept, neat

Soccer fields / Bike lanes / paths

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Community Bldg for everyone

Recreation tennis courts nearby / accessible - @ Dekalb Tech GED Center on Montreal

Celebrating Clarkston Day

Taste of Clarkston

Educational crime prevention program

Crimeless Clarkston

Educational seminars

National Night Out

Small scale industries – microenterprises

More inclusive society

Stop segmenting the community

Everyone working together; building the city up together

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More businesses

- Entrepreneurships
- Funding opportunities
- A more business friendly community
- DIVERSE

Sidewalks

Restaurants

Playgrounds in Apt complexes

\* Youth recreation centers

Multicultural flavor

Healthy foods

Family support center

No more early teen pregnancies

\* Crimeless society ✓

Tolerance

\* Bicycle paths/lane

**ORANGE GROUP – con't**

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Bridged gap (btwn cultures + religion)

Annual festival

Welcome Refugee Day

Welcome to Clarkston

Community Farmers' Mkt.

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No more domestic violence

\* A Health Center in Clarkston

Block parties

Visible youth / adult leadership

\* Better housing

Cleaner streets / environment

① REC

Housing

Crimeless community

**GREEN GROUP** – Kristin Unzicker

(page 1) **Clarkston in 2015**

All equal

Despite language, no bullying

Educate everyone

Belong to a group

= emphasize working together with teens

See children and teens taking on

= peer led groups

Working on things when young

“Restorative Justice Circles” System to avoid juvenile system

Listen and decide together how to overcome issues

Swimming pools and activities, playgrounds that are clean and safe

Supervision and limitations on public/private play spaces

- Perhaps separate pools for different apt complexes
- Many pools

More playgrounds out of complexes

Community ownership of spaces

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! Common spaces where many different groups can play together – not silos

Walking distance to places to play safely together

Diverse spaces to play \* (ie. Waterfalls, skate parks)

! Beautiful h. c. facility with resident health professionals but also where people around Atlanta could come in so that ppl don't have to drive everywhere

- Speakers
- Volunteer health (dentists,

Partnerships with medical facilities

! Coordinated health services + health facility

Someone to coordinate resources / pple who want to help w/ others

Grow health fairs

Dekalb County governance of education

= schools \* **holistic approach**

**Schools as center for community empower**

→ Make needs known to those who make decisions

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Urban agriculture

Open air markets

Better public schools

Responsive superintendent of

Neighborhood watch program

No bullying

More pools for smaller kids

Skate park

Active/fun activities for every age group – and places to do them

Pre-school → elderly

More sidewalks and lights

Bike paths

! Outdoor amphitheatre performance space (free)

Less crime

**GREEN GROUP – con't**

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\* Safety

More community meetings

More jobs for teenage

Small business (attract to Clarkston)

Career dev't opportunities

Child care

Cleanliness

More parents involved in PAT program

More green space

Stronger apt. maintenance codes enforced

Less apt and more habitat options

Rent-to-own with greenspace

**PURPLE** – Carol Bartlett

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\* Local economy

Local fresh market

Crafts

Honor diversity

Schools have their own gardens

Youth organ. come together

co-ordinated effort

Comm. Of choice for all ages + interests

Evolutionary people can evolve.

Intergenerational

Public space

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Job training center

- Access training
- Easy to get to
- Creating jobs
- Incubators
- Micro finance

\* Improve school

High quality public schools

- People will stay
- Safety
- Resources
  - People
  - \$

Classroom

Rainbow of faces

Playing field – rainbow w/ parents

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Classroom – men involved

- Family w/ teacher
- Diff. families w/ teacher

Downtown w/ boutique shops

Restaurants

Tuc tucs

Place to live  
work play

Access

(Decatur as model)

Bikes. Walkways

- like Beltway Rickshaws

\* Safety + secure comm..

More present police

Neighborhood watch

Kids out at night

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Teenagers come together +  
Talk . sports  
comm. service project  
    (Habitat  
    Agriculture  
Hard labor – manual labor  
Arts + culture  
    Music  
    Poetry slam  
Drumming – more like that  
Housing – affordable  
    High quality

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- \* Inclusive event Inclusive
- \* Comm. building events while recognizing diversity
  - Soccer tournament by age
  - Comm. wide talent
  - Drum competition
  - Food festival – market
  - Craft fair
  - Motivational speakers
  - Consequences of bullying
  - Clarkston 5K
  - Walking trails
  - Peaceful comm.
  - Clarkston Marathon
  - Increase police
  - Comm. Watch

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Police speak to kids + adults  
Activities off street  
Cultural movie night  
Video surveillance  
Street lights  
Housing afford to invest in  
More training for police in diversity  
Health fair . clinic