Planners Network 1996: A National Conference on Community Planning and Policy

by Tom Angotti

Since Planners Network was founded in 1975, the entire political spectrum has moved to the right. A suburban majority dominates the national political scene, and everything urban is being marginalized and degraded. Planning is now equated with big government, and all public regulation is blamed for the worst sins of planners, and even the sins of the market. In a world that is supposedly moving towards the “paradise” of an unbridled freemarket, the ideas of planning and urban policy are seen as radical indeed.

Today, we need to find ways to reestablish the hopes and expectations of a progressive approach to the planning of communities.

Legislative Alert: CRA Under Attack

The House Banking Committee approved the “Financial Institutions Regulatory Relief Act of 1995” in August, which would effectively repeal the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). Under the new guidelines, members of the public would no longer be able to protest or challenge mergers and acquisitions of banks, all banks with assets under $100 million would be exempt from the CRA, and lenders with between $100 and $230 million in assets would be able to “self-certify” themselves for what remains of the CRA. All together, 88% of lending institutions would be exempt from CRA requirements. The National Community Reinvestment Coalition is calling on citizens to write their representatives and senators asking them to oppose S. 650 and HR 1858. Call NCRC for more information and sample letters at 202-986-7898.

Planners Network has a new editor and a new format. As of August 1, Winton Pitcoff has taken over responsibility for editing the newsletter and Planners Network administration. Winton has valuable experience as a writer and editor, and has worked with community organizations in Minnesota and elsewhere. He has just begun graduate studies in Urban Planning at Pratt Institute. With Winton, we’re looking forward to a much smoother operation, continuing.
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**New York Planners Network Forums**

The New York Chapter of Planners Network will hold its annual series of forums beginning in October. Topics for the fall session are:

- October 13 • 197-A Planning
- November 3 • Public Housing – Changes to come
- December 1 • Urban environment and participatory planning
- January 13 • Manhattan Planning

All forums begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the Puck Building in Manhattan, 295 Lafayette St.

For more information call Winton at 718-636-3486.

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- **Sustainable Development.** The President's Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD) will meet on October 27 to complete and release the final draft of their three year effort. For more information or to receive copies of the report, write PCSD, 730 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20503; 202/480-6839; pced@igc.apc.org.

- **GDA.** The Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) is showing "demonstrable results," according to an article in National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC)’s summer issue of Reinvestment Works, but Congress is taking steps to effectively gut the act. For the copies of the article, write to the NCRC at 1875 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 1010, Washington, D.C. 20009.

- **Community Development.** Vol. 21, No. 3 of Appropriation Technologies journal focuses on the need for communities to be integral to development processes. Write It Publications Ltd., 105-105 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4HJ, UK; ltdcv@gn.apc.org.

- **EED Report.** Building Communities That Work provides case studies of 16 CDCs from around the country. The book is available from Rapata Associates, 601 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, #850, Washington, DC 20004; 202/393-3034.

- **Grassroots Communities.** Landlinks, the newsletter of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, features an article entitled "Fortress Communities: The Walling and Gating of American Suburbs" in their September issue. For copies contact Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 113 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA 02138-3400, 617/061-3016.

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- **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.** "Racing & Organizing in Appalachia" is a 12-page chapter, by Don Manning-Miller, from Fighting Back in Appalachia: Traditions of Resistance & Change, ed. Stephen L. Fisher (Temple Univ. Press, 1993). For copies, contact the author at PO Box 267, Beron, KY 40403.

- **Organizations.** The "Organizer Mailing" is a valuable quarterly "compilation of published materials designed to provide labor community organizers and leaders, and their friends and allies, with a wide range of materials related to their work." A $4 subscription is $40 for individuals, $50 for organizations, from co-editors Mike Miller & Tim Sampson.

- **Organizational Report.** "The Plain Talk: Planning Year: Mobilizing Communities for Change" is a report prepared for the Annie Casey Foundation. By Lauren Knetoff, Phoebe Reaf & Michelle Alberti Gambone. Copies of the 7-page, Spring 1995 Executive Summary, or of the full report, are available from the Foundation, 701 St. Paul St., Baltimore, MD 21202, 410/547-6600.

