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 relationships and limit the potential for a decent quality of life. We advocate a shift in current national budgetary 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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Hoffman interprets the history of activist planners in terms of two dynamics, each concerning a different aspect of professional activism.

The first involves an ambivalence about knowledge. On one hand, significant knowledge can be a significant advantage. The public believes that those who know the most should work on important problems. On the other hand, autonomous practice is not democratic. Some activists concluded that, if technical knowledge created endogenous roles, then they should either transmit the knowledge to others or give it up altogether.

The second dynamic, related to autonomy, is about uncertainty. Because technical experts work autonomously, they risk misunderstanding community problems. On the other hand, planners working with community groups found themselves serving ends which seemed co-operative reactionary—which didn't make sense in terms of their political knowledge.

A third response, represented by the Urban Underground, the New York City Civil Service Employees Technical Guild, and the UPA, Homefront, and Planners Network, developed from disenchantment with the seeming alienation of empowered communities working within basic structures that were rigged against them. Planners thus tried to create a new community to create responsive institutions.

In short, Hoffman charts a move from (i) using privileged technical knowledge to work with clients, to (ii) abandoning technical knowledge and embracing a political and planning model of community groups, to (iii) reasserting (paradoxically) the primacy of esoteric knowledge, now political ecology, to (iv) creating, to define positions for constituents.

What explains this progression? One interpretation, offered by some activists, would emphasize learning from experience. A second, which Hoffman emphasizes, concerns the division of labor represented by professionalism. Repeatedly, the case studies show tension between activist professional groups that want to use their expertise to help communities and communities which often feel that planners lack the technical knowledge, rather than the technical resources. Knowledgeable professionals can help solve problems only if they have clients that they trust.

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In its Special Feature, Planners Network presents thoughtful, provocative writings about substantive concerns of the planning profession. Essays typically highlight a single issue, and illuminate it with examples and insights. The Special Feature editor is Bob Beauregard (Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, Forbes Quadangle, Univ. of Pittsburg, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, 412/ 396-7800). We are grateful for Networkers' support of this feature, and encourage continued submissions of suggestions, commentary, and dialogue.

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ENTERPRISE PUBLICATIONS: The Enterprise Founda- tion (500 American City Bldg, Columbia, MD 21044) has issued a 10-side brochure listing a range of publications on such topics as housing production and rehab, working with volunteers, employment counseling, and lease-purchase arrangements.

MEMBER UPDATE: From Networkor Donald E. Briggs (247 South St. #2, Brookline, MA 02144) I have been working on two regional planning projects in southern Western Virginia for the National Park Service, helping with the preparation of development proposals. The public participation processes act as a catalyst for local awareness of resources, focusing on a sense of community, identity and distinction.
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Upcoming Conferences

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STATE LEADERS: The Center for Policy Alternatives (2000 Washington Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20036) has appointed a conference to discuss the future of American life and the impact of Washington policies on the country. The conference will be held on November 14-15 in Washington, DC, with leaders from across the country developing a progressive agenda for the 90s.

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POVERTY/DEVELOPMENT: The Pratt Institute Center for Community and Environmental Development (379 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11205) will sponsor a conference November 1-2 in Long Island City, "Upcoming Poverty through Community Development," marking the Center's 25th anniversary.

Calls for Papers

LIVABLE CITIES: A call for papers has been issued for the ninth international conference February 26-March 2, 1991, in San Francisco, CA. Topics include energy-efficient planning, endangered historic cities, innovative affirmative action, farmers markets as a downtown revival strategy, touring, and urban growth boundaries (among others). Details: Suzanne C. Housburn Leonard, IMCL Conference, Box 7586, Carmel, CA 93921, 408/626-9080.

INTERNATIONAL PLANNING: Planning Transatlantic Global Change and Local Policies (30th anniversary of the 8-12, 1991, conference in Oxford, England, for which a call for papers has been issued by the sponsors, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning and the Association of European Schools of Planning). Besides planning history and theory, topics include Third World development, urban design, and housing and community development (among others). A U.S. contact: David Forkenbrock, Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning, Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242, 319/335-6800.

