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GARFIELD UNVEILS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND LAND USE PLAN

If we were to take a walk through Garfield in 2030, what would we see? New houses and older homes with freshly painted trim? People tending a community garden? A family reunion in a new park? Trees in bloom along the streets? Bleachers full of people watching the girls' softball city championship? Perhaps all of these, and much more.

Over the past year, community residents worked with the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, Garfield Jubilee Association, and consultant Perkins Eastman to envision the kind of neighborhood they wanted Garfield to be two decades from now. **On April 29, 2010, the community will unveil its completed Garfield Neighborhood Plan**, a 20-year housing and land-use plan that sets the long-term goals and objectives for the neighborhood. One of the main purposes of the 2030 Plan is neighborhood sustainability – economic, social, and physical – which is essential to realizing the community's vision of making Garfield a good place in which to live, work, and invest.

"I am proud of my neighbors for coming together and making these plans possible," said Freddie Croce, an architect who is chair of the BGC Board of Director's Housing and Land Use Committee and a Garfield resident. "As a community, having a clear and unified voice recorded in a document becomes our single biggest asset that helps us determine our fate. We can measure the success of our vision by referring to the plans and assessing whether we reached certain milestones and objectives."

"This puts us in a good position for what's going to happen throughout city. Everybody will have to abide by this plan for years to come," explained Aggie Brose, the BGC's deputy director. "No slum landlords can come in and build up a portfolio of property here, because we have a plan on file with the city. The organizations' job was to get the ball rolling, but the community really created it. This plan will drive investment in Garfield for years to come."

The Garfield community will celebrate the Neighborhood Plan on April 29 at the Community Activity Center, 113 North Pacific Street, beginning with a light dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed at 6:00 p.m. with a presentation by members of the BGC's Housing and Land Use Committee. All are welcome! For more information, contact Aggie Brose at 412-441-6950 x15.