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Leadership Development in the Black Community
Jeffrey S. Lowe, Ph.D. : Jackson, Mississippi

On Saturday, March 29th, 2003, 12 workshops dedicated to AICP professional development took place, including this one sponsored by the Planning and the Black Community Division (PBCD). The workshop, entitled *Leadership Development in the Black Community*, focused on critical issues relative to planning for communities of color. Jeffrey Lowe, Ph.D., PBCD Vice Chair for Policy, served as workshop moderator.

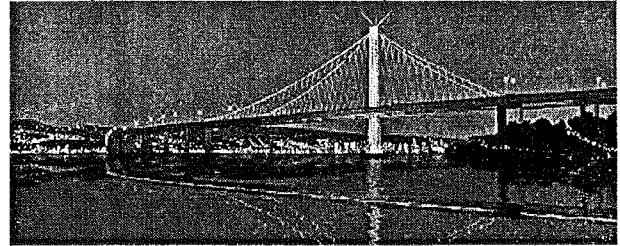
Panelists provided informative and, in several instances, provocative perspectives that were national, regional and local in scope. Jason Jordan, APA Governmental Affairs Coordinator, provided an overview of APA's policy activities and explained the process for member involvement in policy guide development. Dan Lauber, AICP Past President, addressed workshop attendees about the need for greater involvement of black planners in AICP and solicited a fervent appeal for PBCD membership to serve on various AICP committees. *(Cont. on page 3)*

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2003 PBCD Conference - Oakland, Ca.

F. Kenya Wheeler, Oakland, California



PBCD has selected the San Francisco Bay Area as the location for the 2003 membership conference that will take place August 7th through 10th. The conference will focus on African American planning issues and has attracted numerous planners from cities throughout the United States. Conference attendees typically range from graduate planning students to mid-career and senior level staff- including planning directors for local governments.

The 2003 conference will focus on planning issues in the San Francisco Bay Area and will explore approaches being implemented by government agencies, non-profits as well as for-profit business groups. Issues addressed will respond to social and economic problems in African American communities within the context of an ethnically and economically diverse region. The conference will include seminars and panel discussions on contemporary planning topics; mobile workshops to explore community development efforts in African American communities in San Francisco and Oakland; and a business meeting for the PBCD board members. Parsons Brinckerhoff is one of the lead San Francisco Bay Area sponsors for this event. This conference will provide a great opportunity to showcase the natural beauty and dynamic energy of the San Francisco Bay Area to attendees from areas throughout the United States and acquaint planners and conference attendees with some of the critical issues facing the communities that comprise the Bay Area. For more information or for PBCD Conference Itinerary- visit the PBCD website for: <http://www.pbcdplanning.freeservers.com> or the / APA website:

www.planning.org/divisions/conference.htm ♦

Featured in this issue: PBCD welcomes new-comers to the Communications Committee: Spriggs & Davis, Co-Editors for the Newsletter

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Our Mission

The mission of the Planning in the Black Community Division is to provide a forum for planners, administrators, public officials, students, and other AP members to address issues of significance to communities of color and planners of color.

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Articles and submissions due by September 12, 2003.
Email all documents to the following in Word (.DOC) and .JPG format. We welcome employment, scholarship, and other opportunities also.

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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR'S DESK...

The APA National Conference in Denver was a breath of fresh air both for my allergies and sinuses and for the events that unfolded there. Let me begin by offering a thank you to those who first actually made the trip to Denver given the state of the country at present. Thank you to our Denver connection, B.J. Brooks whose help for which we are eternally grateful. Lastly to those who either developed or took part in our Denver program I say a job well done.

Those of us in attendance at Denver realized that as members of the Division we were on the move, "*Strength Through Action*" became our new unofficial motto. I must take time here to applaud AICP Leadership Daniel Lauber and Sam Casella who believe that the Division holds one to the keys to growth in APA and for the first time attended our Scholarship Gala in support of our fund raising efforts as well as spoke on their belief and their work plan for AICP.

The Division is experiencing some exciting times ahead. The Executive Committee has worked very diligently to produce a work plan that encompasses all our activities as well as establish targets we will achieve, the full 2003-04 Work Plan is in this Newsletter. We are growing; the 2003 Division gathering has changed from the Division retreat to a Division Conference. Details are also provided in this newsletter as well as most should have received a Save the Date card from the Bay Area local host committee. Good things are happening, and with your support better things can happen.

