PLANNERS NETWORK

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Steering Committee, we would like to welcome you to the 1995 Planners Network National Conference. The East St. Louis Host Committee and the Conference Planning Committee have worked hard to develop an exciting program and interactive format for this year’s Conference. The ten workshops and plenary sessions cover a broad range of issues confronting contemporary citizen activists and design professionals. We are confident that you will be stimulated by the presentations and discussions featured in these sessions.

The Steering Committee appreciates the support which the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Illinois at Chicago, State Community College, City of East St. Louis, St. Louis Chapter of the APA, St. Louis Chapter of the AIA, Winstanley/Industry Park Neighborhood Organization, Student Planners Organization (UIC) and the United Church of Christ have provided for this year’s event. This Conference would not have been possible to organize without their support, encouragement and involvement. We especially wish to thank Mayor Gordon Bush and his staff for their cooperation.

The results of the 1994 Congressional elections and the recent activities of the Speaker of the House highlight the importance of progressive citizen activists and urban planners working together to promote social policies that address the serious social injustices and environmental threats confronting our cities. We hope this year’s Conference will lead to a higher level of political activity on the part of PN members to promote more equitable solutions to the problems of our nation’s urban and rural areas.

We welcome your active participation in all of the Conferences charettes, workshops, plenaries and cultural activities. We look forward to hearing your ideas regarding how we can strengthen PN as a progressive, change-oriented organization.

Sincerely,

Ann Forsyth
Co-chair, PN Steering Committee

Ken Reardon
Co-chair, PN Steering Committee
THE PLANNERS NETWORK - WHAT IS IT?

The Planners Network is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students who are involved in physical, social, economic and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, and who support fundamental change in our political and economic system.

We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and developing the environment in order to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. This includes in particular racial injustice and discrimination by gender and sexual orientation. We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing, shelter, health care, jobs, safe working conditions and a healthful environment. We advocate public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven itself incapable of achieving these goals.

We seek to be an effective political and social force working with other progressive organizations to inform public opinion and public policy and to provide assistance to those seeking to understand, control and change the structural forces affecting their lives.

The Planners Network was established in 1975 as a communications vehicle for progressive planners to keep in touch with one another, share ideas and experiences, and discuss how their political values relate to their work and lives. The bi-monthly newsletter contains notes and information sent in by members, and information about other publications, conferences, jobs and resources. In 1981, a formal organization was created with a Steering Committee.

There are over 800 members in the United States and dozens in other countries. National Planners Network Conferences were held in 1979, 1981, 1986, 1994 and 1995. PN Sessions are also organized at conferences of the American Planning Association and Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. In New York City, Network members present a forum series, and Network members in other cities periodically organize local events.

Annual financial contributions are voluntary, but are needed to cover operating expenses connected to the newsletter and annual conferences. The Steering Committee recommends the following minimums for Network members: $15 for those with incomes under $25,000, students and unemployed; $25 for those with incomes between $25,000 and $50,000; and $45 for those earning over $50,000. Contributions should be sent to: Planners Network, Pratt GCPE DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1995

7:00 – 8:30 BREAKFAST
Ramada Inn
Fairview Heights, Illinois

8:30 TRAVEL
Travel from the Ramada Inn to State Community College in East St. Louis provided by the Conference Committee

9:00 WELCOME
Ms. Delores Turnbough
Chairperson
East St. Louis Host Committee

INTRODUCTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING CHARETTES
Michael J. Andrejasich
Associate Professor of Architecture
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

9:30 TOURS OF NEIGHBORHOOD CHARETTE SITES
Kenneth M. Reardon
Assistant Professor of Urban and Regional Planning
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

10:30 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING CHARETTES
Facilitated by teams comprised of two neighborhood leaders, PN architect, PN planner and a U of I graduate research assistant. Participation will be limited to 20 individuals per charette team.

12:30 WORKING LUNCH
Brown bag lunches will be delivered to the neighborhood planning charette sites to enable the teams to work through the lunch.

2:00 CHARETTE REVIEWS
Conference participants will have the opportunity to review the work completed by the ten neighborhood planning charettes.

3:00 AFTERNOON BREAK
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1995

8:30 TRAVEL
Travel from the Ramada Inn to State Community College in East St. Louis.

7:00-8:30 BREAKFAST
Ramada Inn
Fairview Heights, Illinois

8:30 TRAVEL
Travel from the Ramada Inn to State Community College in East St. Louis.

