

Forest Park Southeast Residents and Business Owners:

I am writing to update you on some changes that are occurring at the Forest Park Southeast Development Corp., the not-for-profit organization which supports efforts to revitalize our community and improve the lives of its residents.

A deficit in funding over the last two years has caused us to make some hard decisions regarding staffing at the FPSEDC. The property management and support position previously held by Ralph Martinez has now been eliminated. We will miss Ralph. He was a dedicated employee and is a talented and hard-working individual.

Our current Executive Director, Irving Blue, will be leaving the FPSEDC at the end of March to pursue other interests. Irving has served the organization well during his tenure over the past five years. Not only has he raised the profile of the FPSEDC and expanded its role in the community, but he has overseen vast improvements to the Manchester business district, facilitated interaction with the ongoing I-64 project at our doorstep and improved security to make everyone feel welcome in our community. Please join us in thanking Irving for his dedicated service.

Throughout the remainder of 2009, the FPSEDC board will be focusing on getting our own “house” in order, making changes and improvements to our properties, exploring new ways to engage our residents in the business of revitalization and improving our financial situation so that we can continue to serve the community well. Jackie Roberson, our bookkeeper, will remain in her position, and will continue to ensure that that day-to-day business of the organization gets done.

If you have questions about these changes or about the FPSEDC’s role in improving our community, please do not hesitate to contact us at our office number, (314) 533-6704. A board member will be happy to respond to your call.

Sincerely,

Phil Minden
President
Forest Park Southeast Development Corp.