

□ **PN FEEDBACK IV:** From PN Chair **Chester Hartman**, a note on the various “whither/wither PN” comments and suggestions which have appeared in recent newsletters, and which continue (below) in this one:

Some of the comments have been complimentary, and we're grateful for those. We also appreciate constructive criticism, and try to respond appropriately.

Some of the comments have gone further, however, and suggested specific possible PN activities, such as conferences and/or regional meetings, for example. You should understand that while it's fine to propose such ideas, none of the suggested activities will happen unless one or more Networkers take the initiative and make it happen.

The Planners Network is a dough which can be used in many ways (as it has been in the past, with PN conferences, forums, technical assistance, study, and projects), but leadership and energy in using the dough have to come from PN members.

We at PN Central will provide whatever support we can, but no more than that. And to give you a realistic idea of what “PN Central” is: We have no office, per se (we use my IPS address/phone); Prentice Bowsher puts in an average two-three days a month on the newsletter, roster, mailing list; I put in at most a day a month. There's little more to be squeezed out of us, in terms of PN time and energy.

I'd be delighted if some of you in Networkland would take some of the proposed suggestions and run with them. I'm also perfectly content to let our enterprise chug along in its present form, as it has for 17 years. The choice is yours.

From **Grace Braley** (2 Highland Pl., Yonkers, NY 10705): I really enjoy the promotion and style of PN.

From **Maryann Leshin** (465 Nabor St., San Leandro, CA 94578): I think PN is fine the way it is. My only complaint might be that issues run heavy with publication listings, rather than “active” items. However, since I've not been much of a contributor myself, this is not a strong complaint.

I'd also be happy to participate in PN-sponsored activities. But since I know I have little free time to get involved in organizing events, and suspect most others are in the same position, my expectations of PN are limited.

□ **FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT:** We have received 38 contributions totaling \$1,148 since the July *Planners Network*. Our thanks to each contributor for your financial support.

With these contributions, our year-to-date figures are \$6,759 from 201 Networkers. But since we mail to nearly 600 Networkers, the numbers make clear that a lot of you are not keeping up with your financial support of PN.

To tell quickly when you last supported PN with a check, look for the date after your name on the mailing label. 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.

Our 1992 year-to-date figures compare to \$8,985 from 273 contributors for the first four issues of 1991.

## Passing the Word

□ **SLAPP RESPONSE:** The First Amendment Project (1611 Telegraph Ave. #1200, Oakland, CA 94612, 510/835-0850) has prepared a 90-page packet of materials on “Fighting SLAPPs (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation),” which are civil lawsuits filed to intimidate activists who attempt to exercise their rights of free speech or petition. Copies are \$10.

□ **AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** *From the Neighborhoods to the Capital Markets* is a 50-page report (with appendices) from the National Task Force on Financing Affordable Housing, which focuses on long-term financing of low- and moderate-income multi-family housing. Report copies: J. Charles Bruse, Allstate Insurance Co., 633 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20004.

□ **HOUSING SEMINAR:** The Housing Environments Research Group (CUNY Graduate School and Univ. Center, 33 W. 42nd St., New York, NY 10036, 212/642-2575) has organized an ongoing academic seminar on housing research and housing policy issues, which began August 31.

□ **HISPANIC MINISTRY:** *Gifts Given/Gifts Received: A Handbook of Resources for Hispanic Ministry*, by PNER Grace Braley, is a resource on developing funding, written to serve leaders of Hispanic ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Copies are \$14.95, from IPH/CONSEJO, c/o Recursos, Box 1328 Port Chester, NY 10573.

□ **HOMELESSNESS/POVERTY:** The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (918 F St. N.W. #412, Wash., DC 20004, 202/638-2535) has available an array of reports, fact sheets, articles, and Congressional testimony, plus a publications list and a monthly newsletter, *In Just Times*.

□ **CHILDREN'S ROLES:** *Children's Participation: From Tokenism to Citizenship*, by Roger A. Hart, is a 44-page report on efforts in selecting countries to encourage children's participation in developing their school, play, and living environments. Copies: UNICEF International Child Development Center, Piazza SS. Annunziata 12, 50122 Florence, Italy.

□ **CAROLINA PLANNING**, published for 18 years by students at the Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, focuses particularly on the southeastern U.S., with recent issues examining housing and community development and waterfront planning. Subscriptions are \$12 a year (two issues) from: Carolina Planning, c/o Dept. of City and Regional Planning, CB#3140, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599.

