

URBAN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 3/21/06

Present: Paul Haan, Lori Stanton, Mike Williams, Craig Nobbelin, Heather Aldridge, Herb Ranta, John Gussenbauer, Mike Cary, and Carol Townsend

Paul, Urban Committee Chair, called the meeting to order. We proceeded to the visualization exercise that Carol led us through. The idea behind this exercise was to identify what each Committee member thinks is important in neighborhood redevelopment. This information will be incorporated into the draft Urban Redevelopment Principles that the Committee wrote last year. Then these Principles will be incorporated into United Growth's principles.

The Committee agreed on a 5-year goal and specific objectives to accomplish that goal. (A copy is attached.) Lori, Mike W., and Herb are on the sub-committee that will finalize the draft of Urban Redevelopment Principles. **Action:** They will meet March 24. Craig, Heather, Mike C., Gus, and Paul are on the sub-committee that will develop a strategy for pursuing passage of the Zoning Code. **Action:** They will meet April 11 at 10:30 a.m. at the Urban League. [All other Committee members should decide which Objective they would like to work on this year.]

Carol is in the process of confirming which Committee members are able to continue their involvement. New members should be recruited - this would be a good time to increase the Committee's diversity. It was also suggested that we have someone from the City on the Committee. **Action:** Lori will contact Anita Jones and Candace Chavez. Everyone should think about other potential members.

Copies of Urban Collaborators' annual report and a summary of the urban issues identified by the Urban Committee and the focus groups held in 4 other cities were distributed. This was part of Extension's strategic planning process.

We are getting a good response to the invitation to the urban revitalization video we are showing on April 7 over the lunch hour. Few Urban Committee members have RSVPed to-date. **Action:** please consider attending (and letting us know!).

Committee members shared their visions from the visualization exercise. These will be typed up and blended with our draft Redevelopment Principles.