- **Socially Responsible Banking.** "BankRight: A Guide to Socially Responsible Banking," a community reinvestment guide for bank customers (28 pp.), is available ($5) from McAlister Inst., 330 Coleyville Rd., #310, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301/588-8110.


- **Community Development.** The Underbelly of the U.S. Economy: Joblessness & the Proposition of Work in America, by David Denny & Ward Monmouth (46 pp., 1995), is available ($7) from the Council on International & Public Affairs, 777 UN Plaza, Suite 3C, NY 10017, 212/364-2739.

- **Wworners.** "Workfare in NY State" is a report by Rachel Leon of the Hunger Action Network of NY State, using data from New York State, Social Services & interviews with workfare administrators from 10 county welfare offices. $5 from HANNSY, 518/434-7371.

- **Wworners.** "Environmental Justice, Race, Poverty & the Environment," a "journal for social & environmental justice," is a quarterly jointly produced by the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation’s Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment and the Urban Habitat Program. Co-editors are Carl Anthony & Luke Cole. Subscriptions are free for low-income persons & community groups, $30 for institutions, $15 others, from the Earth Island Institute, 428, San Francisco, CA 94133. The Fall 1994/Winter 1995 issue was devoted to "Environmental Justice & the Law."

- **Wworners.** "From Apparatchik, a quarterly newsletter about sustainable forestry, organic gardening, appropriate technology, and ecological living for the Pacific Northwest and beyond, is available for $30 per year from Aprovoche Research Center, 80574 Hazelton Rd., Cottage Grove, OR 97424; 503/942-8198.

- **Wworners.** Sustainable Economics of North Dakota (SEND), led by PVR & Leslie Ludden, is proposing that decommisioned missile sites in that state be used for wind towers. For more information contact SEND, 1723 6th St, Fargo, ND 58103; 701/232-2164.


- **Community Environment.** Where We Live: A Citizen’s Guide to Conducting a Community Environmental Inventory, by Donald Hacker & Elizabeth Ungar Natter (366 pp., 1994), is available ($23.20) from Island Press, Box 7, Dept. SAUL, Covelo, CA 95428; 800/828-1302.

**Halth Care**

- **Health Care/Economics Revitalization.** The Community Information Exchange’s Spring/Summer issue of Strategy Alert was entitiled “BE: Economic Revitalization?” and focused on the need for health to take a prominent place in community development agendas. For copies, send $9 to Community Information Exchange, 1029 Vermont Ave., NW, Suite 710, Washington, DC 20005. Or call 202/288-2981. Also available from CEIE is “Case Studies in Economics Revitalization and Health Care” for $15.

- **Foster Care Reform.** “Foster Care: Health Needs of Many Young Children Are Unknown & Unmet” is a 36-page, May 1995 GAO report (GAO/HRD-95-114). From the USGAO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20878-6015; 202/512-0066.

- **Medical Cuts.** “Hurtling Real People: The Human Impact of Medicaid Cuts” is a 36-page, June 1995 report from Families USA, 1334 G St. NW, Wash. DC 20005; 202/628-3030; $10.

- **Medical/Medicaid Cuts.** Families USA, in cooperation with the Save Our Security Coalition, is organizing a grassroots mobilization to influence the Medicare/Medicaid flight. It has a flyer intended to generate phone calls to Congress and a postcard to President Clinton urging him to use his veto power to protect health programs. The cards are free. Call SOS at 202/747-8800, x369.

- **Medical/Medicaid Cuts.** “State Impacts of the Reduction in Federal Medicaid Spending Called for in the Budget Resolution” (3 pp., July 1995) and “Comparing the Options for Achieving Federal Medicaid Savings” (7 pp., July 1995), both by Cindy Mann & Richard Kogan; “Design Flexibility & Funding Flexibility in the Medicaid Program,” by Richard
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- Community Economics. Chaos or Community? Seeking Solutions, Not Scapegrounds, for Bad Economies, by Holly Sklar (221 pp., 1995), is available ($15) from South End Press, 116 St. Botolph St., Boston, MA 02111; 617/266-0629.