□ **HOUSING RESEARCH:** *International Housing Markets: What We Know; What We Need To Know*, by Michael Hoffman and others, is a working paper from Fannie Mae's Office of Housing Policy Research (3900 Wisconsin Ave. N.W.,

Wash., DC 20016) on the state and maturity of research on international housing markets. Copies: Steven Hornburg, 202/752-6598.

□ AIDS/CAREGIVING: *Carrying the Torch: The Story of a Volunteer Caregiver in the AIDS Epidemic*, by Networker Tom Vitek (5266 Boyd Ave., Oakland, CA 94618, 510/654-2093), is a memoir of his five years of experience as a volunteer caregiver for a dozen AIDS patients during the early years of the epidemic. Copies are \$10, from Tom Vitek.

□ RAINBOW COALITION: The Rainbow Coalition Inc. (Box 27385, Wash., DC 20005, 202/728-1180) has available copies of speeches, Congressional testimony, and other statements by the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Mark Goldowitz (1611 Telegraph Ave., #1200, Oakland, CA 94612, 510/835-0850): I am the director of the First Amendment Project, which is dedicated to furthering the First Amendment by eradicating SLAPPs, strategic lawsuits against public participation, and by expanding citizen use of public records and open-meeting laws. I would be interested in hearing from other PNers also concerned about these issues.

□ ENVIRONMENT/DEVELOPMENT: *Environment and Development* is a new monthly newsletter from the American Planning Association (1313 E. 60th St., Chicago, IL 60637, 312/955-9100) for planning and development professionals on environmental issues. Subscriptions are \$40.

□ HOMEOWNERSHIP: The Community Information Exchange (1029 Vermont Ave. N.W. #710, Wash., DC 20005, 202/628-2981) has published two books on homeownership: *Making Home Ownership Work for Low- and Moderate-Income First-Time Buyers* (20 pages, \$7), and *Case Studies in Successful Home Ownership for Low- and Moderate-Income First-Time Buyers* (85 pages, \$15).

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Brad Harrington (16-A Olcott St., Somerset, NJ 08873, 908/873-0949): I work for the New Jersey Dept. of Community Affairs' Balanced Housing Program, which provides funds to build affordable housing, in response to the 1973 Mount Laurel case. Additionally, I've also become the staff expert on the federal HOME program. Sadly, the volume of funds is only a couple drops in the bucket of vast housing needs.

□ HOMELESSNESS ISSUES: The National Alliance To End Homelessness Inc. (1518 K St. N.W. #206, Wash., DC 20005, 202/638-4664) has distributed educational materials on homelessness to more than 1,000 candidates for the U.S. House and Senate.

□ FANNIE MAE LECTURE GRANTS: Fannie Mae's Office of Housing Policy Research (3900 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20016, 202/752-4422) has issued grant applications for its Spring 1993 University Colloquium Series on domestic/international housing finance. Three grants of \$15,000 each will be awarded.

□ SCHOLARSHIPS/SINGLE PARENTS: *A Guide To Developing a Scholarship Fund for Single Parents in Your Community* has been prepared by the Arkansas Single Parent

Scholarship Fund Program, 2325 N. Gregg St., Fayetteville, AR 72703, 501/521-1394. The *Guide* is based on PNER Ralph Nesson's eight years' experience in gathering grassroots support for educational incentives helping poor single parents complete their higher education. Copies are \$5.

□ PLANNING/UC-DAVIS: University Extension at UC-Davis (Davis, CA 95616, 916/757-8777) is offering a number of land use planning courses, including certain courses for a Certificate Program in Land Use and Environmental Planning.

□ QUALITY-OF-LIFE: Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, a project of the Tides Foundation (116 New Montgomery St. #220, San Francisco, CA 94105, 415/543-2022), has begun an information campaign for a quality-of-life Constitutional amendment, which would require conservation and responsible use of the nation's natural resources.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Bill Siembieda (Community and Regional Planning Program, Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131, 505/277-5050): For the past year, I've been conducting research on urban land policy in Mexico, with emphasis on land price and supply issues in intermediate-sized cities outside Mexico City.

This fall, I will be teaching land development economics in the Masters of Urban Development Program at the City Univ. of Juarez. The classes will be cross-cultural, with both Mexican students and students from my UNM program. I'd like to hear from anyone with teaching experience in such a setting.