The Division's Mentoring Program is back in force, the Division is working on policy guides with are sure to generate heated discussion among members and APA as a whole, the Executive Committee is looking at new ways to support and sustain the PBCD Scholarship Program. Research and Education is working on a first documentation of African Americans as urban planners and planning pioneers. Finally, developing strategy that influences APA policies, programs and plans. This was evident by our participation in the 2004-2005 APA Development Plan.

This year, members of the division took part in every major leadership and policy setting forum at the conference. This year members attended the APA Delegate Assembly in record numbers, learning how policy and ideas are moved in our organization. Take a brief look at our members on the move.

Mitchell Silver, AICP, APA Board Member-at-large Focused
Maxine Griffith, AICP, PAB Bd. Vice Chair of Planning Accreditation Bd.
Anthony Drummond, San Jose State, Student Rep. Council Chair Elect
Patrice Ruffin, Alabama A&M, SRC-Region III
Calvin Whitaker, APA Delegate Assembly

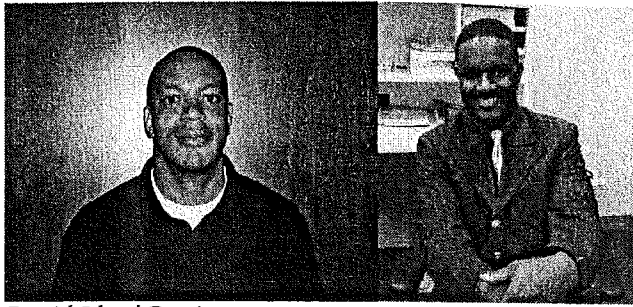
Lastly, I thank all those who volunteered to serve in positions and on committees, your help was really needed. It is because of you that the motto "*Strength Through Action*" is fulfilled. I would like to give special recognition to Otis Spriggs and David Davis who volunteered to become our Newsletter Co-Editor and Webmasters and to Alabama A&M, our tried and true friend, who became our distributor. This is the first edition of their collaboration, one we hope will become many more in the future. Also, special recognition to Kenya Walker and the Bay Area Conference Committee, your work is truly appreciated.

As you can see, things are becoming more focused and aligned to move PBCD higher and higher. You can become a "*Strength Through Action*" member; the choice is up to you.

Strength Through Action,



J. Kelley Terry, AICP – PBCD Chair



David Lloyd-Davis

Otis T. Spriggs

PBCD WELCOMES NEW EDITORS TO THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The APA Planning & the Black Community Division welcomes Otis T. Spriggs and David Lloyd-Davis as our newly appointed Newsletter Editors. As part of our efforts to improve communications with our members and the public at large, PBCD also introduces presence on the APA web hosting system starting August, 2003.

The communications team will also consist of representatives from the Alabama A&M School of Planning. Our editing team will be delegating compilation and distribution to the students at Alabama A&M, who in the past have been instrumental in delivery and production of the newsletter in previous years. Other responsibilities of communications team include: Providing up-to-date conference information, reviewing and updating the website, serve as a liaison between PBCD and the APA National Webmaster, providing the PBCD membership with updated information on job and other opportunities. We are currently transitioning our current PBCD website over to a new location on the APA main web-server.

David Lloyd -Davis (pictured left) was born in Kingston, Jamaica, raised and educated in Toronto, Canada and currently lives and works in Atlanta, Georgia as a Principal Planner/GIS Specialist. For most of his 38 years he has considered himself as an immigrant. When he lived in Canada, he fancied myself to be a Jamaican-Canadian post colonialist that looked at Canadian society from the perspective of a new comer and relished the opportunity of becoming part of the mainstream or better. Back then, the challenge was to understand a culture that would always consider him a new comer, rewarded his old-world British values but frowned on his African ancestry. A short time after moving to the U.S., he realized that he no longer saw himself as a newcomer or outsider. He had become part of a vast and expanding African American community with a rich and historical culture. He enjoys the opportunity to serve as coeditor to the newsletter and hopes that the combination of his life experience, education and ability to examine culture can contribute to the mission of PBCD newsletter.

