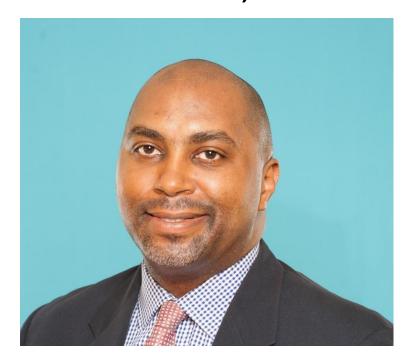
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November 7, 2017









USING PARTNERSHIPS TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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Areas of focus in the workshops

- Conversations for greatness
- Financial Planning
- Interview Skills
- Dress and Deportment
- Resume Writing
- Communications Skills



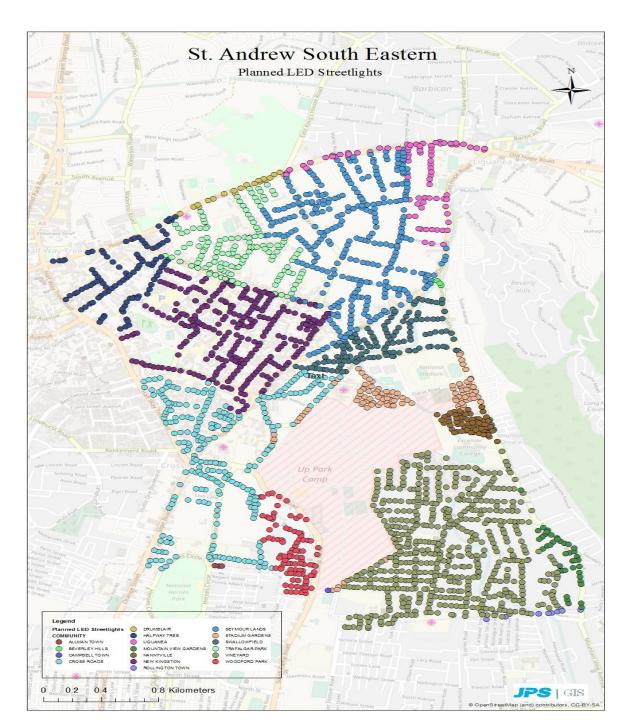


Partnership with Sutherland Global to deliver Microsoft Digital Literacy Training Courses





ROLL OUT OF THE LED STREET LIGHT PROJECT



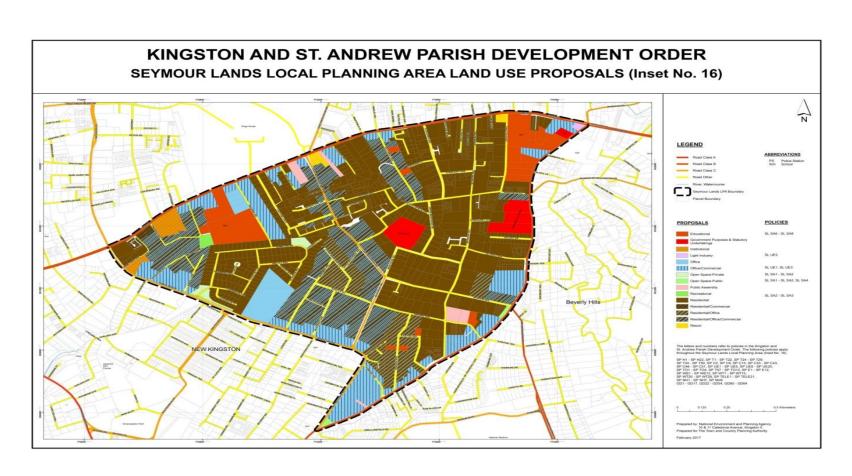
Community	No. of Streetlights	Schedule
NEW KINGSTON	298	Completed
SWALLOWFIELD	137	July 5, 2017 - August 5, 2017
LIGUANEA	108	June 1, 2017 - August 8, 2017
TRAFALGAR PARK	152	June 1, 2017 - August 8, 2017
STADIUM GARDENS	116	August 9, 2017 - August 14, 2017
SEYMOUR LANDS	337	August 8, 2017 - August 29, 2017
NANNYVILLE GARDENS	77	August 17, 2017 - August 19, 2017
HALF WAY TREE	106	September 9, 2017 & September 16, 2017
MOUNTAIN VIEW GARDENS	42	September 15, 2017
VINEYARD TOWN	617	September 29, 2017 - October 27, 2017
CROSS ROADS	267	October 2, 2017 - October 21, 2017
ALLMAN TOWN	3	October 30, 2017
WOODFORD PARK	95	October 30, 2017

