

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> August '04

Held at the newly renovated Pride Center

**Insert list of attendees here.**

**Issues Covered**

- ★ Economic Development- Top priority
- ★ Consensus on Increasing homeownership and better housing conditions
- ★ Needs Assessment
  - Why No Needs Assessment since 1980?
  - Normal Span for Needs Assessment – 2 years
  - What drives Needs Assessment?
    - ☐ Rehabilitation issues, funding mechanism
  - Shift from Need-based approach to Asset-based approach in assessments
  - Avondale plans to do an assessment down the line
  - Victory Neighborhood Services will conduct a community Assessment in September.
- ★ Residents' Comments:
  - Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) acts as private real estate agency.
  - No human services for elderly and disabled in the area.
  - High criminal element, especially in Public Housing properties
  - Education and programs for younger people.
  - Change the Mindsets of people.
  - Along with Rockdale, Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) should be here.
  - 'It takes a community to raise a child'.
  - Cosmetic changes are not enough.
  - Female-headed households with no man in the family.
  - Lack of services, No daycare centers. After school, children have no place to go.
  - 15, 16, 17 year old females raising children.
  - Lack of parental skills.
  - How residential and business landowners let their land be occupied in such a fashion?
  - Landowners should be held accountable for maintaining their property.
  - Civic Engagement not included in the Plan for Community Building.
  - Businesses that have no respect for the community should be removed and discouraged in the future; No bars, No dollar stores; Businesses that decrease the livability, real estate prices of the parcels.
  - Erosion of cultural and artistic values.
  - No cultural and arts development in the Avondale Vision Plan.
  - Need for civic and Community engagement a priority
  - Need Façade design guidelines