9:00 CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION #2: LOCAL INNOVATION IN PLANNING PRACTICE
Track 1 Local Economic Development
Track 2 Affordable Housing
Track 3 Crime Prevention
Track 4 Environmental/Racism/Justice
Track 5 Health Care Reform
Track 6 Social Welfare Policy
Track 7 Neighborhood Planning
Track 8 Community Empowerment
Track 9 Alternative Transportation
Track 10 International Development

11:00 TRAVEL
Travel from the Casino Queen to the Ramada Inn

9:00 CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION #1: MAJOR ISSUES FACING PROGRESSIVE PLANNING PRACTICE
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4:45 TRAVEL
Travel from State Community College to the Casino Queen (East St. Louis)

5:00 EMBARK
Board the Casino Queen for an evening dinner cruise and plenary session.

5:25 SET SAIL
Depart for a two-hour cruise along the "Big Muddy."

5:30 DINNER
Dinner served on the upper deck of the Casino Queen.

7:30 WELCOME
Ann Forsyth
Co-Chairperson
Planners Network
National Steering Committee

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Honorable Gordon D. Bush
Mayor
City of East St. Louis

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Honorable Jim Edgar
Governor
State of Illinois

10:30 BREAK

10:45 PLENARY SESSION #1
Developing a Progressive Planning Response to the New World Order.
David Westendorff, Research Fellow, UNRISD

12:00 LUNCH
An old-fashioned BBQ at the East St. Louis Farmers Market. Entertainment provided by the Bakari Institute.

2:00 PLENARY SESSION #2
Pierre Clavel
Professor of City and Regional Planning

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3:15 BREAk

3:30 NATIONAL URBAN POLICY DISCUSSION GROUPS
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5:15 TRAVEL
Travel from State Community College to the Ramada Inn.

7:00 TRAVEL
Travel from the Ramada Inn to City Hall for the evening's cultural event.

7:30 DINNER
Roast beef or vegetarian dinner served in the Atrium of the East St. Louis City Hall.

8:30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Lemar Gentry
City Manager
East St. Louis

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Mary Nichols
Assistant Administrator
Office of Air and Radiation
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

9:30 CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
Katherine Dunham Dance Troupe (Invited)
Greater St. Louis H.S. Jazz Ensemble
Dancing "Under the Stars"

12:00 TRAVEL
Travel from East St. Louis City Hall to the Ramada Inn.

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1995

7:00-8:00 BREAkFAST
Ramada Inn
Fairview Heights, Illinois

8:15 TRAVEL
Travel from Ramada Inn to State Community College.

8:30 PLANNERS NETWORK ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Discussion of future organizational activities.

9:30 PN "TOWN MEETING" ON NATIONAL URBAN POLICY
Open discussion of how to develop an effective response to the "Contract with America", chaired by Chester Hartman in honor of Robert Mier's life and memory.

12:30 ADJOURNMENT

2:00 PLANNERS TOUR OF CAHOKIA MOUNDS
STATE HISTORICAL SITE (2 HOURS)
PRELIMINARY LISTING OF CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

Friday, May 19, 1995, 3:15 - 4:45 pm

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Creating Economic Opportunities in Distressed Communities.
Moderator: Ishaq Shafiq
Special Assistant to the Mayor
East St. Louis, Illinois

Formulating a Workable Economic Development Strategy for a River City: The East St. Louis Case Study
Ishaq Shafiq
Special Assistant to the Mayor
City of East St. Louis

Let the Music Play: East St. Louis as a Black Entertainment Center
Michael Hirsch, Colin Hamilton, Julie Blackwell, Cheryl Peterson
Department of Sociology
Central Methodist College
Fayetteville, Missouri

Military Conversion Planning: An Alternative Economic Development Strategy
Lewis Lubka
Professor Emeritus
University of North Dakota
and
Lance McCarthy
St. Louis Economic Conversion Project

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Developing a Successful Strategy for Affordable Housing in an Age of Austerity.
Moderator: Daniel N. Hoffman
Program Coordinator
East St. Louis Action Research Project
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Supporting Community-Based Affordable Housing Initiatives: The Enterprise Foundation in the 1990's
Frederic C. Cooper
Senior Program Director
The Enterprise Foundation

Preserving the Community Reinvestment Act as a Local Economic Tool
Mary Schaafsma
Illinois Public Action Housing Campaign
Chicago, Illinois

Creating New Opportunities for Affordable Housing
Diane Voneida
Director
Community Development Agency
Rockford, Illinois

CRIME PREVENTION

Innovations in Community-Based Crime Prevention: A Law Enforcement Perspective
Moderators: W. Charles Grace
U.S. Attorney for the Southern District
and
Bruce E. Reppert
Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District

