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■ *After 19 years under Founding Chair Chester Hartman, Planners Network selects new Co-Chairs. Pages 1 and 3.*

■ *"For An America That Works" drew more than 110 persons to the National 4-H Center May 20-22. Pages 2 and 3.*

■ *Tom Angotti of New York's Department of City Planning agrees to become Newsletter Editor; PN Central will shift to NYC. Page 2.*

□ **PN LEADERSHIP:** A three-hour Planners Network business plenary May 22, still charged with energy from sessions of "For An America That Works" at the National 4-H Center, moved on several fronts to re-energize the 19-year-old organization.

The business plenary's 55 participants elected Ann Forsyth of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and Ken Reardon of the University of Illinois-Urbana as co-chairs, selected a handful of new members for the Steering Committee, and volunteered for more than a score of possible PN projects,

including another PN conference next year.

Founding Chair Chester Hartman, who supported the leadership change, continues as a member of the Steering Committee.

In a later statement, Chester said, "I knew when I began PN in 1975 that chairing it was just a temporary job. So, after 19 years, it's time to pass along the leadership to new folks.

"Our organization has played an important role in the lives of many hundreds of progressive planners, through very different times, creating a sustaining sense of community and contacts.

"I am genuinely thrilled to see the energy and plans that emerged from our conference. I plan to remain an active member of the Steering Committee, and look forward to working with Ann, Ken, and all of you in a much-expanded set of PN activities."

The business plenary was co-chaired by Bill Goldsmith of Cornell and Ann Forsyth. *(A message from the new co-chairs appears elsewhere on this page; the new Steering Committee is listed on p. 3; proposed PN projects and volunteer contacts start on p. 6.)*

## Message from the Co-Chairs

by Ann Forsyth & Ken Reardon

We want to start with some background on how we came to be co-chairs, and then move on to our agenda for the coming year.

Part of the reason for holding the PN conference "For An America That Works," despite its obvious biases in terms of attendance, was a desire by the former Steering Committee to search out new organizational leadership. PN has not had a mechanism for changing the Steering Committee, and many members of the former Steering Committee wanted to step down.

The leadership search was largely successful. The current Steering Committee is composed of carry-over members who wished to remain, and new members who either were active in convening the conference or its special interest tracks (like us) or were recruited to balance some of the regional, ethnic, and practitioner/academic biases identified at the conference.

PN's revitalization lies ahead. If it is to have any chance for success, someone has to coordinate PN organizational activities. This function in most voluntary organizations is carried out by an executive director in consultation with the organization's officers. Since PN lacks both a director and such a body of elected officers, it made sense for a subcommittee of PN (namely, the Co-Chairs) to carry out these functions. As conference co-conveners, we had a track record of organizing within PN, and we accepted the task. (Teresa Cordova and Peg Seip, who also had been conference co-conveners, chose not to be part of this executive, and Chester Hartman wanted to step down.)

This certainly was not the greatest leadership transition process, and we aim in the coming year to establish a democratic process for organizational elections. (If you know of any good models, please let us know!)

As Co-Chairs, our role will focus on coordinating the efforts of various PN working groups. We were particularly encouraged by the large number of people who came to the May 22 business plenary, and by the variety of ideas they had for how they could contribute, through PN, to progressive social change.

From the business plenary, it seems there are seven areas PN can focus on in the next 12 months. They are (in no particular order) clarifying PN's mission/policy statement (in a participatory manner); building and diversifying PN's membership base; establishing a democratic process for PN elections; developing PN communications (maintaining the newsletter and going electronic); holding PN networking meetings (regional and national); convening groups on specific issues (eg. training community members, racism, diversity in planning education); and solidifying PN's financial status.

As Co-Chairs, we will take responsibility for encouraging those who volunteered to work in the issues, recruiting others, helping to set up working groups where necessary, and generally providing coordination and backup (while delegating freely).

We want to encourage other PN members to get involved in these activities. We turned up at PN meetings last year (advertised in the PN newsletter) and volunteered for tasks; and look where we are now!

Finally, our sincerest thanks to Chester Hartman, who over the years has provided a vision for Planners Network and, with Prentice Bowsher's able assistance, has kept it functioning on a day-to-day basis.

□ **PN CONFERENCE:** "A marvelous place to network," summed up one participant, speaking it seemed for many, attending PN's May 20-22 conference at the National 4-H Center, "For An America That Works: A Planners Network Conference on Economic, Social and Environmental Justice."

Some 116 registrants filled tightly scheduled plenaries and workshops, exploring roles for progressive planners in such areas as economic development, affordable housing, environmental racism and justice, social services and health care delivery, and community empowerment.

Nearly 60 percent of the registrants were PNers, and more than 40 percent were students.

In the conference keynote, Frances Fox Piven of City University of New York presented a generally gloomy assessment of "The Changing Political Context for Efforts To Humanize Public Policy."

A second plenary panel discussed "Progressive Planning and African-American, Latino, and Asian-American Communities." Presenters were Luis Aponte-Parés, Office of the Manhattan Borough President, New York, NY; Lynette Lee, East Bay Asian Local Development Corp., Oakland, CA; and Billy Tidwell, National Urban League, Washington, DC.

A post-conference environmental tour by canoe of Washington's Anacostia River attracted nearly two dozen participants. The canoes and a guide were provided by the Anacostia Watershed Society of College Park, MD. (*Workshop summaries start on p. 4; conference evaluations are summarized on p. 8.*)

□ **PN NEWSLETTER/PN CENTRAL:** Along with gaining new organizational leadership, Planners Network also is heading for changes in its newsletter and operational base.

In the newsletter, Prentice Bowsher is stepping down after 12 years as Newsletter Editor, and Bob Beauregard is retiring from his nine-year stint as PN Special Feature Editor.

Tom Angotti of New York's Department of City Planning will take over as Editor of the newsletter. The role of Special Feature Editor is under review.

To maintain linkage between the newsletter and "PN Central," our administrative and logistical base, "PN Central," too, will be moving to the New York City-area. Details are still being worked out.

The newsletter and administrative changes will take time to complete. Until then, please continue to use our Washington, DC, address and phone and fax numbers. Our goal is to complete the changes by November.

□ **PN OUTREACH:** Planners Network is organizing activities at the upcoming conferences of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning and the American Planning Association. The ACSP meeting is tentatively set for 8-9:30 p.m., November 3, in Phoenix. We'll provide more details in the September PN. Contact Ann Forsyth (413/545-6634) for information or to help out.

□ **FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT:** Since the May newsletter, we have received contributions of \$1,273 from 47 Networkers. A special thanks to each of you. Your contributions bring our year-to-date totals to \$4,749 from 145 Networkers.

For comparison, our July 1993 totals were \$4,535 from 115 members.

To tell quickly when you last supported PN, look for the

date after your name on the mailing label. We suggest contributing at least once each year, and we change (or add) the date whenever we get a check. The absence of a date means you have not yet contributed financially, and we'd like a check from you, if possible.

## PN Working Groups

*(A number of PN projects proposed at the May 22 business plenary lend themselves to development through special working groups. We encourage the formation of such groups, and hope they will use the newsletter to report on their activities.)*

## Race & Diversity in PN

At the conclusion of the May 20-22 PN conference in Washington, DC, a group of people interested in working on issues of race and diversity within the Network met briefly. One of the important issues we discussed, which came up during the conference, was that conference attendees were still mostly white folks. We appreciated the attention paid to the diversity of the working panels, which was not reflected in the PN membership.