Otis Troy Spriggs (pictured right) was born and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and currently works as Planning & Zoning Administrator for Colerain Township, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio. Spriggs received his Bachelor of Architecture at Southern University in 1989, and relocated to Cincinnati where he practiced as a designer architect for 7 years with KZF, Inc. After acquiring his graduate degree at the University of Cincinnati, DAAP, Masters of Community Planning Program, where he was a HUD fellow, he has since been working in the planning arena. Spriggs has been attending APA conferences since 1996. Lastly, he brings to the table several years of graphic experience, whereas he free-lances and contracts out many of his hidden talents such as home design, stage-set production, oversize banners, desktop publishing, web-design, etc. ♦

Leadership, Cont. from page 1

Next, Mitch Silver, AICP, PBCD member and member of the APA Board of Directors, emphasized the need for planners of color to hold leadership positions within APA.

Past PBCD President, Gladys Inman, followed Silver and identified critical attributes necessary for leadership at the local level. Her perspective focused on lessons learned from the experience of the Division's affiliate in Philadelphia, PA. Anthony Drummond, SRC Chair, addressed planning student attendees and appealed for greater student involvement at the national and regional levels of APA.

The session concluded with an update of activities undertaken by the PBCD Policy Analysis Committee. Since the 2002 PBCD Retreat in Charlotte, N.C., the Policy Analysis Committee has undertaken an exploratory examination of the Prison Industrial Complex in the United States and its impact on planning in the black community. To capture the entire workshop, purchase the tape from SOUND IMAGES, INC, 7388 South Revere Parkway, 806, Englewood, CO 80112, phone: (303) 649-1811 or e-mail: orders@soundimages.net. ♦

Planning and the Black Community Division Undergraduate Scholarship Graduate Fellow

The Planning and the Black Community Division Mission sets forth goals to enhance our professional growth by offering Professional Development, Networking, Service to the Profession, Conferences and Workshops, Publications, Employment Opportunities, Mentorship, Advocacy, Awards and Division-Only Memberships.

The PBCD recognizes the efforts of those who have work to enhance all of the Division's programs and especially the support of our annual undergraduate scholarship awards. During the 2003 Conference, the executive committee heard the concerns of our members and especially those seeking to advance their education with limited resources. An education committee was established to reevaluate the current application process, funding undergraduate scholarships, recruitment for the Robert J. Milano Graduate Fellow and assist the Chair in creating an endowment.

Where is the Money? The undergraduate scholarship in the amount \$2,500 is awarded annually to a second year student, majoring in urban and regional planning or related fields. The Graduate Fellow at the Milano Graduate School at the New School University is valued at approximately \$30,000. The fellowship is geared towards advanced study in urban planning and/or urban policy analysis. In addition, financial assistance is available to Milano matriculated students in the form of merit-based scholarships, fellowship, assistantships, federal loans, and federal Work-Study.

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Scholarship/Fellowships

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During the Division's assessment period, the most frequently asked questions will probably be:

How can I apply, and what are the dead lines?

Undergraduate School Scholarship

Applications can be retrieved from the Division website <http://www.pbcdplanning.freesevers.com>

Deadline for applications have been extended to September 1, 2003 and will be awarded at the 2004 APA Conference in Washington, D.C.

Applications should be sent to:

Planning and the Black Community Division Undergraduate Scholarship

Attention: Gladys Inman

P.O. Box 11392

Baltimore, MD 21239

Milano Graduate School New School University

Deadline: Rolling Admissions - This means that there are no deadlines for each registration. new students can begin in September, January or May. Applications can be submitted directly to the Division who will facilitate the processing of paperwork. Potential students must qualify academically based on the Milano Graduate School admission policies. In addition, awardee must be a member of the American Planning Association and Planning and the Black Community Division. APA membership is presented as part of the award.

Applications and guidelines can be retrieved from the Division Website: <http://www.pbcdplanning.freesevers.com>. Detailed information is also available at the Milano Graduate School and their Website. To ensure that applications are being received by the Milano Graduate School Admissions, we are requesting that all applications be sent to the Division to be compiled and sent to the Milano Eligibility Committee with priorities.