WORKING WITH CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP PLANNING POLICIES IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE, SEYMOUR LANDS AREA

A group of residents has come together to formulate an integrated development plan for the Golden Triangle

- The Group is led by architects Ann Hodges and Clifton Yap and Donald Moore
- The plan seeks to balance the interests of residential and commercial property owners, incorporating on street parking, wide sidewalks and an enhanced public realm
- The Group has sought funding for the plan and expect to complete their work in a 6 month time period

These planning policies can be discussed in the context of the Golden Triangle, which is an area generally bordered by Hope Road, Old Hope Road, and Trafalgar Road, with Lady Musgrave Rd. running through the middle of it.



It is ideal because it already has a core of mixed income, single and multi-family residential, bordered by streets with commercial amenities and schools, etc.

NEPA's NEW POLICY

New policy of NEPA is to radically increase housing densities in Kingston. This is an important first step to get more people living in the urban areas and to reduce commuting, but will not work if these people feel it necessary to drive everywhere, even to go next door!

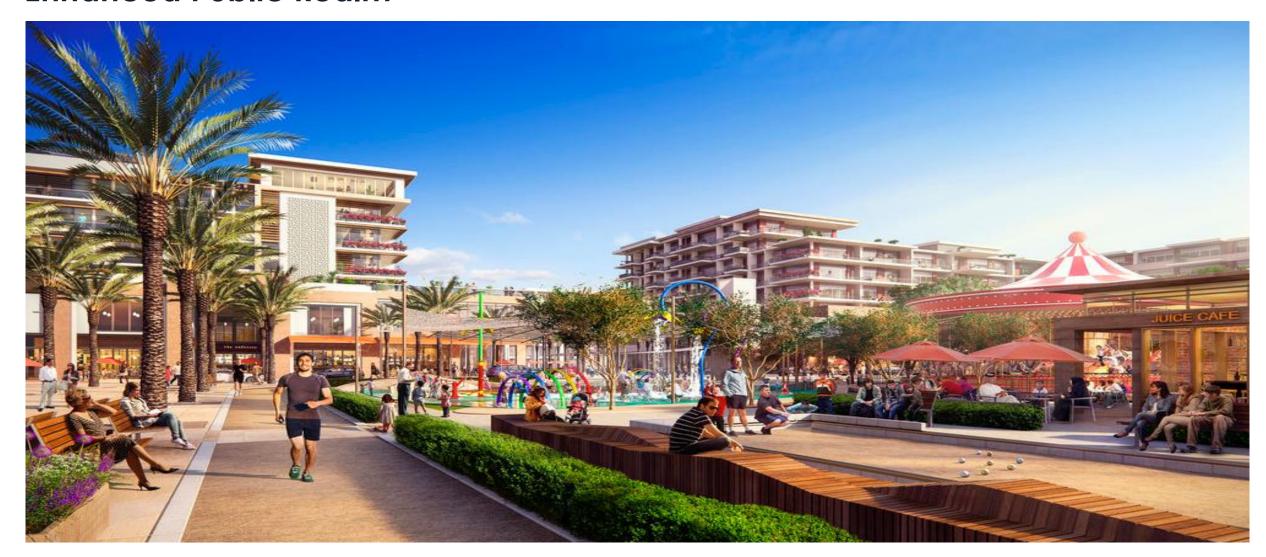
So, there are necessary planning policies needed to accompany this new direction by NEPA.