We talked a little about the role we could play building diversity at future conferences and within our own organizations as planners, academics, and activists. Members expressed strongly that the emphasis should not be on bringing more minorities into "our group," but on how we as an organization and as individuals can build diversity through coalitions with and outreach to organizations of people of color.

Ideas discussed include:

- Developing guidelines for individuals and organizations in PN for coalition-building and outreach to organizations and communities of color.

- Having PN work on issues that are of critical concern to communities of color.

- Coalition-building through gaining diverse co-sponsorship of the next PN conference.

- Having a block of time at the conference to meet as a group, and include others in attendance to discuss ideas and share experiences.

- Respond to the Urban League's request (at a PN conference plenary) for support of the Thurgood Marshall economic development plan -- PN policy for co-sponsorship?

- Re-evaluate our processes as an organization in terms of being non-hierarchical, pluralistic, and democratic, and reassess the design of the conference workshops (i.e. use circles instead of rows and table at the front).

- Evaluate diversity training and racism workshops for potential use in future conferences and within PN.

The members of the Working Group on Race and Diversity in PN welcome your thoughts, ideas, and involvement. Please feel free to contact us.

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## PN Leadership, Conference Roundup

"For An America That Works," PN's May 20-22 conference at the National 4-H Center, moved to revitalize PN as well as to explore progressive agendas on the major conference themes. The following reports detail conference actions. (*Related stories appear on pages 1 and 2.*)

### Plenary Selects Steering Committee

The new Steering Committee, headed by Co-Chairs Ann Forsyth and Ken Reardon, includes a mix of eight new and seven continuing members, from seven states (CA, IL, MA, NM, NY, OH, WA) and the District of Columbia.

Founding Chair Chester Hartman continues as a member of the Steering Committee.

The selections were made at a May 22 PN business plenary, with some additions recruited later for improved balance.

New members, in addition to Ann and Ken, are Tom Angotti, Luis Aponte-Parés, Teresa Córdova, Dana R. Driskell, Peg Seip, and Jordan Yin.

Continuing members, besides Chester, are Emily Achtenberg, Bill Goldsmith, Jackie Leavitt, Peter Marcuse, Alan Rabinowitz, and Andrée Tremoulet.

Retiring from the Steering Committee were Eve Bach, Bob Beauregard, Donna Dyer, Charles Hoch, Joochul Kim, and Tony Schuman.

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## Track Leaders Profile Workshops

Compiled by Gwen Urey

The PN conference culminated May 22 in such a high energy level that it was impossible to stick with the conference organizers' plan for the PN business meeting to give way for final break-out sessions on each of the main themes.

Instead, the entire group stayed together to reflect on the conference and PN history, and to contemplate our future as an organization.

To recoup as much as possible, track organizers (with contact information listed elsewhere in this section) here summarize the main themes and conclusions of their tracks.

## Economic Development

The economic development tracks revolved around the question of how local people can organize around economic development issues. Answering this question forces planners to address dilemmas of politics, knowledge, and vision.

First, how are progressive constituencies organized in cities dominated by elites?

Second, what is a progressive economic analysis?

Third, how are progressive economic development policies fashioned that are both tenable, given the economic analysis, and politically meaningful to the progressive constituency?

Progressive economic development programs succeeded in the 1970s and early-to-mid-1980s in Burlington, South-east Chicago, and other cities. Case histories of programs in these and other cities should be compiled and studied.

Every program is, of course, locally specific in both its constituency and the details of the economic analysis. Nonetheless, these historical cases would be useful to progressive planners currently engaging communities in economic development planning.

Progressive planners are creating new opportunities by combining economic development agendas with agendas from the women's movement, the peace movement, and environmental movements. These programs remain locally specific, but can draw ideas and analytical frameworks from a broader base.

-- Pierre Clavel

## Affordable Housing

There is an emerging window of opportunity to re-engage public debate on the right to housing, based on an alternative system of social housing ownership, production, and finance

There are more examples of and experience with social housing to draw upon.

Recent HUD scandals and mortgage lending abuses have reinforced public cynicism toward private developers and financial institutions, while budget-deficit consciousness underscores the need for more cost-effective subsidy solutions.

Public debate could be stimulated by



following the model of the national health care debate, and getting business to recognize its stake in a "right-to-housing" debate.

The "right to housing" could also be framed on environmental and sustainable growth grounds: Social housing is more efficient, less wasteful, will create skills and jobs, and bolster productivity.

The moral basis for a "right to housing" should also be promoted in an effort to heighten public debate.

Participants in the IPS Right to Housing Working Group (now officially a PN project) have discussed updating the Right to Housing program and marketing it more aggressively. Updating will accommodate the interrelationship of housing and other fundamental rights, racism, and other issues that complicate housing entitlement.

Planners have allies in housing advocacy groups.

The National Low Income Housing Coalition/Low Income Housing Information Service has launched a Housing Justice Campaign, focusing on the creation of a federal Housing Trust Fund. The basis for the Trust Fund would be a reform of the present homeowner tax subsidy system.

The Legal Services Homelessness Task Force/National Housing Law Project is beginning a right-to-housing campaign. According to Mary Ellen Hombs, this campaign will make use of a range of tools, including public education, media strategy, organizing, policy advocacy, research, litigation, legislative advocacy, and administrative advocacy.

Federal, state, and local governments now have in place programs intended to foster social housing. But progressive planners, practitioners, and activists who face the challenge of implementing these programs confront practical dilemmas that call into question basic social housing principles.

At the heart of many of these dilemmas are fundamental conflicts pitting advocates of social ownership of housing against the private sector. Past failures to deal with racism further challenge fair-housing advocates who work in segregated minority neighborhoods.

While housing organizations seek to rebuild communities, many residents seek to move. Who is the client?

-- Emily Achtenberg, Chester Hartman

## Health Care Delivery

The organizers of these tracks will fight to keep health issues on the PN agenda.

The embattled position of advocates for single-payer health care underscores the degree to which health itself has been commodified. As a commodity, health care can be chosen by some, managed for a great many, but has become a luxury beyond the means of the poor.

These sessions dealt largely with racism and health care. One session began with a reading of the Tuskegee lynchings list, updated to include recent racially and anti-queer-motivated murders.

Minority communities face enormous potential losses from the restructuring of the health industry. In large cities, such as New York, the corporatization of hospitals has been accompanied by a de-emphasis on community relations and community needs, especially in minority communities, which are perceived to have less profit potential. As a result, members of these communities find it much more difficult, expensive, and time-consuming to see a health professional.

There are exceptions to service shutdown -- hospital corporations recognizing real demand in minority communities, and designing health delivery systems to meet that demand.

Community organizations and labor unions have provided leadership in confronting threats of hospital shutdowns.

In New York, HealthPac, an organization that includes many planners, has also been involved in demanding greater accountability from local health-providing institutions, and in mobilizing community activism around health care issues.

Racism and sexism help to segregate the nation's epidemiologically besieged communities. AIDS organizations everywhere confront bias from ill-informed and bigoted publics. But organizations such as the D.C. Women's Council on AIDS, which serves predominantly women of color, are further confronted by sexism and racism from within the AIDS "establishment."

