

**UNWA Town Hall Meeting**  
**Employment, Education, and Jobs Committee Discussion**  
**November 11, 2004**

**Facilitator:** John R. Hall

**Discussion:**

Most people need a focal point of contact for help to gain a job or improve job skills. Preferably a place with Internet capabilities. A possible place would be Flanner House.

UNWA has a lot a potential with its large number of resources, however it is not being realized at the current time.

After-hours adult education is on going in at least one local public school. Need more of this.

A Goodwill Industries representative gave an in-depth presentation regarding Goodwill's job development program. Area companies contract with Goodwill to help recruit quality employees. However, Goodwill does run into problems when a candidate for employment is trained and then for some reason or another loses that job with the company contracted. Goodwill then loses the income from the contract if the employee doesn't work out. Therefore, Goodwill has to be very choosy in who its trains. One specific problem mentioned was the lack of motivation on behalf of many of its candidates. One job center did operate at 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Pennsylvania, however, that center closed due to low traffic. One of the goals of Goodwill is to help create a successful community. Career Corner (at the John H. Boner Center at 2210 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street) is a very successful job placement program. The representative expressed some interest in studying the possibility of such a facility in the UNWA area.

Youth need to be reached by removing barriers that seem to be present. There is duplication of services. This needs to be addressed by making programs more efficient. Need job training, education, and child care.

Use faith-based organizations to help motivate via church youth groups and having churches begin educational programs.

Need to recruit professionals who could donate their time to teach computer classes and other job skill programs.

**Attendance:**

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**Members:** J. Y. Brown, Ronald Peck, Robert Polk, Wesley Simms, Daphne Williamson, and Vikki Whorton-Alexander.

Notes taken by Jeff York, Department of Metropolitan Development, City of Indianapolis.

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