The U.S. Department of Justice's Weed and Seed Program
Bruce E. Reppert
Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District

Developing a Community Policing Program in a Distressed City,
Andre Parker
Captain
Illinois State Police

Community Policing Comes of Age in East St. Louis
Isadore Chambers
Chief of Police
City of East St. Louis

ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM/JUSTICE

Community Activism and Environmental Justice in East St. Louis
Moderator: Rev. Buck Jones
Executive Director
Project Hope

Ruth Chandler
Lawson Chemical Neighborhood
Cynthia Walker
Rush City Neighborhood

Gregory Cox
Goose Hill Neighborhood

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Developing Programs and Facilities to Support Family Development
Moderator: Ms. Karen Munchin
Director of Public Policy
The Illinois Facility Fund

Presentation and tour of East St. Louis Family Development Center.

SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY

America's Urban Underclass: Myth, Reality and Everyday Experience
Moderator: David Wilson
Associate Professor of Geography,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Timothy Maher
Department of Sociology
University of Indianapolis

Dan McCollum
Mayor, City of Champaign
Illinois

Jennifer Iverson
Graduate Student in Geography
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING

Beyond the Community Development Corporation—New Thinking on Community Empowerment and Revitalization
Moderator: Randy Stoecker
Department of Sociology
University of Toledo

Problems of the CDC in the Community
Randy Stoecker
Department of Sociology
University of Toledo

Problems of the Community in the CDC
John Cabral
College of Urban Planning and Policy Affairs
University of Illinois at Chicago

Beyond the CDC: Community Organizing and Community Planning
Tim Mungaven
Independent Consultant and Executive Director
West Bank Community Development Corporation

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

The Role of Religious Institutions in Community Building, Organizing and Development
Moderator: Mimi McKelly
Director
Campaign for Human Development
Archdiocese of St. Louis

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

The Contribution of Mass Transit Services in Expanding Economic Opportunities in Distressed Neighborhoods
Grant Porteous
Community Initiatives Coordinator
East-West Gateway Coordinating Council

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Cities in Crisis: Volunteer Responses from the Grassroots and Pavement
Moderator: David Westendorff
Coordinator of Social Integration Project
United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Reflecting on the U.N. Summit on Social Development
David Westendorff
Coordinator of Social Integration Project
United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Developing An Humanist Approach to Development
Gabriel Camara
Centro de Desarrollo Comunitario Juan Diego (CDJC), Mexico City
Saturday, May 20, 1995, 9:00 – 10:15

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Food Circles and Regional Food Security

Moderator: Nancy Lee Bentley
Food Systems Development Coordinator
AgroEcology Program
Agricultural Experimentation Station
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Developing Urban Agriculture as a Local Economic Development Strategy
John Nettleton
Cornell Cooperative Extension

Encouraging Regional Cooperation to Insure Food Security
Nancy Lee Bentley
U of I Agricultural Station

Developing a Public Market in a Distressed Community As Part of An Import Substitution Strategy
Michelle Whetten
Neighborhood Design Center
Prince George's County, MD

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Encouraging Collaborative Approaches to Housing and Community Development
Moderator: Rafael E. Cestero
Senior Project Manager
Enterprise Foundation
NY, NY

Building the Capacity of Community-Based Development Organizations
Rafael E. Cestero
Senior Project Manager
New York Office of the Enterprise Foundation

Launching a Community-Based Stabilization Campaign
Sylvester Vaughns
President
Palmer Park Housing

CRIME PREVENTION

Citizen Involvement in Community-based Crime Prevention
Moderator: Bruce E. Reppert
Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District

Organizing Community Residents to Fight Crime
Joe Byrd and Lucy Valentine
BREM Catholic Social Ministries
St. Louis, Mo.

Mobilizing Residents to Insure Safer Neighborhoods
Carol Perry
President
Winstanley/Industry Park Neighborhood Organization

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design: East St. Louis Case
Marcy Shure
Department of Landscape Architecture
University of Illinois U-C

COMMUNITY DESIGN

The Role of Artists and Designers as Community Builders
Moderator: Robert I. Selby
Associate Professor
School of Architecture
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The Evolution of Community Design within Architecture
Robert I. Selby
School of Architecture
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
The Artist as Community-Builder: Fostering Common Vision and Collective Action  
Saunders Schultz, Roger Fritz and Ted Wofred

ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM/JUSTICE

Community-Based Planning and Environmental Justice  
Moderator: Charles Lee  
Research Director  
Commission on Racial Justice  
United Church of Christ