AIDS education must begin with sex education, which must begin, of course, with decent education. Poor schools and AIDS-education/prevention programs not designed for the specific needs of youth

in epidemiologically besieged communities do little to reduce the vulnerability of minority communities to greater health crises.

-- Robb Burlage, Gwen Urey

## Environmental Justice

The environmental justice track brought together some of the major activist leaders, scientists, and scholars in the field. The entire range of issues that fall under the category of environmental justice was covered: the relationship between pollution and race, class, and gender; industrial pollution, jobs, and economic justice; pollution as an element in the urban quality of life; and racism within the environmental movement.

Hopefully, the lively discussions and interest will translate into a continuing relationship between Planners Network and people who are working on environmental issues.

A panel chaired by Michael Heiman of Dickenson College covered diverse experiences from throughout the country. The panel featured Lois Gibbs of the Citizens Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste, which works with groups on toxic contamination; Tom Goldtooth of the Indigenous Environmental Network; and representatives of Citizens for Better Environment in California.

Other panels included activists from groups in New York City, the Southern Organizing Committee in Atlanta, and the Native Lands Institute in Albuquerque.

Vernice Miller of the Natural Resources Defense Council chaired a panel that focused on national and regional aspects of environmental racism, including representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Institutes of Health.

Robert Gottlieb of UCLA chaired a panel on Industrial Policy and Pollution Prevention that examined the issues from political and technical perspectives.

A panel on Sustainable Transportation Alternatives, chaired by Jon Orcutt of New York City's Transportation Alternatives, involved activists from the New York City Environmental Justice Alliance, Chicago's Center for Neighborhood Technology, and the Environmental Defense Fund.

-- Tom Angotti

## Community Empowerment

Community empowerment/participatory planning sessions focused on the new urban mosaic, the record of neighborhood planning, university/community development partnerships, planning in distressed neighborhoods, and African-American participation in environmental planning.

An overriding issue was the contrast in race, ethnicity, and income between the largely white-anglo planning profession and the array of communities of color seeking empowerment, and how most effectively to deal with it in advancing the communities' interests.

We highlighted the powerful effect global economic forces are having on poor and working class communities throughout the world, through the increasing mobility of capital, the penetration of local economies by corporate organizations, the decreasing power of labor, and the destruction of "good" jobs due to de-skilling. The social effects of these economic trends include increased urban and rural poverty, increasing third-to-first world migration, increased competition among people of color for dwindling social resources, and ongoing self-segregation of whites.

We encouraged planners to examine the effects of these global trends on the local urban and rural communities in which they work, and to focus on the role of the informal economy and the contributions of local development corporations and self-help initiatives.

In reviewing neighborhood planning, we agreed it seems to be enjoying a renaissance. A fundamental requirement is active citizen participation, which requires planners and planning agencies to share power with local organizations. Truly progressive planning requires a substantial commitment to developing the technical planning knowledge and skills base of local residents, to reduce dependency on outside professionals.

Contemporary neighborhood planning appears to be much more than physical planning: New neighborhood planners need to know about physical, economic, social, and cultural systems, institutions, and processes. Significant changes in planning education appear necessary to broaden the curriculum.

On university/community development partnerships, we looked at the

experience of three public universities in local community planning efforts, and the organizational structures each developed in support of the effort. In the process, we raised questions about how universities decide which community requests to respond to, how to avoid university domination of such partnerships, and what happens when faculty-assisted community groups take up opposition against university expansion plans.

On planning in distressed neighborhoods, we looked especially at efforts in two communities: North Camden, NJ, and East St. Louis, IL. In both cases, local activists worked with sympathetic city hall officials and interested academics in developing comprehensive community stabilization plans. Both cases also used highly participatory planning processes in developing the documents, which addressed issues of public safety, housing, employment, health care, and municipal service needs.

Cross-cultural differences dominated the session on African-American participation in environmental planning. Discrepancies dominate the way planners describe the interest and involvement of African-Americans in environmental planning issues, and the perspectives of African-Americans on these issues. A common assertion, for example, that African-Americans are so involved in economic and civil rights issues that they don't have time for environmental issues doesn't stand up to research findings, which show a high level of interest and unrecognized involvement in environmental action in African-American communities.

-- Ken Reardon

## Plenary Proposes Array of Projects

In addition to selecting a new PN Steering Committee and Co-Chairs, the May 22 PN business plenary also brainstormed more than a score of projects for a newly energized Planners Network.

They included proposals for another continuing regional networks, fundraising, promoting diversity in planning

education, and dealing with racism, among other topics.

Some 35 participants volunteered initially for the various projects.

Other PNers interested in participating in a listed project should contact a project volunteer directly (through the contact information listed below).

Following are the initial projects and volunteers (numbering, for convenience only, reflects the sequence in which projects were proposed):

1. Establish an advisory committee for fundraising.

-- Alan Rabinowitz

2. Convene a meeting of national groups with similar goals.

-- Alan Rabinowitz

3. Dealing-with-racism group.

-- Louise Dunlap, Robb Burlage, Jill Hamberg, Tom Angotti, Fred Rose, Janet Kreda

4. Group working on how we implement money from the top and ideas from the bottom.

-- Tim Mungavan

5. Socialist caucus.

-- John Cabral

6. Get summaries from track coordinators of content and proposals/strategies for newsletter.

-- Gwen Urey, Robb Burlage, Pierre Clavel

7. Recruiting deliberately/intensively from community-/neighborhood-based groups.

-- Jordan Yin, Pierre Clavel, Jean Riesman

8. Working group on training community members as paraprofessionals.

-- Merri Ansara

9. Revised policy statement by PN as rallying cry (via Steering Committee?).

-- Joe Feinberg, Kevin Nelson, Janet Kreda, Bill Goldsmith, Pierre Clavel

10. Convene New England regional PN meeting.

-- Marshall Feldman, Michael Stone, Jean Riesman

11. Be liaison between PN and new organization, Crossroads, on rural community economic development.

-- Dave Sears

12. Hold national PN meeting in one year in East St. Louis.

-- Roger Sexton, Ken Reardon, Elizabeth Petras, Peg Seip, Bonnie Winfield, Andree Tremoulet, Tom Angotti, Marsha Ritzdorf, Teresa Cordova, Jean Riesman

13. Electronic bulletin board for PN.

-- Robb Burlage, Luis Aponte, Merri Ansara

14. New York City-area meetings.

-- Jill Hamberg

15. Recruitment mass mailing.

-- Joe Guggenheim

16. Organize Washington, DC-area group.

-- Joe Guggenheim, Meera Nagaraj, Carole Norris

17. Newsletter "Special Feature" on integrating race/gender etc. into curriculum.

-- Ellen Pader, Marsha Ritzdorf

18. Working group on diversity in planning education (recruitment and curriculum).

-- Michael Stone

19. Survey community groups about what they need from planners.

-- Fred Rose

20. Update "Right to Housing" program in conjunction with other groups.

-- Emily Achtenberg

21. Figure out relation with/take over IPS Working Group on Housing.

-- Carole Norris

22. Special issue of PN newsletter on racism.

-- Tom Angotti

23. Work with PN Steering Committee on relationship of PN and the Poverty & Race Research Action Council.

-- Chester Hartman

24. Working on race and the PN Steering Committee.

-- Tom Angotti

25. Items for PN newsletter.

-- Dave Sears

26. Meetings in Southeast region.

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## Participants Rate Conference

PN conference participants had two chances to evaluate it formally: at the May 22 business plenary (attended by some 55 persons), and through conference evaluation forms (completed by 19 persons).