□ BRUNER AWARD: The Bruner Foundation Inc. (560 Broadway, New York, NY 10012, 212/334-9844) is accepting applications for the 1993 Rudy Bruner Award for Excellence in the Urban Environment, which provides a \$50,000 prize for urban places that successfully reconcile social, economic, and aesthetic values throughout the development process.

□ ROOFTOP GARDENS: From Michael Lytton (UVA Consultants, Box 566 Stn. A, Vancouver, BC V6C 2N2, Canada, 604/683-5534): I'm researching rooftop gardening, and compiling structural and horticultural information on both retrofit and purpose-built gardens. Ultimately, rooftop gardens could provide cash crops, serve as amenity space, or offer horticulture therapy.

□ RURAL DEVELOPMENT: *Gearing Up for Success: Organizing a State for Rural Development*, by PNER David Sears and others, lays out 11 key policy choices for states in embarking on rural development. Copies are \$3, from: The Aspen Institute, State Policy Program, 1333 New Hampshire Ave. N.W. #1070, Wash., DC 20036, 202/736-5800.

□ NETWORKER NAMED: PNER Neil Mayer has been named Director of Community Development for the City of Berkeley (2180 Milvia St. 2nd Fl., Berkeley, CA 94704, 510/644-6073), with responsibility for the city's housing, economic development, employment, and energy programs. Previously, he had headed Berkeley's Economic Development Office, and served as Acting Director of Community Development.

□ HOUSING/SENIORS: The American Association of Retired Persons (601 E St. N.W., Wash., DC 20049) has issued a report, *There's No Place Like . . . No Place: Confronting the Problems of the Aging Homeless and Marginally Housed*, and separately,

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# Lo Nuestro of San Antonio

by Robert P. Clark

After three years of community talk, debate, prayer, planning, and no little struggle, Hispanic immigrants in the barrios of San Antonio have produced a full-blown, cooperatively owned Mexican restaurant.

Yet the restaurant of these owner-workers, Lo Nuestro ("Our Own"), is located not in the barrios, but in an upscale section of the city.

And four months into its pioneering venture, Lo Nuestro has gained a promising reception, and its financial projections are right on target.

In contrast, the three years of preparation were certainly not smooth sailing.

It was very difficult to organize the project, and bring it to reality, says Laura Garcia, the chief cook. She is from Mexico City originally, and speaks mostly in Spanish.

Ms. Garcia's recipes—bearing the authentic flavor of Central Mexico—have brought a highly favorable reaction from Lo Nuestro customers, and also from the San Antonio media.

Ms. Garcia and Lucila de la Rosa, manager of the 125-seat restaurant, agree there were many disagreements and obstacles to overcome in bringing the project to fruition, and making it run smoothly.

The project has had strong support and guidance from San Antonio's Christian Base Community Ministry, which combines small-group community self-development with Christian discipleship.

Christian Base Community Ministry is a highly ecumenical operation, sponsored by San Antonio Urban Ministries, a coalition of 35 churches. While its major support comes from the Presbyterian Church, several other church organizations, including United Methodist and Catholic, are also strongly involved. Staff members include Presbyterian, Jesuit, and Mennonite volunteers.

All 16 worker-owners in Lo Nuestro are at least nominally Catholic, and a symbol of their faith is a large image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on one of the restaurant's walls.

A much more dominant and nonsectarian symbol, however, is "El Molcajete

Cosmico," a dramatic mural in bright colors—44 feet long by two stories high. Created chiefly by local artist, poet, and playwright Nephtali DeLeon, the mural depicts the creation of corn by two beautiful Aztec goddesses.

Lo Nuestro had its beginnings when a group of Mexican and Central American amnesty applicants began English courses under the aegis of Christian Base Community Ministry. English appeared essential for the new residents in making headway in their new country, and in becoming eligible for U.S. citizenship.

For the group to embark on any sort of business venture without some English fluency was well nigh impossible. Among other reasons, none of the public agencies offering small business programs was able to deal with applicants who did not speak English.

Even so, the group was determined to make a start. Group members began catering meals, mostly to church groups, and acquired a reputation for good cooking.

In weekly group meetings, using the "See-Think-Act" process of Latin American Christian Base Communities, members identified common concerns—such as jobs without a future, poor wages, no

job benefits, and no decision-making control. And they discussed how they might think about the concerns and act on them.