PLANNING POLICIES URGENTLY NEEDED

- 1. Mixed Use
- 2. Spacious & Usable Sidewalks
- 3. On-street Parking
- 4. Public Transportation
- 5. Public Order
- 6. Enhanced Public Realm

PLANNING POLICIES URGENTLY NEEDED

Enhanced Public Realm



WORKING WITH UWI TO BUILD A PROCESS OF PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Partnered with the Mona School of Business at the University of the West Indies on a pilot project to develop an app for participatory budgeting

- Currently, an MP is required to host a CDF consultation with residents in his/her constituency each year
- Those meetings, if held, only reach a very small percentage of the total population in the constituency
- The app would broaden and deepen citizens participation and democratise the decision making process on how funds are to be allocated

\ Participatory Budgeting \ v.

"directly engages residents and representative community groups to discuss and vote on spending priorities, spending allocation, as well giving local citizens a role in the scrutiny and monitoring of the process and results"

Who decides how to spend the Constituency Development Fund?

CURRENT







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Porto Alegre Model of Participatory Budgeting (1989)

1

The project is initiated by the government, which offers to allocate a certain portion of its budget according to the participatory budgeting process

2

The municipality is divided into regions to facilitate participatory budgeting meetings and the distribution of resources

3

The government holds informational meetings to orient the public to the budget and relevant issues. Civil society organisations often participate to support the public understanding

4

Participants
deliberate and
negotiate over
resources
through public
meetings. They
allocate funding
to either public
works projects
or social
programs.

5

Elected officials adopt and approve the budget as determined by the participants. Because this is generally a mayoral-led effort, the legislative branch may block specific projects

6

Committees are formed and reports are published to monitor project implementation.

7

1.The process spans an entire budget cycle (1-2 years), and is repeated with every budget

Process / Proposals

Voting / Selection

Implementation

Monitoring / Reporting

Participatory Budgeting – What Works / What Doesn't

Key Enablers

- Political will
- Sufficient resources allocated to the process
- Social capital
- Bureaucratic and legal foundation
- Small size sub-national budgets, communities
- Progressive Ideologies
- Limited opposition from local political actors
- Technical Intermediation (Local / IDP's)

Barriers

- Limited Participation lack of awareness, lack of mobility, lack of childcare, lack of time
- Citizens have historical reasons to distrust collective action
- Dissatisfaction with the process or its outcomes
- Capture by perennial political activists
- Local governments have weak fiscal systems

How Can Technology Augment the Process?

Technology can lower access barriers, broaden base of participation and foster a more informed citizenry

1. Collecting project proposals

Accept submissions via a website or mobile App

2. Driving engagement

- SMS / WhatsApp alerts SMS alerts about the participatory budgeting process
- Various forms of social media to inform its citizens of the participatory budgeting process and recruit their participation

3. Dissemination of information / Facilitating Discussion

 Website with proposals, visualizations & social media. Better-informed citizens raise the quality of debate, grounding the budget in facts and research

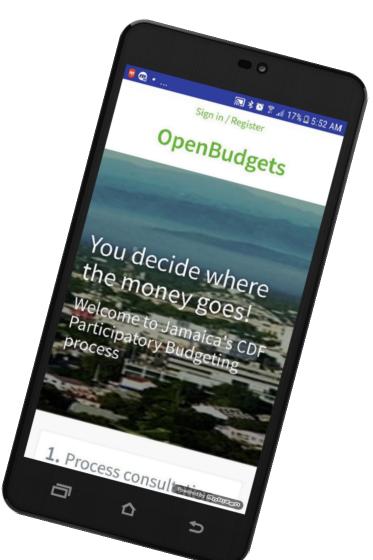
4. Conducting Votes

Electronic voting using the CDF Mobile App

5. Monitoring Implementation

SMS Progress updates on specific projects; Data visualization of expenditure

CDF Mobile App



Supports the 3 stages of the Participatory Budgeting process

1. Process Consultation

Community members can propose ideas for CDF funding

2. Process Voting

 Once ideas have been considered and a list of projects have been compiled, community members can vote their preferences

3.Process Monitoring

Ongoing reporting on the progress of the chosen proposals

Currently available at Google Play Search for "CDF Openbudget"



