

**UNWA Neighborhood Plan**  
**UNWA, Inc. and UNWA Development Corp. Committee**  
**October 28, 2004**

**Facilitator:** Lillian Davis

**Attendance:**

Betty Burhannon, Cora Tema Dean, Darin Griesy, Karen Grubbs, Armster Johnson, Pamela Johnson, Jean McElwain, Rochelle Morton, Steven Roberts, Emma Sullivan, Delores Thorton, and Dorothy Wiggins

**Discussion:**

1. The notes of the October 23 meeting were reviewed, and no changes were suggested.
2. There was a discussion of the document, "UNWA, Inc. and UNWADC Goals, Objectives, Projects and Programs." Statements made by UNWA, Inc. and UNWADC Committee members at the October 14 Town Hall Meeting and the October 23 committee meeting were used by staff to develop draft goals, objectives, and projects and programs. Once the committee has completed editing this document, it will be the basis of a report that summarizes the work of the committee. A copy of the modified document is attached.
3. There was a discussion about whether UNWA, Inc. should get into programming of services more, or whether they should refer people to the appropriate programs provided by others. If UNWA, Inc. did more programming, they would have to increase staff significantly. Money is not available to support growth in staff, so UNWA, Inc. should mainly be a referral agency.
4. UNWA, Inc. could help other agencies in the area. An example is that they could write grants seeking more money to meet neighborhood needs.
5. Someone pointed out that Flanner House is outsourcing many of the social services that they used to provide.
6. UNWA, Inc. could be a link for the neighborhood with agencies such as the Prosecutor's office.
7. UNWA, Inc. should identify services that are needed but not being provided by area providers. UNWA, Inc. should seek to bring outside agencies into the community to fill gaps.
8. There needs to be a stronger link between UNWA, Inc. and Golden Hill.
9. UNWA, Inc. needs to have a link with the faith-based organizations.
10. There is a lack of communication between organizations.
11. UNWADC should have the major economic development role in the neighborhood.
12. Both UNWA, Inc. and UNWADC need to have strong relationships with community residents. The two agencies should get their support from the community.
13. Churches might be able to provide space to house UNWA, Inc. and UNWADC.
14. Currently there are situations where Indy Parks pays a church. The church then pays someone in the community to maintain a park or run a program in a park.
15. There may need to be some changes in boards of UNWA, Inc. and UNWADC. People on the boards need to have the time to commit to improving the community.
16. There need to be more professional people on the boards.
17. There needs to be someone from both the church alliance and the business alliance on

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the UNWA, Inc. board.

18. There need to be some new people on the boards. It can't be just the same people all of the time.
19. UNWADC is in the process of setting up a landlords association.
20. There needs to be improved City services in the neighborhood.
21. It would be good if Code Enforcement inspectors could be more proactive in dealing with neighborhood issues.
22. Maybe trash truck drivers could keep notes on neighborhood conditions as they drive their routes.
23. There is a dumping problem in the neighborhood.
24. UNWA, Inc. and UNWADC shouldn't be combined, but they could be located in the same space, and they could collaborate on neighborhood improvements more.
25. There could be a 509 a 3 foundation created that would serve as an umbrella and fundraiser for both UNWA, Inc. and UNWADC. More funds are needed to improve the neighborhood.
26. UNWA, Inc. does have membership dues, but they haven't been aggressive in collecting them.
27. More needs to be known about the services that churches provide to the community.
28. A church based event, such as a parade, carnival or a week of revivals may help to promote area churches.
29. There needs to be a guide that explains all of the services that human service agencies and churches provide in the community.

**Next Steps:**

1. Staff will develop a committee report based on all of the work of the committee. It will be circulated to the committee for review and changes.
2. Once this is done, there will be an exercise to rank the projects and programs. Then staff will work with the neighborhood to develop more information regarding the individual projects and programs, such as who will be responsible for them, what they might cost to implement, and when they might be done.

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**November 13 Meeting Cancelled:**

**The November 13 meeting of the UNWA Neighborhood Plan UNWA, Inc. and UNWADC Committee has been cancelled! There will be no third meeting of the committee.**

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

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