What is Sustainability? Who Defines it and Who Drives it?

The Role of Stakeholders in a Process

A Case Study of Bristol Place Neighborhood Redevelopment

Purpose of Research

Grounded in the exploration of the individual participant, their perceptions, conflict and actions, the research asks if the expressions of stakeholders regarding redevelopment of the Bristol Place neighborhood can inform the meaning of sustainability.

Methodology includes interviews, observations and archival research. For the purpose of the research Stakeholders include members of the Bristol Park Steering Committee, an advisory group created by the City to oversee housing strategies for redevelopment.

Perceptions and visions are based on interviews with various stakeholders.

Findings

- Perceptions do not match redevelopment reality.
- Social sustainability is perceived as one of the most important aspects in the redevelopment context.
- It is likely that social networks will be lost due to resident displacement.
- Stakeholders do not have decision-making power.
- Many stakeholders believe that the vision for redevelopment have already been made.