Applications should be sent to the

Planning and the Black Community Division Milano Graduate Scholarship

Attention: Gladys Inman

P.O. Box 11392

Baltimore, MD 21239

During the updating of the Division's Website, inquiries can be directed to ginman_72@msn.com

Scholarship Committee Volunteers

The importance of providing educational assistance in today's economy underlies the challenge face by the Division when offering financial opportunities. We strive to go above and beyond the order to support our future leaders and be responsive to our finders, supporters and the community. We welcome your assistance, support, views, and ideas in growing our scholarship program and recruiting applicants to apply for the scholarship and fellowship.

Please Note my email address has changed. If you offered your assistance during the business meeting or would like to be a part of the scholarship committee please contact Gladys Inman at ginman_72@msn.com. We should anticipate having a preliminary action plan by the end of July.

Thanks and have a pleasant summer

Gladys ♦

A Book Proposal ...

African-American planning experience

At the 2003 Planning Conference in Denver, Dr. Sigmund Shipp, Hunter College introduced to the PBCD an outline of efforts underway in publishing a book regarding the African-American planning experience. The book will focus on the achievements of black planners, places/ locations that have a black planning significance, and the role of African-Americans in the profession.

The book will be designed to raise the consciousness of individuals within and without the profession. It will provide a permanent record that can be referred to, taught from, and rely on as a means to expand the frontiers of urban planning practice.

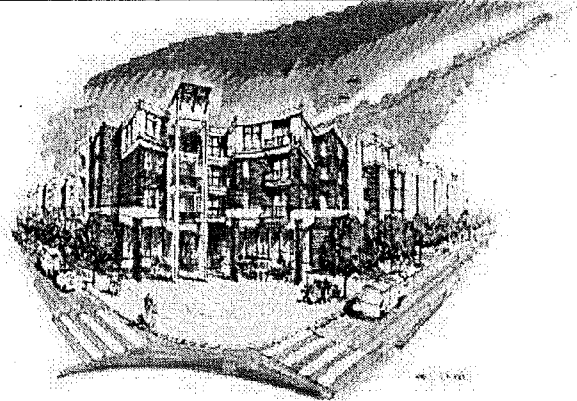
The book will have a historical and contemporary focus, as well as a national perspective and consider a range of places and people important to documenting the experiences of black planners. The publication of the book is expected to take 1 1/2 years to complete.

Publishing the book will require PBCD and contributors to Identify places, people, and issues pertaining black planning professionals, assembly, topic selection, a publisher search and a book completion process.

This process will be revised as the framework and requirements become more defined. The goal is to create a highly credible and sought-after publication- a publication that will enhance the development of the African-American community and the profession of urban planning. For more information contact Dr. Shipp: sshipp@hunter.cuny.edu ♦

PBCD Site-seeing - Denver's Five Points

B.J. Brooks, Denver Colorado



Under the guidance of B.J. Brooks, Denver Colorado's Mayor's Focus Neighborhoods Initiative Director, PBCD and other Convention delegates had the opportunity to tour Denver's Five Points Neighborhood which is a well-known successful Transit-Oriented Development. The rail system has influenced the revitalization of this diverse, intercity neighborhood. Welton Street is home to the "five corner" intersection that is known throughout the region as "Five Points". The name "Five Points" came into use in 1881 to describe intersection of Welton Street, 27th street, Washington Street, and East 26th Avenue. Five Points, particularly Welton Street, was considered the "Mecca" for jazz musicians as they toured the West in the 1930's and 1940's.

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PBCD Improves Its Commitment to Student Members

The Mentoring Program Better Defined:

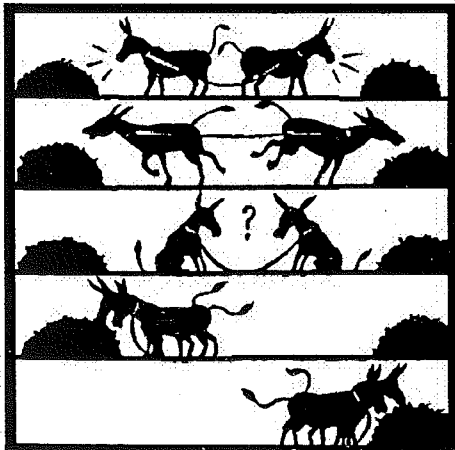
PBCD's Mentoring Program is designed to educate and train future planners about the unique issues and problems faced in African-American communities and to foster the development of reasonable solutions through competent and fair planning practices.