The following is a summary of the main issues raised. All the evaluations are being forwarded to the conveners of next year's proposed national meeting in East St. Louis, IL.

When asked to evaluate the conference, most people were happy overall. Many sessions were complimented as diverse, participatory, and/or energizing (although this varied between sessions).

Most liked keynote speaker Frances Fox Piven and the final plenary business meeting. People were generally satisfied with the location (while saying it should move westward next time) and food (although vegetarians had to eat a lot of salads).

The main suggestions for improving the next conference included increasing the diversity of presenters, limiting presenters' time to encourage more interaction, including more community members in sessions, and recruiting more practitioners (from community development corporations and elsewhere) as registrants, having more cultural events (poetry, softball, karaoke), allowing more time for general organizing around political issues, and providing a better welcome for new members.

The issues of diversity and racism in PN and in the planning profession provoked a great deal of discussion, and a number of people volunteered for activities around this issue (*see the section on PN Working Groups, above*).

-- Ann Forsyth

## Passing the Word

□ **NONPROFIT HOUSING/RENTALS:** The Community Information Exchange (1029 Vermont Ave. N.W. #710, Wash., DC 20005, 202/628-2981) has issued two reports on multifamily rental housing: *Case Studies in Affordable Multifamily Rental Housing* (106 pages, \$15), and "Deals from Hell: How Creative Nonprofits Pull Off Affordable Multifamily Housing with Only 11 Funders," a \$9 special issue of *Strategy Alert*.

□ **MICROENTERPRISE DIRECTORY:** *1994 Directory of U.S. Microenterprise Programs* is a 324-page resource which profiles 195 programs in 44 states. Copies are \$10, from: Aspen Institute Publication Office, Box 150, Queenstown, MD 21658, 410/827-7168. Copies are \$10.

□ **HOMELESSNESS/FOSTER CARE:** The National Alliance To End Homelessness (1518 K St. N.W. #206, Wash., DC 20005, 202/638-1526) is undertaking a national project to examine the relationship between foster care and homelessness. Details: Phyllis Wolfe.

□ **RACEFILE FEATURE:** "New Rainbow Warriors: Right Wing Initiatives in Communities of Color" is a special section of *RaceFile* (Vol. 1, No. 3), which is \$10 from the Applied Research Center, 25 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland, CA 94606.

□ **HOMELESSNESS PLAN:** *Priority: Home! The Federal Plan To Break the Cycle of Homelessness* is a 126-page report from HUD's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development (Wash., DC 20410), called for by President Clinton from the Interagency Council on the Homeless in a May 1993 Executive Order. It's likely free.

□ **DEVELOPMENT/RACE:** P.N. Greg Squires has written a 185-page book, *Capital and Communities in Black and White: The Intersections of Race, Class, and Uneven Development*. Copies are \$17.95 from SUNY Press, Box 6525, Ithaca, NY 14851, 607/277-2211.

□ **FURNITURE BANK/MASSACHUSETTS:** The Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless (288 A St. 4th Fl., Boston, MA 02210, 617/737-3508) is starting a furniture bank for families in transition from homelessness to housing. The program, to operate through area furniture stores, will offer free pick-up of furnishings being replaced by new purchases.

□ **NETWORKER QUERY:** From Phil McManus (Dept. of Geography, Univ. of Bristol, Bristol BS8 1SS, England, (0272) 303030, fax (0272) 303746, e-mail: mcmanus@gma.bristol.ac.uk): If any P.N.ers have information on sustainability, NAFTA, Seattle, Vancouver, and Cascadia, I would appreciate receiving it.

□ **HOMELESSNESS BIBLIOGRAPHY:** The National Coalition for the Homeless (1612 K St. N.W. #1004, Wash., DC 20006, 202/775-1322) and the Homelessness Information Exchange have developed *The Essential Reference on Homelessness: A Fully Annotated Bibliography*. Copies are \$50 for individuals and nonprofits, \$65 for others.

Separately, the Coalition has produced a "Top 9" list of recommended videos on homelessness. It's free with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The Coalition also has an information packet on its registration/voting rights campaign, *You Don't Need a Home To Vote*.

□ **MICROENTERPRISE:** The Corporation for Enterprise Development (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #801, Wash., DC 20002, 202/408-9788) has issued a number of reports relating to microenterprise development, including *AFDC and Microenterprise: Working with Your State To Address Regulatory Barriers* (\$17.50); *Savings Groups: A Tool for Community Organizations* (\$15); and *Individual Development Accounts: A State Briefing Book* (\$27.50).

□ **ANTI-HOMELESS LAWS:** The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (918 F St. N.W. #412, Wash., DC 20004, 202/638-2535) has issued a report, *The Right To Remain Nowhere: A Report on Anti-Homeless Laws and Litigation in 16 U.S. Cities*. Copies are \$20 (but less for small nonprofits).

□ **RACE/ETHNICITY DATA:** *Federal Data Collection: Agencies' Use of Consistent Race and Ethnic Definitions* is free from the General Accounting Office, Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884, 202/512-6000.

Vol. 42, No. RR-10 of *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* includes "Use of Race and Ethnicity in Public Health Surveillance: Summary of the CDC/ATSDR Workshop" (June 25, 1993). Copies are \$3 from the Massachusetts Medical Society, Box 9120, Waltham, MA 02254.

□ **HOUSING LEGISLATION:** *A Chronology of Housing Legislation and Selected Executive Actions, 1892-1992* is available from the Government Printing Office, Wash., DC 20402, 202/783-3238. Copies are \$12.

□ **DEVELOPMENT/UTILITIES:** The Enterprise Foundation (410/964-1230) has issued *Investing in Community-Based Development: The Case for Utility Investment in Distressed Communities*. Single copies are free.

□ **CHRISTMAS IN APRIL** (1225 Eye St. N.W. #601, Wash., DC 20005, 202/326-8268) is a national, volunteer-based home repair and rehab program, with some 118 local efforts. This year, more than 120,000 volunteers, working on the last Saturday in April, rehabbed some 4,000 homes and nonprofit facilities.

□ **HOUSING TRUST FUNDS:** The Housing Trust Fund Project (570 Shepard St., San Pedro, CA 90731, 310/833-4249) has a 32-page report, *A Summary of Revenue Sources Committed to Existing Housing Trust Funds*. Copies are free to community nonprofits, \$6 for others.

□ **HOMELESSNESS/ATLANTA:** The Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless (363 Georgia Ave. S.E., Atlanta, GA 30312, 404/230-5000) has a 73-page report, *Homelessness in Metropolitan Atlanta*. No price listed.

□ **MILITARY CONVERSION/ENVIRONMENT:** The January/February *Dollars & Sense*, the popular economics magazine, is a special issue on "From Warheads to Windmills: Will the Military Convert?" and includes articles by PNER Ann Markusen and others on national security policies, conversion policies, and labor's conversion agenda. The May/June issue focuses on "Are We All Environmentalists Now?" with articles on corporate environmentalism, pollution trading, and the case against a meat-based diet. Single copies are \$4.50, subscriptions \$18.95, from: Dollars and Sense, 1 Summer St., Somerville, MA 02143, 617/628-8411, fax 617/628-2025, e-mail: dollars@igc.org.