- HUD Newsletter. Community Connections is a newsletter put out by HUD Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning & Development, Washington, DC 20410-7000. The July 1995 issue details the various CPD programs and grants.


- Grassroots Organizing. Reinvesting in America: The Grassroots Movements That Are Feeding the Hungry. Housing the Homeless & Putting Americans Back to Work, by Robin Garr, has been published by Addison-Wesley, 105 1st Ave., NY, NY 10003; 800/447-2226, $23.


- EMPLOYMENT / JOBS POLICY


- Jobs, Income & Work: Rainy Trends, Urgent Alternatives, by Holly Sklar (1955), is available ($10) from the American Friends Service Committee, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19120; 215/241-7048. Contact them for their 1995-96 Literature Catalog.


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**HOUSEING**

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The Council of Large Public Housing Authorities has released its report entitled

"Demographic Characteristics of Public and Indian Housing Residents," a report compiling information on the 1.27 million families that live in public and Indian housing units. Twenty-one from CLPHA, 601 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20004; 202/638-1300.

**Homestead Organization Manual**

The "Advocacy Peer Council Manual" has been published by a homeless self-help group to assist homeless and low-income people to organize themselves into Advocacy Peer Councils. 72nd and the Indiana Coak for Housing and Homestead Issues, 902 N. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204; 317/636-8195.

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Families (175 pp., May 1995) tells the stories of poor families from the U.S., Guatemala, Thailand, Burkins Faso & Germany, "showing why poor people should be considered the principal partners in their liberation from poverty," $14.40 from Fourth World Publications, 7600 Willow Dr, Landover, MD 20785; 301/336-7489. Other publications on poverty also available from them.

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**RACE / RACISM**

- **Racial Diversity:** "How Shall We Measure Our Nation's Diversity?" by Suzanne Ehringer, appeared in the Winter 1995 issue of Change, the publication of the Amer. Statistical Association, along with "Black, White, and Shades of Gray (and Brown & Yellow)," by Margo Anderson & Stephen Feinberg. The two articles deal with how the 2000 Census will define the population. The 12-page two-some is available from The Poverty and Race Research Action Council, 1711 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 207 Washington, DC 20009, for a SASE (55c).

- **Dispensary Support:** The Diversity Initiative is a funding collaborative designed to "support the efforts of nonprofits to become more diverse and better reflect the multiculturalism of the Greater Boston area." A request for support is available from Tyra Sedarby at the Hyams Found., One Boston Place, 32nd flr, Boston, MA 02108; 617/720-2238, tsedarby@world.md

- **The Politics of Diversity:** The Politics of Diversity: Immigration, Resistance & Change in Monterey Park, Calif., by John Hrton (273 pp., 1995), has just been published by Temple University Press, Broad & Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19122; 215/204-8778. Monterey Park — advertised in Asia as "The Chinese Beverly Hills" — is apparently the only US city to have a majority Asian-American population, a development that has triggered a sharp "English only" and slow-growth movement by the Anglo population.

- **Transportation**

- **Let's Buy the Cars:** What do cars and dogs have in common? They both make city living less pleasant, according to Dr. Adler. Car owners should have to clean up after their vehicles just like dog owners, he says, and the use of Vehicular Urban Toll Tunnels — buying traffic below ground — should be more closely examined. For more information, write Greenpeace Enterprises, Box 20329 Cathedral, New York, NY 10025; 212/663-2167.

- **Residential Transportation Access:** The Quarterly Journal of Mobility Partners reports on alternative transportation systems. Write to them for information at 1400 16th St. NW, Washington DC 20006; 202/939-5470, sotp@igc.org.

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- **Sustainable Transportation:** A new collection of essays entitled Transportation and Energy: Strategies for a Sustainable Transportation System is available from American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, 2140 Shattuck Ave., Ste. 202, Berkeley, CA 94704. Cost is $32.

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- **Planners Planning:** The Politics of Blame: Family Planning, Abortion & the Poor" by Patricia Donovan (48 pp., 1995), is available from the Alan Guttmacher Institute, 120 Wall St, New York, NY 10005; 212/248-1111.

