VIEDA's Enterprise Zone Commission to host series of town meetings to develop a town plan for Upstreet

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CHARLOTTE AMALIE, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands – March 12, 2014 - The Enterprise Zone Commission (EZC), an entity of the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority (VIEDA), will host a charrette to initiate the development of a town plan for Upstreet. Residents and owners of businesses and properties in Upstreet, along with the general public, are invited to the four-day charrette, a series of intense, multi-disciplinary planning session meetings, that is scheduled to begin on March 15 at 2:30 p.m. and will continue from March 17-19, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. These meetings will be held at the Winston Raymo Recreation Center on St. Thomas, USVI.

During the charrette, panelists, who are knowledgeable in various topics that affect community and area development; and the general public will come together to share their ideas, opinions, recommendations and possible solutions to the problems that exist in the neighborhood of Upstreet.

A consensus of ideas and solutions for town problems will help initiate the development of the town plan for Upstreet. This plan, which will provide a road map for the economic, social and architectural development of this area, should reflect the vision of the community. Representatives from the VIEDA and the Enterprise Zone Commission will also be available to answer questions.

Schedule of town meetings and topics:

March 15, 2014 @ 2:30 p.m. "Historical and Cultural Aspects of the Town"

March 17, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.: "Environmental Impacts and Infrastructural Challenges"

March 18, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.: "Social Issues and Housing"

March 19, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.: "Economic Development"

The neighborhood of Upstreet is one of the designated enterprise zones in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Charrette Center, Inc., describes a typical charrette as "an intensive, multi-disciplinary week-long design workshop designed to facilitate an open discussion between stakeholders of a development project. A team of design experts meets with community groups, developers and neighbors over a period from 3-4 days to 2 weeks long, gathering information on the issues that face the community. The charrette team then works together to find design solutions that will result in a clear, detailed, realistic vision for future development."

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