□ **HOUSING STUDY/CLEVELAND:** The National Congress for Community Economic Development (1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #524, Wash., DC 20009, 202/234-5009) has an 89-page attitudinal study of private renters in Cleveland, *Steps to Home Ownership*. Single copies are free.

□ **HOUSING BUDGET:** *At a Snail's Pace FY 1995: A Source Book on the FY95 Budget and How It Compares to Prior Years*, by PNER Cushing Dolbeare, presents and analyzes the Administration's housing proposals. Copies are \$20 from: Low Income Housing Information Service, 1012 14th St. N.W. #1200, Wash., DC 20005, 202/662-1530.

□ **POLLUTION SOURCES/DC:** The African American Environmentalist Association (122 C St. N.W. #701, Wash., DC 20001, 202/393-3303), together with the National Association of Neighborhoods and the National Wildlife Federation, has produced a 102-page report, *Our Unfair Share: A Survey of Pollution Sources in Our Nation's Capital*. No price listed.

□ **LENDING DISCRIMINATION:** The April 15 *Federal Register* (pages 18266-74) carried a draft "Interagency Policy Statement on Discrimination in Lending." A free copy of the proposal (Circular #10702) is also available from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 212/720-5215.

□ **WELFARE REFORM/OPINION:** Peter D. Hart Research Associates and American Viewpoint have produced an 11-page report, *Public Attitudes Toward Welfare Reform: A Summary of Key Research Findings*, based on findings from a phone survey of 1,020 registered voters and eight focus groups. It was commissioned by the National Council of La Raza and the Children's Defense Fund, among others. Details: Susan Steinmetz, Alison Pion, 202/408-1080.

□ **LEAD POISONING:** The May *Housing Matters*, published by the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, 69 Canal St., Boston, MA 02114, 617/742-9250, focuses on "What You Can Do About Lead Poisoning." Subscriptions (four issues) are \$15 for individuals.

□ **DISCRIMINATION/CREDIT & HOUSING:** In connection with housing discrimination cases in Massachusetts, PNER Ellen Pader (Dept. of Regional Planning, Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003, 413/545-6620) is looking for research correlating use/lack of use of traditional forms of credit with race, ethnicity, gender, income, and/or public assistance (not, bad credit history). She's particularly interested in use of credit

cards and other forms of credit that appear in repositories like TRW.

□ **ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICA:** *The State of Asian Pacific America: Economic Diversity, Issues and Policies*, edited by Paul Ong, is a 305-page resource from the UCLA Asian Studies Center and LEAP Asian Pacific America Public Policy Institute, 327 E. Second St. #226, Los Angeles, CA 90012, 213/485-1422. Copies are \$15. A 19-page executive summary also is available; no price listed.

□ **HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE HEARINGS:** May 11 testimony by the National Fair Housing Alliance (927 15th St. N.W. #600, Wash., DC 20005, 202/898-1661) before the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee on discrimination in the homeowners insurance industry is available from the Alliance. A transcript of the hearing will be available shortly from the Committee, 202/224-3121.

□ **MORTGAGE LENDING, Race, and Lender Employment:** *Does Anybody Who Works Here Look Like Me*, by PNER Greg Squires and others, is a 19-page report, with tables. Copies from co-author Sunwoong Kim, Department of Economics, Univ. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI 53201. No price listed.

□ **FAIR HOUSING SUMMIT:** Materials from the Administration's January 19-22 National Fair Housing Summit (PN #104 Special Feature) are available from a number of sources: Summit newsletters (\$1), video highlights (\$15), final report (\$14), and participants list (\$7), from Fair Housing Information Center, Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20850, 800/343-3442. Summit speech audio tapes (no price listed), from Audio Transcripts Ltd., 335 S. Patrick St. #220, Alexandria, VA 22314, 703/549-7334. Summit slide show, *I Still Have a Dream* (no price listed), from Hope Fair Housing Center, 154 Main St., Lombard, IL 60148, 708/495-4846.

□ **PNER UPDATE:** From John Cabral (Center for Urban Economic Development, Univ. of Illinois, Chicago, IL 60607, 312/996-4327): After attending PN's national conference, I'm joining, again. I worked for several years in municipal planning agencies, and now have moved into community economic development. In my third year at CUED, I work mainly to provide technical assistance to neighborhood employment and training organizations and to groups doing industrial retention. I have a theoretical interest in discovering what potential (if any) the community economic development movement has for contributing to a new society in which producers and consumers themselves, not central planners or corporations, make decisions about production, consumption, and resource allocation.

□ **PUBLIC HOUSING GUIDE:** *How To Save and Improve Public Housing* is an 88-page action guide from the Center for Community Change, 1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20007, 202/342-0567. Copies are \$10 for nonprofits, \$20 for others.

□ **DEVELOPMENT/SOUTH AFRICA:** Two reports on development in South Africa, the 147-page *Reconstruction and Development Programme* of the African National Congress, and the 100-page *Making People-Driven Developments Work*, the



## Attention 4-Hers

If you are not a member of Planners Network, and have been receiving our newsletter because of your participation in PN's May 20-22 conference, please note this is the last issue you will receive.

Unless, that is, we hear from you, preferably with a check, that you wish to become a Planners Network member. We hope you will join. The newsletter is published six times a year for Network members.

Your mailing label will show whether you are at risk. If there is a "4-H" after your name, our records are not carrying you as a Networker, and you won't continue getting our newsletter. Of course, our records could be wrong, so please let us know if you want to keep receiving *Planners Network*.

South Africa National Civic Organization report of the Commission on Development Finance, are \$8 each from: Phambili Books, 55 Kruis St., Johannesburg, SA 2000, phone 27-11-294944.

☐ *PREVENTING EVICTIONS and Stabilizing Housing for Low-Income Families: Results from Advocacy and Improved Access to Government Benefits* is a 28-page report from Liz Krueger, Community Food Resource Center, 90 Washington St., New York, NY 10006, 212/344-0195. Copies are \$5.

☐ *POVERTY JOURNAL: The Georgetown Journal on Fighting Poverty* (600 New Jersey Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20001, 202/662-9425) features poetry, interviews, and other direct voices of poor people. The 181-page 1993 issue, Vol. 1, No. 1, concentrated on welfare reform and advice to the Clinton Administration from advocates; the 155-page 1994 issue, Vol. 1, No. 2, focusses on homelessness. Subscriptions are \$25.

☐ *HOUSING JUSTICE: The National Low Income Housing Coalition* (1012 14th St. N.W. #1200, Wash., DC 20005, 202/622-1530) is seeking organizational endorsements for its Housing Justice Campaign, which includes an annual \$25-billion housing trust fund (from upper-income homeowners' tax deductions) to subsidize low-income housing programs. Contact: Larry Yates.

☐ *NEIGHBORHOODS/CHICAGO: The Woodstock Institute* (407 S. Dearborn #550, Chicago, IL 60605, 312/427-8070) has two reports on economic change in Chicago neighborhoods: *Focussing In: Indicators of Economic Change in Chicago's Neighborhoods* (400+ pages, \$20 for nonprofits, \$75 for others), and *Against the Tide: A Closer Look at Economic Change in Chicago's Low- and Moderate-Income Neighborhoods* (\$10 for nonprofits, \$20 for others).