In addition, the Mentoring Program is designed to further enhance professional relationships with other planners who are sensitive to the needs of black communities by offering a network of business and organizational contacts where students and planning professionals can successfully interact and share information with one another. The Executive Committee on May 21, 2003 adopted the new Mentoring Program Handbook which is now available to the Division members. (link access on the website to be created late June, 2003). The handbook focuses on management and organization, eligibility requirements, program participant responsibilities, the role of mentors, the role of mentees, mentoring relationships, suggested mentoring activities, and dealing with obstacles to success

Professionals who are interested and committed to offering career goal advice and providing mentees with tools and exposure to the profession are urged to apply to become a part of the program. All student members should be excited about the efforts put forth in this endeavor. Look for more program information in the next issue of PBCD News, and on the PBCD website in the near future. ♦



Editorial without Words: The Advantages of Cooperation



The Tale of Two Donkeys

Source: www.hwdsb.on.ca/tailslap/funstuff/stories/2donkeys.htm

APA Denver Conference PBCD Business Meeting THE MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. Members present introduced themselves

Ph.D. Program Survey

Carlos Finkley, a Ph.D. student member from Alabama A&M announced research concerning minority planners and asked for participation.

Chair's Report – J. Kelley Terry, AICP

It was noted that students are welcome and as members of the division are able to vote.

Mr. Terry also reported that the division has met the minimum APA requirements by communicating with members via four newsletters, by sponsoring two National conference sessions and by conducting the annual business meeting. Mr. Terry also reported that he attended the leadership meeting.

Mr. Kelley expressed his appreciation for the activities and programs underway within The Planning and the Black Community Division. He recognized that the division has been very active.

APA Representation, Minority Issues – Mitchell Silver

As an At-Large Representative for Minority Issues on the APA Board of Directors, Mitchell Silver reported on APA policy considerations.

For the new professional, APA will offer membership fee reductions for the first two years of employment. A debit system is to be established to allow for membership fee installments over the course of the year.

Planning Magazine has been successful in presenting more articles of interest to the division. Mr. Silver encouraged members to submit story ideas that will continue the trend.

APA is working on providing sponsored research opportunities. These may provide other venues to highlight our work and our careers.

Mr. Silver discussed the importance of division members seeking national APA offices.

Student Representative Council – Anthony Drummond

Anthony Drummond was recognized as the first African American Chair of the Student Council. Patrice Ruffin was introduced at Region 3 Representative on the Student Council. Two issues surfaced as concerns for students during their recent assembly. First, the proposed closure of the University of Arizona School of Planning was discussed. Second, the need for more dialogue with the APA Board was identified.

Treasurer's Report

Interim treasurer Calvin Whitaker discussed the state of the current year's budget and presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2003-2004 beginning in October. Later the chair called for a vote to approve the proposed budget.

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Policy Report – Jeffrey Lowe, Ph.D.

Dr. Lowe presented the accomplishments and challenges related to Policy.

The accomplishments included:

- Establishment of relationship with the Conference of Minority Public Administrator, American Society for Public Administrators
- Endorsement of the American Community Survey, a U.S. Census Program
- Endorsement of refinements to APA/AICP Development Plan 2004-2005
- Division Retreat held in Charlotte, N.C that in addition to providing an outstanding training opportunity also lead to the staffing of two standing committees.

The challenges included:

- Low involvement from PBDC members on standing committees
- Limited financial resources for PBDC work (conference calls)

No PBDC strategy to influence APA policies, programs, and/or plans that may affect the Black community

Dr. Lowe, as the Vice Chair for Policy, is responsible for three Standing Committees: Communications, Policy Analysis and Research/Education. The committee reports were as follows:

- Communications is responsible for the production of the newsletter and for maintenance of the website. Dr. Lowe solicited volunteers.
- Policy Analysis is responsible for examining issues, policies, programs that affect the Black community. Catondra Noye presented an update of the work concerning Planning and the Prison Industrial Complex as it relates to the disproportionate rate of incarceration among African Americans.