Through the process, they decided to form a cooperative—the restaurant.

Christian Base Community Ministry found volunteers to give professional help on restaurant management, site selection, lease negotiation, accounting, and public relations. CBCM also assisted with articles of incorporation, by-laws, personnel policies, and the ongoing faith-and-experience mix.

Originally, the group wanted to locate Lo Nuestro in a Hispanic area, and at one point was promised a lease on San Antonio's West Side. But the promise became muddled in bureaucratic confusion, and Lo Nuestro decided to look elsewhere.

In all, the group looked at 47 sites, before locating finally on the city's far North Side, many miles from the members' homes.

Each member pledged \$500 toward initial costs, the cost of their stock share (*accion*), using a patronage system under which the money would be withheld from the owners' prospective dividends.

Lo Nuestro has no employees, and each worker-owner is provided income against the projected profits of the cooperative, according to the amount of time worked.

For capital, a Presbyterian development fund provided \$25,000. The Berakah Fund, an alternative investment fund begun by several Catholic religious orders, chose Lo Nuestro for its first loan. Other individuals and groups donated money and services.

Lo Nuestro was incorporated under Texas law, and began operations in mid-July. With good local newspaper and television publicity, it has had nights with standing-room-only crowds.

Inconsistent service has been one early problem, partly because of language barriers and the unaccustomed work pressure. Restaurant service has proved to be different from home cooking and catering.

The owner-workers also have had problems with work assignments, general policies, and discipline. There is plenty of room for conflict when the managers, workers, and directors are all drawn from the same group of 16. The board of directors has its own officers and committees.

On another front, a current issue involves the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Members of a fundamentalist church

### PN Special Feature

In its Special Feature, *Planners Network* presents thoughtful, provocative writings about substantive concerns and issues in the planning professions. 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 Quadrangle, Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, 412/648-7600; Fax: 412/648-2605).

We are grateful for *Networkers'* support of this feature, and encourage continued ideas, suggestions, commentary, and dialogue.

next door to Lo Nuestro have threatened to boycott the restaurant as long as the statue is there. But if Our Lady goes, a key member of the cooperative has promised he will go also.

"It has been very difficult," says chief cook Garcia. "We have had so much to learn. We have to be patient." Some retreats have been planned for members to talk out the restaurant's problems in a more relaxed setting.

Nonetheless, there is a strong feeling of

family at Lo Nuestro—a feeling that the restaurant is, or should be, a family affair. Actually four families, with two members from each family, account for eight of the 16 members of the co-op.

Whatever its rough spots, Lo Nuestro already has become an example for visitors, who have come from California and Mexico to see the restaurant and to learn about its organization and operation.

The hope in San Antonio is that Lo Nuestro will serve as a model for neigh-

borhood groups in other places—where the sharing of dreams, hopes, and plans can develop leadership and solutions to problems, and bring genuine empowerment to the members.

*Robert P. Clark is a volunteer from San Antonio's First Presbyterian Church, the major sponsor of Christian Base Community Ministry. He was assisted by PNER Wes Hare, 303 S. San Jacinto, San Antonio, TX 78207.*

## Passing the Word

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through its Legal Counsel for the Elderly department, is developing a legal practice manual of housing issues affecting older persons, and seeking advice on the manual's scope and focus.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Ricanne Hadrian (7 Sherwood St., Roslindale, MA 02131): I am a Project Developer at the Neighborhood Development Corporation of Jamaica Plain, which owns and manages the former Heffenreffer Brewery, now converted into a small urban industrial complex, with 26 tenants including the Boston Beer Co. and its "Sam Adams" beer. We also rehab and build new affordable housing, principally limited-equity co-ops. We grapple with the tough issues of combining community organizing and housing development, and I would love to hear from other PNERs facing the same issues.

Personally, I gave birth May 14 to my first child, Annik; and after a summer's parental leave to revel in the magic she weaves into our lives daily, I'm heading back to work this fall. CDCs are doing okay in Boston, despite recession and drastic state cutbacks.

□ RURAL HOMELESSNESS: "Homelessness in Rural Places: Perspectives from Upstate New York," by Janet Fitchen, in the second 1991 *Urban Anthropology* journal calls attention to rural homelessness, and discusses how little is known about the definitions and dimensions of the problem. Copies are \$5, from: The Institute, 86 Centennial Ave., Brockport, NY 14420.

