

UNWA Neighborhood Plan
UNWA, Inc. and UNWA Development Corp. Committee
October 23, 2004

Facilitator: Lillian Davis

Attendance:

Betty Burhannon, Cora Tema Dean, Darin Griesy, James Jarrett, Jean McElwain, Rochelle Morton, Steven Roberts, Emma Sullivan, Vikki Whorton Alexander and Dorothy Wiggins

Discussion:

1. To follow up on the discussion begun at the Town Hall meeting regarding the need for funds for UNWA, Inc., it was stated that a minister from the community needs to be picked to call the churches and the community together to discuss funding.
2. In a discussion of the core functions of both UNWA, Inc. and UNWADC, it was stated that:

UNWADC does the following-

- Homeownership activities
- Construction of single family homes
- Home repair assistance
- Rental housing development
- Home weatherization
- Commercial/business development
- Individual Development Accounts program
- Community organizing
- Beautification and enhancement of public areas and facilities

Of the above functions, UNWA, Inc. does the following-

- Home repair assistance
- Home weatherization
- Community organizing

3. There is duplication in efforts. Traditionally UNWA, Inc. has handled more of the social service needs in the community. In addition, it has served as the voice of the community. UNWADC has dealt primarily with the physical needs in the community.
4. If the two organizations were located in the same building, it would be like a one-stop shop for neighborhood needs. The duplication of efforts could be done away with, also.
5. What can each organization do to bring more funding to the neighborhood?
6. The mission of the UNWADC was read. It states "The mission of the United Northwest Area Development Corporation is to promote the economic and physical development needs within the United Northwest Area community." This mission needs to be enhanced.
7. It will be beneficial to talk with other CDCs in the city to determine their core functions.

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8. It is critical that entire community takes an active role in improving the community. It cannot be the role of an individual to see this through. Residents need to know which neighborhood organization represents their area and how to be involved.
9. UNWA, Inc. cannot be isolated. It needs to be a part of the process.
10. Information is key and UNWA, Inc. and the neighborhood associations should play the essential role in distributing information in the community.
11. The neighborhood associations should play an essential part in sharing the information, gathering comments in regards to the neighborhood plan, and encouraging residents to attend meetings. In addition, each organization should articulate their needs.
12. UNWA, Inc. is an umbrella for six organizations. These organizations do community building.
13. Better communication is needed between the faith-based, business and resident organizations in the community.
14. One role that UNWA, Inc. can play is to inform the residents of zoning and health codes and restrictions in hopes of reducing violations in the community.
15. The lack of funding is such that it is difficult for UNWADC to perform all of their core functions.
16. Beautification and enhancement of public areas is an essential component to improving the neighborhood. Both UNWA, Inc. and UNWADC handle beautification functions in the neighborhood.
17. There needs to be agencies in the neighborhood that deal with jobs, housing and education.

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Change in Time and Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the UNWA Neighborhood Plan UNWA, Inc. and UNWADC Committee has been changed to Thursday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. at UNWA, Inc. There will be no meeting on Saturday, October 30!

Notes taken by Darin Griesey of UNWA, Inc. and Bob Wilch, Department of Metropolitan Development, City of Indianapolis

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