

# Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative at United Way

## **RMAPI Community Meeting Thursday, December 3, 2015 The Community Place**

### **Notes from Group 7**

#### **What is your reaction to the presentation on RMAPI?**

This is a huge initiative and will take the participation of everyone in the community. The goals of the project cannot be accomplished instantaneously. Needs determination. It is important that people and the community get to be self-sufficient. People want to stay in the City, or their neighborhoods. Young people are leaving and not coming back: lack of jobs, lack of meaningful relationships, lack of housing, lack of opportunity to advance.

I appreciate the effort, and it is huge, but, how will I know what is happening and if goals are being met or not? So many people don't know about the project now or what is going on. Set goals and continually communicate.

It is difficult to find accurate and good information. We cannot do our best without accurate, up-to-date information from several sources.

Several comments about the lack of good and effective Transportation through the city and county

Intergenerational involvement is a key to success.

Please link of social service systems!!

#### **What is the ideal state?**

Linking bus routes – good transportation that makes sense for working people and families

Linking our social service resources

We want people to want to move here. We want a city where people want to stay

Strengthen school system

That college grads stay here because they have what they need to survive and advance.

Safer city in reality and in perception

Things to do in the city all the time, not just festival time.

Public Market is a draw, more shopping downtown, bring people back to Center city



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Move away from renter's mentality. Everybody realizes that city and suburb are linked together.

Build a real downtown people want to come to.

Urban gardening on a large scale would increase self sufficiency, increase food skills, increase community

Change the misperception of our youth as thugs.

Media is a partner in promoting the positive in our community. Balance good opportunities with negative news

We have a long way to go on uprooting structural racism.

Use the RIVER. Use our assets and see everyone as a asset.

There will be no housing development which creates disparities. Housing will be to standard and affordable.