□ HOMELESSNESS GRANTS: The Better Homes Foundation (181 Wells Ave., Newton Center, MA 02139, 617/244-1758) provides grants up to \$20,000 for programs which help families with children transition into a community, and which help children with special needs arising from their living situation.

□ HOMELESSNESS/NEW ENGLAND: The summer 1992 *New England Journal of Public Policy* is a special issue focused on "Homelessness: New England and Beyond," with more than 60 contributors including practitioners, policymakers, advocates, the homeless, and researchers in mental health, housing, economics and sociology. Subscriptions are \$20 (two issues) for individuals, from: New England Journal of Public Policy, McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, Univ. of Massachusetts, Boston, MA 02125.

□ STREET PEOPLE/POLICE: The Police Executive Research Forum (2300 M St. N.W. #910, Wash., DC 20037, 202/466-7820) has issued a report, *Police Responses to Street Persons: Critical Findings*, which surveyed 521 local law enforcement chief executives on the interaction of individual officers with the homeless, departmental policies on street people, and coordination between police departments and other community services.

□ RACE/CITIES: The Center for Urban Policy Research Press (Box 489, Piscataway, NJ 08855, 908/932-3101) has published *The Metropolis in Black and White: Place, Power, and Polarization*, edited by George Galster and Edward W. Hill, with 19 chapters including papers by PNER Norm Krumholz (the Kerner Commission revisited), Ben Harrison (Black wages), Phil Clay (housing), Erol Ricketts (the underclass), and Georgia Persons (racial politics). Copies are \$19.95 (paper).

□ U.S. SISTER CITIES: The spring-summer 1992 *Global Communities* newsletter (Institute for Policy Studies, 1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20009, 202/234-9382) features an update on the more than 700 U.S. communities which now have sister-city ties with the developing nations of Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Subscriptions are \$15.

□ DEMOCRATIC WORKPLACES: *When Workers Decide: Workplace Democracy Takes Root in America*, edited by PNER Len Krimerman and Frank Lindenfeld (\$16.95, paper), and *From the Ground Up: Essays on Grassroots and Workplace Democracy*, by C. George Benello (\$12, paper) are available from Grassroots Economic Organizing, Box 5065, New Haven, CT 06525.

□ RESEARCH QUERY: From James Meehan (25 Haskell St. #2, Allston, MA 02134, 617/782-8516): I'm researching community development in the U.S., and seeking information on organizations involved through practice, finance, or education in economic development at the local level.

## Upcoming Conferences

□ **HOMELESSNESS:** The National Alliance To End Homelessness (1518 K St. N.W. #206, Wash., DC 20005) will hold a conference November 11-13 in neighboring Arlington, VA, with the topic "An Income Primer: Ending Homelessness through Benefits and Employment." Registration is \$185 for Alliance members, \$195 for others.

□ **DEVELOPMENT/COUNTIES:** The National Association for County Community and Economic Development will sponsor a conference October 10-14 in Seattle, WA. Details: Bill Niemeyer, 202/429-5118.

□ **RURAL ISSUES:** The Rural Community Assistance Corp. (916/447-2854) will sponsor a conference November 16-18 in San Francisco, CA.

□ **HOUSING FINANCE:** The Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies (1101 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20036, 202/857-1197) will sponsor a conference November 18-21 in New Orleans, LA. Contact: Bill Niemeyer.

□ **DESIGN/URBAN ISSUES:** The School of Architecture at New Jersey Institute of Technology will sponsor a conference October 23 in Newark, NJ, on "The Dwelling, the City, the Region: Propositions for Urban Housing Policy and Design." PNER Peter Dreier is the keynote speaker; the conference organizer is Networker Tony Schuman. Details: Renada Woodford, 201/596-3080.

□ **HOUSING/MENTAL ILLNESS:** The National Resource Center on Homelessness and Mental Illness (c/o Policy Research Associates, 262 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054, 800/444-7415) is sponsoring with others a conference November 4-6 in New York, NY, on "Opening Doors to Housing for Persons with Severe Mental Illnesses." Registration is \$25.

## Jobs

□ **PN REMINDER:** Some of the jobs we list may have publication 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.

□ **UC-SANTA CRUZ:** The Board of Studies in Environmental Studies at UC-Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz, CA 95064) has openings in two full-time, tenure-track positions: in ecology (#262-923), with expertise in spatial processes; and in environmental economics (#263-923), with an applied policy orientation. Contact: Michael Soule.