☐ *PNer JOB QUERY: From Wendy Smith* (Holt, Wexler & Farnam, 900 Chapel St. #600, New Haven, CT 06510, 203/772-2050): I am planning to relocate to the Boston area,

and am looking for a job in human services planning/facilitating/organizing, with a particular emphasis on programming for children and families and youth. Although I'm interested in policy, I hope to work for an organization that has strong ties to a particular community. Currently, I'm working as an associate at a small consulting firm that specializes in human services and community development.

☐ *KELLOGG FELLOWS: The W.K. Kellogg Foundation* (Box 5196, Battle Creek, MI 49016, 800/367-3465) is accepting applications (until December 1) for the Kellogg National Fellowship Program, which makes up to 50 three-year awards, carrying cash grants up to \$35,000.

☐ *HOUSING AFFORDABILITY STUDY: A 222-page report, National Analysis of Housing Affordability, Adequacy and Availability: A Framework for Local Housing Strategies*, is available from HUD User, Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20850, 800/245-2691. Copies are \$4.

☐ *URBAN LEAGUE PLAN: Copies of PN conference plenary speaker Billy Tidwell's 56-page Playing To Win: A Marshall Plan for America* are available from the National Urban League Research Department, 1111 14th St. N.W., Wash., DC 20005, 202/898-1604. No price listed.

☐ *PUBLIC HOUSING BILL: Rep. John Conyers and 16 co-sponsors have introduced the Jessie Gray Housing Act (HR 1380), which would construct 500,000 units and revitalize 100,000 units of public housing annually for 10 years, providing, in the process, employment for public housing residents. Details: National Tenants Organization, Box 2818, Ft. Pierce, FL 34954.*

☐ *TENANT UNION: The newly formed ACORN Tenant Union represents some 30,000 public housing residents in 40 projects in 20 cities, including Baltimore, Oakland, New York, Chicago, Kansas City, Bridgeport, New Bedford, and Chester, PA, as of the end of February. Details: Madeline Talbott, 312/939-7488.*

☐ *NEIGHBORHOODS/CHICAGO: The Network Builder* is the bimonthly newsletter of the Chicago Rehab Network, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604, 312/663-3936.

☐ *MORTGAGE REFINANCING/CHICAGO: Refinancing Boom Benefits Some, Not Others* is a study from the Woodstock Institute (407 S. Dearborn #550, Chicago, IL 60605, 312/427-8070) on the record of African-American homeowners in Chicago on refinancing their mortgages. No price listed.

☐ *BLACKS TO CHICAGO: Goin' to Chicago* is a 58-minute video by George King, which uses the personal stories of a group of Chicago blacks returning for a reunion to their Greenville, MS, birthplace to chronicle black South-North migration. It is \$195, sale; \$75, rental; from: California Newsreel (149 9th St. #420, San Francisco, CA 94103, 415/621-6196), which also has a 20-title "African American Perspectives" catalogue.

☐ *ENVIRONMENTAL DATA: The Environmental Enterprise*

Centre (645 Fort St. #203, Victoria, BC V8W 1G1, Canada, 604/361-2613, fax 604/384-9068) has developed a directory in loose-leaf and disk formats of environmental success stories, covering nearly a dozen fields from solid waste, to the urban environment, to eco villages. Please call the Centre for details and prices.

☐ GRANTS/NEIGHBORHOODS: July 26 is the deadline for applications for \$5 million in Neighborhood Development Grants of up to \$75,000 each from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Details: Gene Hix, 202/708-1189.

☐ IMMIGRATION REPORT: *Immigration and Immigrants: Setting the Record Straight*, by Michael Fix and Jeffrey Passel, is a 104-page report from the Urban Institute, Box 7273, Wash., DC 20044. Copies are \$10. Also available is a publications list on immigration and immigrants.

☐ ENVIRONMENT/CHILDREN: The Children's Environmental Health Network (5900 Hollis St. #E, Emeryville, CA 94608, 510/540-3657) claims to be the first national multidisciplinary and multicultural project to focus on preventing childhood exposures to environmental hazards.

☐ VIETNAMESE AMERASIAN Resettlement: *Education, Employment, and Family Outcomes in the U.S.* is an 81-page report (GAO/PEMD-4-15) available through the General Accounting Office, Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884, 202/512-6000. Single copies are free.

☐ ORGANIZING/MEDIA: *Media: What's to It?: An Organizer's Guide to Press Relations* is a 51-page guide from McKinney & McDowell Associates, 1730 Rhode Island Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20036, 202/833-9771. Copies are \$10.

☐ RURAL YOUTH: *The Invisible Poor: Rural Youth in America*, by Harold Hodgkinson, is available from the Institute for Educational Leadership, 1001 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #310, Wash., DC 20036, 202/822-8405. No price listed.

☐ ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: *Unequal Protection: Environmental Justice and Communities of Color*, edited by Robert Bullard, is a 392-page book available from Sierra Club Store Orders, 730 Polk St., San Francisco, CA 94109, 800/935-1056. Copies are \$29.50.

☐ BUILDING RURAL COMMUNITIES: The goal of the Urban-to-Farm Relocation Project is to assist urban-bound poor families (often homeless) in relocating and resettling into agriculturally based cooperative communities, incorporating sustainable technologies. Details: Jim Busher, Box 3401, Flagstaff, AZ 86003, 602/774-1224.

☐ PNER BOOK: *Liberty and Jobs for All*, by PNER Edward Page, is a 132-page book that recounts three decades of direct experience, research, and development related to generating secure jobs controlled by those they serve. Copies are \$7.95, from: Northwest Publishing Inc., 6906 S. 300 W., Salt Lake City, UT 84047.

☐ HIGHTOWER RADIO is the new national, three-hour

Saturday-Sunday, ABC call-in talk show by populist Jim Hightower. Details, and information on getting your ABC outlet to carry the show: Betsy Moon, 512/477-5588.

☐ WOMEN/DEVELOPMENT: The Howard Samuels State Management and Policy Center, CUNY Graduate Center, 25 W. 43rd St. #1512, New York, NY 10036, 212/391-2030) has issued *The Difference Gender Makes: Women in Neighborhood Development Organizations and Women and Minorities in Neighborhood Development Organizations*. No price listed.

☐ BUDGET CRITIQUE: *Life Under the Spending Caps: The Clinton FY 1995 Budget*, by Paul Leonard and Robert Greenstein, is a 25-page report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash., DC 20002, 202/408-1080. Contact the Center for prices.

☐ ORGANIZING for Empowerment, by Jacqueline Mondros and Scott Wilson is a 320-page book, available from Columbia Univ. Press, 800/944-8648. Copies are \$22.50.

☐ REINVENTING COMMUNITIES: *Reinventing Citizenship Instruction and Reinventing Community Life -- Old Dilemmas, New Visions*, by Ed Kissam (Box 2041, Sebastapol, CA 95473, 707/829-5696), are available from him. No prices listed.