**DEMOGRAPHICS:** "Kids Count Data Book: State Profiles of Child Well-Being, 1995" (168 pp.) is available (likely free) from the Annie Casey Found., 701 St. Paul St, Baltimore, MD 21202; 410/223-2890.

- **Poverty and Reproduction:** "Poverty, Women & Reproduction" (20 pp., 1995) "is a Catholics for Free Choice Position Paper on Welfare Reform." Available (possibly free) from CFCFCC, 1436 U St. NW., Washington, DC 20009;9977; 202/696-8693; cfc@cfc-apc.org.

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Families (175 pp., May 1995) tells the stories of poor families from the U.S., Guatemala, Thailand, Burkina Faso & Germany, "showing why poor people should be considered the principal partners in their liberation from poverty," $14.40 from Fourth World Publications, 7600 Willow Dr., Landover, MD 20785; 301/336-7489. Other publications on poverty also available from them.

WILLIAM REFORM. "Welfare Reform: An Analysis of the Issues," by Ira London (72 pp., Summer 1995); and "The Paradox of the various "Welfare Briefs" listed in this and previous issues of PDR (plus an introductory essay by Sawhill), is available (no price listed) from The Urban Institute, 2100 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20037; 202/785-5867.

MISSISSIPPI Cycle of Poverty. "Welfare to Work: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty" (which concludes that "the overridng picture that emerges from this survey is of a significant group of poor families who have a good work ethic. Parents either can’t find a job or lack the ability to earn enough to support a family") is available (no price listed) from the Children’s Policy Institute of W. Virginia, PO Box 4387, 1116B Kanawha Blvd. E. Charleston, WV 25364; 304/344-3970.

AFDC Training Program. "Welfare to Work: Most AFDC Training Programs Not Emphasizing Job Placement" (66 pp., May 1995, GAO/HEHS-95-113) is available, free, from USGAO, PO Box 6015,Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015; 202/512-6000.

RACE / RACISM

MEASURING DIVERSITY. "How Shall We Measure Our Nation’s Diversity," by Suzie Evinger, appeared in the Winter 1995 issue of Change, the publication of the Amer. Statistical Assn. Along with "Black, White, Shade(s) of Gray (and Brown & Yellow)," by Margo Anderson & Stephen Fienberg. The two articles deal with how the 2000 Census will define the population. The 12-page two-some is available from The Poverty and Race Research Action Council, 1711 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 207 Washington, DC 20009, with a SASE (55c).

HORNET SUPPORT. The Diversity Initiative is a funding collaborative designed to "support the efforts of nonprofits to become more diverse and better reflect the multiculturalism of the Greater Boston area." A report about what that effort is about in available from Tanya Sadyera at the Harvard Found., One Boston Place, 32nd flr., Boston, MA 02108; 617/720-2238; tsvdier@world.std.com.


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- **Public Interest.** “What Ought To Be, Can Be: A Vision for Communities” is the 14th annual Enterprise Network Conference sponsored by the Enterprise Foundation, October 26-28 in DC, preceded by a pre-conference, training activities, Oct. 23-25. Information from Enterprise, PO Box 903, Columbia, MD 21044-6903; 410/715-2297.

- **Reinvent Your Neighborhood.** The National Student Campaign Against Hunger & Homelessness is holding its 9th annual Leadership Conference, November 2-4 in Tallahassee, Inf. from the Campaign, 11963 Venice Blvd., #408, Los Angeles, CA 90066; 800/NO-HUNGER, x324.

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- **Conference.** “Community Development & Child Care Forum,” sponsored by the National Economic Development & Law Center, will be held October 8-9 in Portland, OR. Information from the Center, 2201 Broadway, #B15, Oakland, CA 94612; 510/252-2600; HandinHand@nhs.org.

- **Conference.** The 16th International Pedestrian Conference will be held October 3-5 in Haifa, Israel. For more information on "Balancing Growth with Quality of Life," call 303/441-4260.

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- **Conference.** The Student Environmental Action Coalition is holding its 4th national conference Oct. 13-15 in Chapel Hill, NC. Invited speakers include Dolores Huerta, Winona LaDuke, Myrille Evers-Williams, Barbara Dudley, Michael Moore, Richard Perry, Peggy Salka & Judi Bari. Information from SEAC, PO Box 1168, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-1168; 919/867-4600; seac@jnu.edu.