Research and Education is responsible for coordinating any research activity initiated or sponsored by the division. Sigmund Shipp, Ph.D. presented a book outline that will lead to the first documentation of African Americans as urban planners.

Programs Report – Monica Kelley

In the absence of Angela Brooks, the Vice Chair for Programs, Monica Kelley presented the following report:

- The Mentoring Committee is actively working to match mentors and mentees. Patrice Ruffin was present to distribute forms to those interested in the program.
- A retreat planning team was assigned the task of finding location for the next three retreats. This has been accomplished. In August we will convene in the California Bay Area. Following California, the next retreat will be held in Atlanta, GA and then in Greenville, N.C. The committee has been asked to look at issues such as frequency of retreats and outside funding so the division will not have to expend any funds for the retreat.

A special thanks was extended to B.J. Brooks who worked to plan the division's Denver Conference sessions and activities.

2003 Retreat – Kenya Wheeler

The 2003 Symposium: Salute to Communities Moving Beyond Cultural Boundaries will be held at the Waterfront Plaza in Oakland, California, August 7-9. Mr. Wheeler reviewed the proposed itinerary, sponsorship rates and distributed preliminary symposium packets. The symposium planning committee was commended for their efforts.

Retreat (cont.)

A question as to the purpose of the symposium was raised. It was suggested that the committee had adequately addressed the general purpose and further clarification of specific objectives would be presented as the sessions were developed.

Treasurer Report – Calvin Whitaker

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted.

The Budget Report was presented and accepted.

PBCD Work Plan – J. Kelley Terry

The division's work plan was distributed, reviewed and accepted.

Education and Scholarship – Gladys Inman

Ms. Inman announced that due to the lack of qualified undergraduate applicants the division \$2500 scholarship will not be awarded this year. It was suggested the funds be awarded to graduate students.

Melanie Wilson and Mitchell Silver volunteered to work with schools to open up the scholarship opportunity.

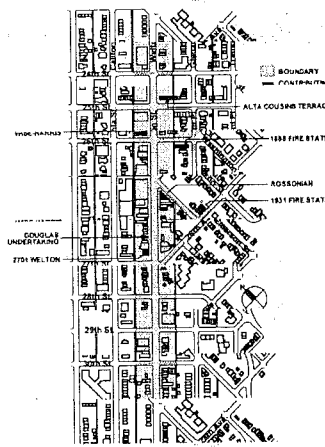
Mr. Terry suggested the creation of a Chairman's Fund.

Mr. Terry invited members to assist the division and students by contributing funds to sponsor students to the division's scholarship reception. Several members contributed.

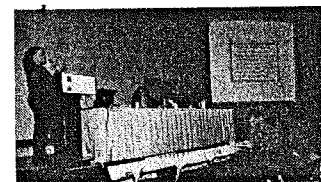
Job and Intern Opportunities

The floor was opened and member announced employment and intern opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned. ♦



PBCD Site-seeing Cont.



B.J. Brooks gave delegates insight on the goals and purpose of the Welton Corridor Marker project, which is to develop an interpretive historical signage program along the Welton Street corridor. Conference attendees Joshalynd Hundley and David Lloyd-Davis attended the APA Conference session: Redevelopment in African American Neighborhoods complimented the Mobile Workshop Denver's Five Points- Transit-Oriented Development and both stated that attending both sessions was very informative and was a rewarding experience. The Welton Street Commercial Corridor Cultural District project will encompass a number of plaques, markers embedded in sidewalks, vertical elements, and a huge mural. Some of the monuments and landmarks concentrated on the tour included the newly constructed African-American Research Library, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble studios, Dr. Justina Ford's house, the historic fire station, and the Washington Street Shorter Church. ♦

Planning and the Black Community Division Adopted 2003 Work Program

The Planning and the Black Community Division is very aware to the role our members play in educating the profession and the community about planning issues for communities of color. This cannot be sustained if members are not kept abreast of changes in policies and other issues that affect our professional knowledge and abilities. The Division provides an extremely valuable resource for APA and its various activities, and will work arduously to see that the Division is considered a first order resource within APA for technical needs, emerging trends and member activities. The Division is about the business of bridging gaps wherever they exist. Thanks to the work of our current leaders and members this Division is bridging the gap by hosting community workshops and forums, by mentoring programs, and by supporting businesses of color for our events.