☐ PUBLIC HOSPITALS: *America's Urban Safety Net Hospitals: Meeting the Needs of Our Most Vulnerable Populations*, by Caren Ginsburg and others, is a 71-page report from the National Association of Public Hospitals, 1212 New York Ave. N.W. #800, Wash., DC 20005, 202/408-0223. No price listed.

☐ PHILANTHROPY STUDY: The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (2001 S St. N.W. #620, Wash., DC 20009, 202/387-9177) has issued the first in a projected seven-volume study on corporate grantmaking by sectors to racial and ethnic populations. The top 19 profit-making corporations are profiled in the initial volume. Contact the NCRP on price.

☐ PNER INSIGHT/CHILE: From Bill Siembieda (School of Architecture and Planning, Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131): I just returned from Chile, working with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning and the UN Urban Management Program. I wanted to share my impressions before they had to stand the test of reality:

Chile is emerging from years of military rule, and trying to establish new forms of democratic praxis. None of this is easy, as old ways die hard. However, in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning, there is a strong desire and a set of actions to decentralize decision making and resource allocation to the regional (metropolitan) and local levels.

New legislation establishes regional and metropolitan councils with resources to allocate among their constituents. As part of the still-emerging and -debated national urban policy, "participation" is given a high profile as follows: "People's participation in decision making is a prerequisite to a modern democracy and to a better form of managing the state, and this should be accomplished first and foremost at the regional and local levels."

If this can be achieved, and the poor be given a meaningful

## Planning-Help Wanted

In September, *Planners Network* will add a feature on projects and problems with which community organizations need planning help.

As was clear at PN's May 20-22 conference, Networkers have skills in all areas of planning, and in working with grassroots organizations, nonprofits, and educational institutions. Many Networkers also work with planning students, who can provide valuable research and field work. In addition, Networkers can be a good source of information and skills.

We invite community organizations across the country to use this coming newsletter feature to make connections with PNers who may be interested and responsive to the organizations' needs.

role in local decision making, Chile will have accomplished a great deal. In such matters, we seek the test of time.

☐ **SISTER COMMUNITIES:** The United States-South Africa Sister Community Project (3254 Adeline St., Berkeley, CA 94703, 510/601-7635) links U.S. communities and disadvantaged communities in South Africa, looking for international assistance. The 11 participating U.S. cities to date include Atlanta, Berkeley, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Louisville, Memphis, Milwaukee, Phoenix, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Paul, and Wichita.

☐ **GRANTS/HOMELESS VETERANS:** July 17 is the deadline for grant applications from nonprofit and public providers of services to homeless veterans under a \$5.5-million program from the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20420. Details: Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences Service, 202/535-7313.

☐ **HEALTH CARE/U.S.:** *Beyond Crisis: Confronting Health Care in the U.S.*, edited by Nancy McKenzie, is a 702-page Health-PAC book (Meridian), with a Foreword by Barbara Ehrenreich. Copies are \$19.95.

☐ **NEIGHBORHOODS/ORGANIZING:** *Organizing in Hard Times: Labor and Neighborhoods in Hartford*, by Louise Simmons, is available from Temple Univ. Press, Philadelphia, PA 19122, 800/447-1656. Copies are \$16.95.

☐ **ECOLOGY CENTER:** The Lost Valley Educational Center (81868 Lost Valley Ln., Dexter, OR 97431, 503/937-3351) maintains an intentional community and operates an ecological conference center, with a goal of creating and fostering mutually beneficial relations between humans and all parts of the web of existence. It also publishes a newsletter, *Lost Valley News*.

☐ **ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM:** *Southern Exposure* magazine (Institute for Southern Studies, Box 531, Durham, NC 27702) has published a special "Clean Dream" issue on environmental racism in the South. Single copies are \$6;

subscriptions are \$24.

☐ **POLICY REPORTS:** The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash., DC 20002, 202/408-1080) has issued a series of policy reports: *A Tale of Two Futures: Restructuring California's Finances To Boost Economic Growth* (120 pages); *Funding for Low-Income Programs in FY 1994* (16 pages); *Mandate Relief for State and Local Governments* (12 pages). Contact the Center on prices.

☐ **BASE CLOSINGS/CLEAN UP:** The Center for Economic Conversion (222 View St. #C, Mountain View, CA 94041, 415/968-8798) has published a 75-page report, *A Citizen's Guide to Military Base Clean-up and Conversion*, focusing on a conversion planning process for easing the economic pain of a base closure and building a healthy community. Copies are \$18.

☐ **LAND USE/PROPERTY TAXES:** The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (113 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA 02138, 617/661-3016) has issued its 1994-95 publications catalogue on land use and property tax issues. New listings include *New Visions for Metropolitan America*, by Anthony Downs (220 pages, \$22.95); and *Legal Issues in Property Valuation and Taxation: Cases and Materials*, by Joan M. Youngman (300 pages, \$37.95).

☐ **HOUSING COSTS/MAINE:** The Homeless Crisis Hotline (Hospitality House, Box 62, Hinkley, ME 04944) is working with low-income families in federally mandated mixed-income buildings where developers have installed high-operating cost (often, electric) utility systems. As a result, monthly utility bills soar beyond the families' means.

☐ **AFFORDABLE HOUSING/RURAL:** From Ryan Walker (Box 302, Cascade Locks, OR 97014): I've seen a few subdivisions in rural and forested areas that don't have paved streets or sidewalks. The lot prices are quite a bit lower than city residential lots. Letting people spend their money first on a mobile home or RV makes sense to me. Paying for paved streets and sidewalks later, after getting established, makes more sense. Any comments?

☐ **SÃO PAULO CASE STUDY:** *Social Struggles and the City: The Case of São Paulo*, a 269-page book edited by Lúcio Kowarick, includes contributions from nine of Brazil's leading urban scholars on the dynamics of the city's growth-driven social and economic change, and their effect on organized participatory action by the urban poor. Publisher: Monthly Review Press, 122 W. 27th St., New York, NY 10001.

☐ **ECONOMICS OF FARMING:** *Farming Operations and Households in Farming Areas: A Closer Look*, by Robert A. Hoppe, is a 32-page report from the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service on farm businesses and farm operator households in three sets of U.S. counties: farming-dependent counties, major-farming counties, and all other counties. Copies are \$9, from: ERS-NASS, 341 Victory Dr., Herndon, VA 22070, 800/999-6779.



## Upcoming Conferences

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□ **PARENTS FORUM** (Box 1012, Cambridge, MA 02140), a prize-winning volunteer program of parent education, will hold a pot-luck picnic July 17 in Danehy Park, Cambridge. Details: 617/864-3802.

□ **ACCESSING DATA:** The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (900 Second St. N.E. #304, Wash., DC 20002, 202/289-1685) will hold a "Citizen Access Day" as part of its 32nd annual conference August 7-11 in Milwaukee. The goal is to help community groups gain access to data.

□ **CIVIL RIGHTS/POST-GOP:** "Race Relations and Civil Rights in the Post Reagan-Bush Era" is the topic of an October 16-19 conference at the Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice at the Univ. of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute (Minneapolis, MN 55455). Details: Samuel Myers/Pamela Kozlowski, 612/626-9496.

□ **WELFARE REFORM:** "Talking Welfare Reform" is a July 17-18 conference in Wash., DC, for advocates and recipients on changing federal welfare programs. Details: Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law, 275 Seventh Ave. 6th Flr., New York, NY 10001, 212/633-6967.