- **Conference.** "Promoting Prenatal Care: Strengthening Linkages & Empowering Communities" is the national biennial conference of the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition, October 13-15 in Atlanta, GA. Info. from HMHC, 409 12th St, SW, Wash, DC 20033-2188; 202/876-2552.
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PROJECT DIRECTOR/New York. Hunter College Center for Occupational and Environmental Health is hiring a Project Director for its Hazards Material Worker Health & Safety Training Program. For more information contact Micki Siegel, Hunter College Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, 425 E 25th St, Box 612, New York, NY 10010.

Director/New York. The City University of New York is hiring a Director for the Bronx Environmental Assessment and Training Project. For more information contact Deal Avilda Orta, Division of Planning, Hostos Community College, 50 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.

Business Strategies/Metro. Neighborhood preservation organization in Northwest Bronx seeks housing specialist to develop revitalization program emphasizing management and financial counseling to owners of residential properties. Writing sample and resume to Executive Director, Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation, 5760 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10463; 718/543-7100.

State President/Philadelphia. The National Community Reinvestment Coalition is seeking a Vice President for Program and Administration. Responsibilities include developing and administering all projects and programs, as well as working in fundraising. Resume, references, and writing sample to John Taylor, President, NCRC, 1875 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 1010, Washington, DC 20009; 202/986-7898.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOPS

Receive Training. SALSA (Social Action & Leadership School for Activists) of the Institute for Policy Studies, is holding its fall semester. Classes include “Fundraising for Communities of Color” (Phil Nash); “Interacting with a Hostile Congress” (Danny Weiss); “Media Advocacy” (Phil Willner). For a catalog, contact SALSA/IPS, 1601 Connecticut Ave. NW, 5th flr, Washington, DC 20009; 202/234-9382, x229.


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Reinvestment Neighborhood Training. The Neighborhood Reinvestment Training Institute (NRTI) will hold its fall training October 30 - November 3 in Oakland, CA. Over 50 courses will be offered, ranging from general economic development to leadership and management. For more information contact NRTI, 1325 G Street NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005; 800/438-5547.

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American Cities. “Saving America’s Cities: Pay Now or Pay Later” is the National Housing Conference’s Fall Policy Conf., November 3-4 in Chicago. Information from the NHC, 815 15th St. NW, #711, Washington, DC 20005; 202/393-5772; nchc@nhc.org

Communications/Technology. “Cooperative Strategies and Solutions: Growing a National Infrastructure,” organized by national leaders in nonprofit communications and technology, will be held in Alexandria, VA November 7-8. Cooperative Strategies and Solutions, c/o Galaxy Classics, PO Box 3867, Frederick, MD 21705.

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- National urban policy
- Urban impacts of globalization

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SEPTEMBER, 1995

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Home Phone______________________ Fax______________________
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Please indicate your interests and your situation: (OPTIONAL)

I'm particularly interested in (check all that apply):  □ Community development
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Planners Network Project on a Progressive National Urban Policy

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As with other recent United Nations conferences, such as the Rio conference on the environment and the China conference on women, U.N. conferences are no longer exclusive events in which the public discussions are dominated by professional diplomats and bureaucrats. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) involved in community development, housing, local economic development, transportation and many other grassroots initiatives are going to Istanbul and participating in the public forums there.

The Planners Network project will seek to develop a progressive agenda for cities on a global scale that reflects the interests and needs of the majority of urban dwellers throughout the world who are poor, live in substandard housing and have inadequate services. The analysis will consider the urban impacts of globalization and the structural adjustment programs mandated by international lending institutions. It will entail a critical examination of the official positions taken by the United States delegations to Habitat II, and delegations from other "developed" nations. Project participants will seek to make contact with NGOs preparing for Habitat, engage in discussions with them, and analyze their positions. They will participate in the Preparatory Conference meetings to be held in New York in February, 1996.

The end product of the project will be a position paper or series of position papers to be submitted by Planners Network at the Habitat II conference. The Planners Network National Conference will include workshops to discuss the Habitat II Conference and its outcome.

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LAST CHANCE!
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