□ **ARCHITECTURE/PLANNING DEAN:** The School of Architecture and Planning at the Univ. of New Mexico (Albuquerque, NM 87131) is seeking applicants for Dean, with an appointment becoming effective August 1993. Contact: Search Committee.

□ **CITY MANAGER:** The City of Oxford, OH, is seeking applications for City Manager. Contact: Mayor William B. Snavely, 101 E. High St., Oxford, OH 45056.

□ **HOUSING SPECIALIST:** The Center for Neighborhood Technology (2125 W. North Ave., Chicago, IL 60647, 312/278-4800) is seeking a Cooperative Housing Specialist for its Tenant Ownership Project. Salary is \$25,000-\$30,000.

□ **ICE STAFF:** The Institute for Community Economics (57 School St., Springfield, MA 01105, 413/746-8660) has two staff openings: Revolving Loan Fund Administrator (\$18,000-\$21,000), and Director of Administration and Personnel (\$18,000-\$21,000). Contact: Gail Leondar.

□ **LOAN FUND STAFF:** The New Jersey Community Loan Fund (1 W. State St., Box 1655, Trenton, NJ 08607, 609/989-7766) has two staff openings: Loan Underwriter/Technical Assistance Coordinator, and Investor Outreach Coordinator. Salary for each position based on experience. Contact: Executive Director Anne S. Li.

□ **MICHIGAN STATE:** The Michigan State Univ. Dept. of Political Science (East Lansing, MI 48824) has openings for two teaching faculty positions: a specialist in policy analysis and evaluation, and a specialist on nonprofit organizations. For each position, rank is open, but preference is for a tenure-stream appointment at the Assistant Professor level. Contact: Brian Silver, Dept. Chair.

## Ex Conferences

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**ECONOMIC POLICY:** The Economic Policy Institute (1730 Rhode Island Ave. N.W. #200, Wash., DC 20036) presented a conference September 22 in Washington on "Public Investment and Economic Growth," with economists discussing the economy of the 1990s.

**HOUSING/NEBRASKA:** The Nebraska Affordable Housing Commission (c/o Nebraska Dept. of Economic Development, 301 Centennial Mall S., Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509) sponsored a conference September 15-16 in Kearney, NE, on "Housing Our Community," focused on providing community-based affordable housing through partnerships.

## Etcetera

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**NOVEMBER PN DEADLINE:** The arrival deadline for copy for the September *Planners Network* is Monday, November 2. We look forward to hearing from as many Networkers as possible. As always, our thanks to those who can type their notes. It's a great help in production, and it reduces our chances of misreading what you write.

**Arrival deadline for PN #96 copy: Monday, November 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 the method of calculating contributions.

**MOVING? TELL PN:** When you move, please let us know directly. A thoughtful change-of-address postcard will cost you just 19 cents. On the other hand, if the Post Office returns our (non-forwardable) Third Class newsletter with your new address, which is how we often learn of PNers' moves (we mark the newsletter "Address Correction Requested"), it costs us more. So please help us cut our costs, send us a postcard.

**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, generate support, and generally act like the network we strive to be.

**ADDRESS CHANGES:** Many Networkers seem to move around a lot. When you do, please let us have your old address and zip code as well as your new one. Names (like luggage) sometimes look alike, and we want to be sure we change the right address card. Moreover, our cards are maintained in zip code order (because that's the way the Post Office wants the mail); so if we don't have your old zip code, we can't find your old card, and we wind up paying postage for phantom recipients. So please help us, and send both old and new addresses.

**"CALL" STATEMENT:** We have a one-page, broadside version of the "Call for Social Responsibility in the Planning and Building Profession," 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.

## 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.

Members of the Steering Committee: Chester Hartman, DC, Chair; Emily Achtenberg, Boston; Eve Bach, Berkeley; Bob Beauregard, Pittsburgh; Donna Dyer, Durham, NC; William Goldsmith, Ithaca; Charles Hoch, Chicago; Joochul Kim, Tempe; Judy Kossy, Buffalo; Jacqueline Leavitt, LA; Peter Marcuse, NYC; Alan Rabinowitz, Seattle; Tony Schuman, NYC; Andree Tremoulet, Pittsfield.

Newsletter Editor: Prentice Bowsler.

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