Regional Roundup

NETWORKS, FORUM, AND OTHER: New York University planners Network and the Forum on Architecture, Planning, and Society, will present PNeRs Peter Marcuse and Margit Mayer as eyewitnesses to "Socialist Housing and the Collapse of East Germany" in a panel on November 16-19 in Mexico City. The event is sponsored by PNeR and the American Planning Association, New York chapter.

JOBS

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

LOS ANGELES HOUSING: The City of Los Angeles is seeking candidates for Senior Housing and Economic Analyst, a new position in the Department of Housing Preservation and Development. The position involves experience in planning, financing and analysis related to low-income affordable housing.

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Affordable Housing, which explores some consequences for affordable housing of reduced reliance on the automobile. Among the ideas: Freeing land from surface parking for affordable housing;转变3-40 zoning from soft to hard; holding the public transit and applying the savings to housing costs; and separating housing and parking costs in multi-family buildings, thus lowering housing costs for public transit users. Contact: PnR Patrick Hare, 301/495-4559.

CONVENTION CENTER/PHILADELPHIA: It's not built yet: The over-half-billion-dollar money pit the Philadelphia city administration wants to build despite the city's pending bankruptcy; and tens of thousands of opponents challenging the project in the courts. An out-of-state class of hotel room taxpayers, who don't go to conventions, filed a 14th Amendment challenge to a hotel room tax, which the Pennsylvania Supreme Court struck down. No U.S. Supreme Court is considering the case. By the PA Supreme, by the Consumers Educative and Protective Association (CEPA) and various local taxpayers, is challenging the city's $800-page Lease and Service Agreement on the public leases. It seems the complete story wasn't told in the "public hearings." For information: PnR Gray Smith, Sylvia House, Juniper & Locust, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215/456-4085.

S.L. BAILOUT: Bailed-Out Thrifts: A Profile of America's Bigger S&L Failures is a 75-page report from the Southern Finance Project (329 Rensselaer, Charlotte, NC 28203, 704/372-7072), which examines who's getting bailed out and the effects of the rescue. No price listed.

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: A New American Dilemma, edited by Julie H. Kryder-Coe and others, brings together research and policy analysis from a conference sponsored by The John Hopkins Institute of Policy Studies. Included are chapters by PN Chair Chester Hartman and Barry Zigas of the National Low Income Housing Coalition: "What Is Wrong with the Housing Market," and "What Is Wrong with Our Housing Programs." Copies are $4.25 (512 pages).

AFFORDABLE HOUSING Bulletin is a newsletter reporting on practitioners, financing, and public policy issues in the affordable housing field. A recent issue featured PN Chair Chester Hartman in a public policy debate over the homeowner mortgage interest deduction. (For a copy: a SASE to PN Central (1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009). Subscriptions are $99, from: Warren, Gorham & Lamont Inc., 210 South St., Boston, MA 02111.


HOUSING TRUST FUNDS: Capacity-Building with Non-profits is a 53-page report from the Trust Fund Project, coordinated by the National Housing Trust Fund. A 12-page report from the Housing Trust Fund Project (507 Shepard St., San Pedro, CA 90731, 213/833-4249.

LISC ANNUAL REPORT: The Local Initiatives Support Corp. (733 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017, 212/455-9282) has published an annual report, reflecting its 1989 activities, Helping Neighbors Build Their Communities.


FANNIE MAE LECTURE GRANTS: Fannie Mae (9900 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20207, phone 800/238-1500) has announced an award competition for three $12,000 grants to accredited four-year colleges and universities for a Spring 1991 lecture series of at least five presentations on homeownership policy. Contact: James H. Carr, Office of Housing Policy Research, 202/752-7787.

BUDGET SUMMIT: The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash. DC 20002, 202/406-1609) has issued a 32-page Analyst of the Budget Summit Agreement announced on September 30. No price listed.

TEENTOWN CONTROLLER/HARLEM: From Abandonment to Hope: Community Households in Harlem, by PnR Jacqueline Leavitt and Susan Saegeert, is a 324-page account of courageous tenants in severely distressed neighborhoods who organize and take control of their buildings. The book also discusses the resulting community household model of organization and leadership, and some plans for its replication. Copies are $38, from: Columbia Univ. Press, 136 S. Broadway, Irvington, NY 10535.

BANNERMAN FELLOWSHIPS: The Charles Bannerman Memorial Fellowship Program, a program of Partnership for Democracy (2355 16th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/875-0030) is seeking applicants for the 1991 Fellowships, which carry a $10,000 stipend for selected activists of color. The application deadline is November 15, 1990.


