



August 16, 2004

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ACC – NAACP – AACC collaborative meeting minutes

Attendees: Rev. Donald E. Jones, Thaddeus Dawson, Rev. Clarence Wallace, Minette Cooper, Vincent Hughes, Calvert Smith, Rev. Calvin Harper, Gayle Renfro, Mark Mallory, Gwen Robinson, DeAsa Brown, Duraid Da'as, Patricia Milton

Agenda: 5:30 pm.

Meeting began with a prayer
Introductions - Thaddeus Dawson, President ACC
Update on Avondale – Thaddeus, Patricia Milton, Gayle Renfro
Community Development trends – Duraid Da'as, CDDC
NAACP, AACC, CAA, Church input – Various individuals
Next Steps, goals for next meeting
Meeting adjourned with a prayer.

The following issues were discussed:

- Avondale Community Council (ACC) need to reach out to the community and reestablishing partnerships and representation, developing common ground and pulling community forces together as a unified voice.
- Avondale has not had a needs assessment since 1980
- Foster and establish community leadership, transparency, implementation and impact for community development projects.
- Address accountability by City, State, local organizations for the provision of services and tax dollar resources.
- Need to have a unified position with strategic priorities for change
- Uptown Consortium goals are: Education, Health & human services, workforce Development. Committed an initial investment of \$50 Mil. to be leveraged
- National trends shifting from public to private sector decentralized community development and pro institutional growth. Minimal community input, partnerships, exclusionary planning.
- Address friction between the ACC and the Avondale Business community.
- Define Empowerment Zone role and resources for implementation, invit to next meeting.

- Define what partnership means for Uptown and ACC
- Update Avondale Vision plan in an expeditious manner (within the next 2 months) and outline strategic priorities for implementation.
- Create an Avondale Coalition to advocate for the future implementation and political support.
- Efforts to pull the community power base together is critical
- Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) designation for 4 communities: College Hill, Walnut Hills, Avondale, Madisonville
- Concern of isolated development focus on Burnett and not on Avondale, a more comprehensive approach is needed to address Avondale's future vision.
- Suggestion to meet with Coryville Community Council to collaborate
- Summarize Uptown and Burnett Ave. Plans for next meeting.
- Address diversity at the five Uptown institutions by inviting the Black Physician group as advocates for medical and employment opportunities.
- What is Urban League's relationship to Uptown ?
- Begin apprising the Avondale community of all public events and increase community awareness about the future opportunities.
- ACC should define what it has to offer to Uptown such as : Access to public resources and land; advocates for Hospital Tax Levy as the largest leverage; community consensus, etc..
- Analyze and review all current and future plans and identify commonalities and implementation priorities.
- Community meeting with all stakeholders scheduled for August 19th at the new Avondale Pride Center at 5:30.
- Next meeting will be determined soon after the general ACC public meeting on the 19th.