Eddie Bautista  
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest

Tom Angotti  
Associate Professor  
Pratt Institute

Teresa Cordova  
Assistant Professor  
Community and Regional Planning  
The University of New Mexico

HEALTH CARE

Healthy Cities Campaign: Rx for a New Urban Policy and Action  
Moderator: Robb Burlage  
Visiting Professor  
School of Public Health  
Columbia University

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Sid Socolar  
New York City Health Crisis Coalition

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING

Student Planners’ Contributions to Community Development in Cairo, East St. Louis and Toledo  
Moderator: Kirk Goodrich  
Director  
Winstanley/Industry Park Neighborhood Organization

Making Waves in a River Front City: the Edgemont Neighborhood Plan  
Andy Alarcon and Damon Smith  
Department of City and Regional Planning  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Formulating a Downtown Revitalization Plan for Cairo, Illinois  
Jeff Beiswenger and Kevin Nelson  
Department of City and Regional Planning  
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Bancroft Hills: A Neighborhood in Transition  
Angela C.S. Stuber  
Department of Sociology  
University of Toledo

SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY

The Truth about Washington’s Effort to “Reform Welfare”  
Moderator: Regina Kulys  
Associate Professor of Social Work  
Jane Addams College of Social Work  
University of Illinois at Chicago

The Impact of the Republican Welfare Reform Program on the Poor  
Joe Hubbard  
Executive Director  
Catholic Urban Programs  
R.C. Diocese of Belleville, Illinois

A Responsible Position on Social Welfare Reform  
Sister Julia Huiskamp  
Executive Director  
The Griffin Center  
East St. Louis
The State's Role in Welfare Reform
Wyvetter G. Younge
State Representative (D-East St. Louis)

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Using the Ivory Tower to Support the Community Development Initiatives of Urban Communities: Lessons from the Field
Moderator: Kenneth Reardon
Assistant Professor of Urban and Regional Planning
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Reflections on Five Years of Participatory Action Research in East St. Louis
Ken Reardon
Assistant Professor of Urban and Regional Planning
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Creating a New Civic Culture on a Major Urban Campus
Wim Wiewel
Professor of Urban and Regional Planning
University of Illinois at Chicago

SOCIALLY-RESPONSIBLE RESEARCH

Using Advanced Research Methods and Models to Solve Contemporary Urban Problems
Moderator: Kieran P. Donaghy
Assistant Professor
Department of Urban and Regional Planning
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Supporting Self-Determination and Community Empowerment
Moderator: Bobby Mauoane
Program Director
University YMCA
Champaign, Illinois

Building a New South Africa: The Contribution of People's Organizations
Bobby Mauoane
University YMCA

Creating Democratic Institutions in the New East Europe
Paige Snider
IN MEMORY OF ROBERT MIER

Planners Network lost one of its most cherished and respected members on February 5, 1995 when Robert Mier died of non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, a result of exposure to Agent Orange during his Navy service in Vietnam. Rob, who was born and raised in St. Louis, received his B.S. in geology and civil engineering from the University of Notre Dame in 1965. He served as an officer in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1969 where he was decorated for his service in Vietnam. Rob left a promising career in the Navy when he resigned his commission because of his opposition to the war. He received his Master’s in Regional Planning and his Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning at Cornell University in 1974 and joined the faculty of the University of Illinois at Chicago’s School of Urban Planning and Policy Analysis. Rob was the founding director of UIC’s Center for Urban Economic Development, one of the nation’s most well-respected urban research and technical assistance centers. Rob served the City of Chicago from 1983 to 1989 during the tenures of Mayors Harold Washington and Eugene Sawyer as the Commissioner of Economic Development and Assistant to the Mayor for Development. Rob was the architect and chief implementor of Chicago’s highly regarded 1984 Development Plan as well as the author of more than eighty scholarly publications and co-author of two books. Rob is survived by his wife, Joan Fitzgerald, his sons Brian and Brendan Mier, his daughters, Lian Mier, Shelley Fitzgerald, and Nell Newton, of Washington, D.C. and his brother Fred Boehm of St. Louis, Missouri. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a scholarship fund set up in his name. Checks may be sent to the UIC Scholarship Association, c/o Center for Urban Economic Development, 400 S. Peoria, Chicago, IL 60607.

Planners Network will honor Rob on Sunday, May 21st by holding a three-hour town meeting to discuss crafting a progressive response to the “Contract with America.” Rob was well known for his penchant for chairing such participatory political discussions and it seems fitting that Planners Network remember him at our Convention in this way!
1995 PLANNERS NETWORK CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS

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