SOUTH END PRESS (116 St. Botolph St., Boston, MA 02111) has issued a 20-page Fall catalogue of its new and in-stock publications. Among the new titles: Prime-Time Activism: Media Strategies for Organizing, by PnR Charlotte Ryan (270 pages, $12.95).

HOUSING STANDARDS: Housing and Health: APHA- CDC Recommended Minimum Housing Standards, edited by Eric W. Mood, defines the public health requirements of "decent housing," with a view to being adopted as national minimum requirements or as a model housing code (96 pages, $8.50). Contact: American Public Health Association, 1015 15th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20005, 202/789-5000.

CARS VS. HOUSING: The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (Chevy Chase, MD 20815) has prepared a staff report, Trip Reduction...
and requires the office-holder to plan, organize, and direct staff in resolving the city's affordable housing problems and to assist in recommending citywide policies on affordable housing. Contact: Personnel Dept., City Hall South #100, 111 E. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, 213/485-2442.

COMMUNITY FACILITATOR: The Freedom from Hunger Foundation is seeking a Community Facilitator to assist with the expansion of a community-based nutrition and health initiative in the Delta region of Mississippi. Salary is $22,000-$25,000. Contact: PNetra Teresa Lingafelter, PINAH Program Coordinator, Box 531, Greenwood, MS 38930, 601/453-1886.

PRESCHOOL NUTRITION POLICY: The Food Research and Action Center (1319 F St. N.W. #500, Wash. DC 20004, 202/393-5060) has an opening for a Senior Policy Analyst on the special supplemental food program for women, infants and children and on the child care food program. Salary is in the high-20s to low-40s.

IPS DIRECTOR: The Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, DC, is seeking a Director to serve as chief executive officer, with responsibilities for managing staff, formulating a vision toward progressive political change, devising appropriate programs, and fundraising. Salary is based on experience. Contact: Joan Drake, IPS Search Committee, Box 53423, Wash. DC 20009.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The Institute for Community Economics (57 School St., Springfield, MA 01105, 413/546-8660) is seeking an Executive Director with at least 10 years experience in housing development and finance to head ICE's programs, administration, and fundraising. Salary is based on need.

PLANNING FACULTY: The Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Florida State Univ. (Tallahassee, FL 32306) is seeking candidates for two tenure-track faculty positions: a nine-month position at assistant professor level in environmental and natural resources planning, and a nine-month position at assistant professor level in health planning and policy. Contact: Charles E. Connerly, Chair, Academic Personnel Committee.

SOCIAL SERVICES: The SRO Housing Corp. (311 S. Spring St. #1110, Los Angeles, CA 90013, 213/229-9640) has an opening for Director of Social Services to head the group's social services delivery activities, supervise case managers, plan new services, and fundraise. Contact: PNetra Andy Raubeson, Executive Director.

Ex Conferences

COMMUNITY REGENERATION: The Rodale Institute (217 Main St., Emmaus, PA 18098) held a community regeneration workshop September 6 in San Diego on “Creating a Thriving Community.”

LAND TRANSPORTATION: Transportation 2000 (Box 8005, Boulder, CO 80306, 303/494-0243) sponsored a conference October 8-10 in Aspen, CO, on “Innovative Land Transportation in the 21st Century.”

HOUSING LENDING: The National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders (43 Commercial Wharf #9, Boston, MA 02110, 617/742-0532) held a regional conference October 18-19 in Fort Lauderdale, FL, on “Lending Techniques for Affordable Housing: Resources for the 90s.”

RADICAL SCHOLARS: Midwest Radical Scholars and Activists (Box 3034, Chicago, IL 60654, 312/384-8827) held a conference October 19-21 in Chicago on “The Global Crisis.”

LATINOS: Baruch College (17 Lexington Ave. at E. 23rd St.) presented PNetra Frank Bonilla, Director of the Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños, in a CUNY New York City Seminar October 18 on “Latinos, Migration, and Citizenship.”

Etcetera

DECEMBER PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the December Planners Network is Monday, December 3. We look forward to hearing from as many Networkers as possible. As always, our thanks to those who type their notes. It's a great help in production, and it reduces our chances of misreading what you write.

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