□ **HOUSING CO-OPS:** The National Association of Housing Cooperatives (1614 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314, 703/549-5201) will hold its 34th annual conference October 26-30 in New Orleans. Details: Marcia Egge.

□ **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:** The Citizens Network for Sustainable Development is sponsoring a conference July 20-24 in Davenport, IA, on "Two Years after UNCED: Exploring Partnerships for Sustainable Development." Details: Patrick Frese, 319/324-4941.

□ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** "Yesterday's Dream, Tomorrow's Design" is the topic of the 26th annual conference July 23-28 in Lincoln, NE, of the Community Development Society, 209 Mussehl Hall, Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68583, 402/472-3674.

## Calls for Papers

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□ **URBAN AFFAIRS:** The Urban Affairs Association has issued a call for papers and workshop proposals for its 25th annual meeting, "Urban Continuities, Urban Change: Celebrating 25 Years of UAA," May 3-6, 1995, in Portland, OR. Contact: Program Co-Chairs Bob Waste, Levin College of Urban Studies, Cleveland State Univ., Cleveland, OH 44115, 216/687-2136, fax 216/687-9239, e-mail: [rwaste@cua3.csuohio.edu](mailto:rwaste@cua3.csuohio.edu); or Judy Garber, 403/492-5859, fax 403/492-2586, e-mail: [jgarver@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca](mailto:jgarver@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca).

## Jobs

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□ **PN REMINDER:** Some of the jobs we list may have application deadlines earlier than when you receive the newsletter. But deadlines sometimes can be adjusted. So we urge you to phone first, if a number is listed, and check on the deadline schedule.

□ **CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR:** The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash., DC 20002, 202/408-1080) has an opening for a Coordinator for its Earned Income Credit Campaign. Contact: Iris Lav.

□ **RESEARCH/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** The Center for Urban Policy Research at Rutgers Univ. (Box 489, Piscataway, NJ 08855) will probably (foundation grant expected) have a job opening as of July 1 for a person to do research for and with community-based organizations in New Jersey. Research will be in some of the following areas: economic development, urban policy, urban poverty, housing, land use, public economics, and the environment. Contact: PNER Norman Glickman, Director, 908/932-3134, fax 908/932-3134, e-mail: [glickman@zodiac.rutgers.edu](mailto:glickman@zodiac.rutgers.edu).

□ **JUSTICE/RACISM:** The Washington Peace Center (2111 Florida Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20008, 202/234-2000) is seeking a staff person to provide leadership in carrying out its work against racism and for justice.

□ **PROGRAM MANAGER:** Women Work! (The National Network for Women's Employment, 1625 K St. N.W. #300, Wash., DC 20006, 202/467-6346) is seeking a Manager (\$26,000) and a Managerial Assistant (\$21,000) for Program and Policy Development.

□ **PROJECT DIRECTOR:** The ACORN Housing Corp. (117 W. Harrison 2nd Flr., Chicago, IL 60605) is seeking a Chicago Project Director to oversee completion of its housing development work in the city. Salary is negotiable. Contact: Search Committee, c/o MS.

□ **DIRECTOR:** Good News Housing (1043 Broad St., Providence, RI 02905) is seeking a Director to manage and direct its low-income affordable housing programs. Contact: Personnel Committee.

□ **PROGRAM ASSOCIATE:** The National Association for Public Interest Law (1118 22nd St. N.W. 3rd Flr., Wash., DC 20037) is seeking a Program Associate for its Fellowships for Equal Justice Program. Salary is in the \$20s.

□ **HOUSING MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR:** S.R.O. Housing Corp. (311 S. Spring St. #1110, Los Angeles, CA 90013, 213/229-9640) is seeking a Director of Housing Management, who will be supervising 83 employees and 700 units in 12 hotels. Salary is \$40,000.

□ **ECONOMIC JUSTICE:** The American Friends Service Committee (1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102) has an opening for a National Representative for Economic Justice in its Community Relations Division. Salary is \$32,815+.

Contact: Lydia Wilcox, 215/241-7123.

☐ NEF STAFF: The National Equity Fund (547 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60661) has openings for a Staff Attorney and Portfolio Manager in its Chicago headquarters office. Contact: Valerie R. Mercer, Director of Personnel.

☐ LISC STAFF: The Local Initiatives Support Corp. (733 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017) has openings in its New York office for a PC Trainer/Coordinator and an Assistant Loan Administrator. Contact: Mary Jo Allen, Vice President for Human Resources, 212/455-9856.

☐ PROJECT DIRECTOR: CLUSTER Inc. (Box 281, Yonkers, NY 10703, 914/963-6440, fax 914/963-4566), a nonprofit community-based organization, and VIA PACE of Pace Univ. are seeking a Community Project Director for a community action research project on neighborhood housing and health needs. Salary is \$23,000. Contact: Derek Denckla.

☐ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence (191 E. 3rd St., New York, NY 10009, 212/473-6485) is seeking an Executive Director.

☐ DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: The National Low Income Housing Coalition/Low Income Housing Information Service (1012 14th St. N.W. #1200, Wash., DC 20005, 202/662-1530)

is seeking a Development Director with foundation, corporate, and individual donor fundraising and membership development experience. Salary is up to \$50,000. Contact: Frances Williams.

## Etcetera

☐ SEPTEMBER DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the next *Planners Network* is Friday, September 2. We look forward to hearing from as many Networkers as possible. As always, our thanks to those who can type their notes. It reduces our chances of misreading what you write.

Arrival deadline for PN #107 copy: Friday, September 2.

☐ TALK UP PN: Please don't be shy about sharing news of the Planners Network with others. Let them know about us. Probably the best outreach we have is when you educate and recruit your friends, co-workers, acquaintances, and others. We have a good, one-page introductory sheet, "The Planners Network -- What It Is," which we can send you in any quantity you wish. "What It Is" includes a statement of our principles, a brief organizational history, a list of Steering Committee members (who double as regional contacts), and how to calculate contributions.

## The Planners Network

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

We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and developing the environment to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, jobs, safe working conditions, and a healthful environment. We advocate public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven incapable of doing so.

We oppose the economic structure of our society, which values profit and property rights over human rights and needs. This system perpetuates the inequalities of class, race, sex, and age which distort human relationship and limit the potential for a decent quality of life. We advocate a shift in current national budget priorities to favor human services, social production and environmental protection over military and other nonproductive expenditures.

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 forces which affect their lives.

The Planners Network Newsletter is published six times a year as the principal means of communication among Network members. Annual financial contributions are voluntary, but we need funds for operating expenses. The Steering Committee has recommended the following amounts as minimums for Network members: \$15 for students and unemployed; graduated payments for the employed of \$25 plus \$1 for each \$1,000 earned above \$10,000.

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☐ **PERSONAL UPDATES:** There are a number of short communications in this issue from Network members, letting us

know about new jobs, projects, what's happening in their lives, etc. We encourage this. Sharing this kind of "where-I'm-at" information helps create a sense of community, provide contact, and generate support.

☐ **"CALL" STATEMENT:** We have a one-page, broadside version of the "Call for Social Responsibility in the Planning and Building Professions," which appeared in PN #49. Copies are available on request. It makes a good addition to "The Planners Network -- What It Is" in recruiting members.

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