Mission:

The mission of the Division is to provide a forum for planners, administrators, public officials, students, and other APA members to address issues of significance to communities of color and planners of color.

The area of interest and purpose of the Division are:

- Formulate and articulate positions on national, regional and statewide policy issues related to communities of color for presentation to APA Board of Directors and the general public;
- Provide a forum for exchange of practical experience and knowledge among planners of color.
- Establish and/or strengthen a liaison with other professionals and professional organizations of color related to planning or share a common interest. Provide mechanism for disseminating employment information as well as a means for employers to address affirmative action goals with respect to planning-related jobs.
- Provide technical assistance and/or advice to urban/rural communities and possibly Third World countries.
- Encourage and sponsor planning studies and research that is relevant to the needs of people of color.
- Encourage and assist planning students of color, as well as planning programs relevant minority needs.

Division Administration

1. Develop a division work plan for the coming year
2. Change PBCD fiscal year to coincide with APA fiscal year
3. Expand the PBCD membership base to include other professionals in related fields
4. Develop liaisons/partnerships with other related divisions
5. Participate in APA Leadership Programs (twice per year)
6. Review and Update Division Bylaws (non election off-year)
7. Continue to maintain a financially feasible budget and track costs over time

Communications

1. Developing new and innovative ways for the public (and within our profession) to understand our profession, our positions and our responsibilities.
2. Develop and produce a newsletter quarterly (electronic and mail distribution)
3. Move division web site onto APA web service.
4. Continue communication via listserv activity by increasing monthly exchanges to 25.
5. Hold annual business meeting at APA National Conference

Legislative/Policy

1. Provide support to APA for policy development
2. Appoint and participate in the APA Policy Forum via Policy liaison
3. Draft Policy Guide on Prison Industrial Complex
4. Investigate the potential for a new policy guide on environmental justice

Member Services

1. Engage the members to hear their ideas on improving PBCD through member survey in June
2. Create a division resource directory by mid-year
3. Develop a draft division awards program for approval in 2004
4. Provide two sessions at APA National Conference

Special Initiatives

1. Encouraging the development of a program that links unaccredited schools of planning (including urban studies in HBCU's) with schools that are PAB accredited.
2. Sponsor workshops/meetings throughout the year, in addition to the annual conference
3. Offer at least one AICP Professional Development Workshop
4. Develop separate funding stream for Undergraduate scholarship
5. Continue to develop and market graduate fellowship
6. Repackage and re-introduce Mentor's Program
7. Provide education and leadership to APA defining and integrating social equity in reality ♦

WONDERING WHY YOU ARE NOT BEING NOTIFIED???

Have you been receiving e-mail notifications from the National Office? If not, it is probably because APA does not have your correct e-mail address. It is very easy to check and have it updated. Just simply go to the National APA online membership directory at www.planning.org/members.html use your member id (check the mailing label for Planning Magazine) and you should also check and correct your address information. Please forward any e-mail address changes after update to Susan Turner, sturner@planning.org to insure member and division LISTSERVE activity.

Please notify APA promptly if you changed your address. Supply both your old and new address to: Membership Department, APA, 122 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60603-6107 or for faster service, email changes to: addresschange@planning.org for National membership.

Please note that the PBCD office cannot change your address for you and we obtain our mailing labels from the national office.

Outgoing AICP President addresses PBCD:

I am happy to contribute a few words of appreciation to those members of the Planning and the Black Community Division who are members of AICP and to encourage other members of the division to pursue their professional certification through AICP. Members of AICP have demonstrated their credentials as planners and undertaken to abide by AICP's ethical code.

AICP is striving to better serve all its members, but we are especially mindful of the need for service to our colleagues in the Planning and the Black Community Division. One way we have tried to serve is by sponsoring community charrettes at APA's national conferences, most recently in Denver. Another way we have tried to serve is through our work to strengthen APA's commitment to non-discriminatory planning in its Development Plan.

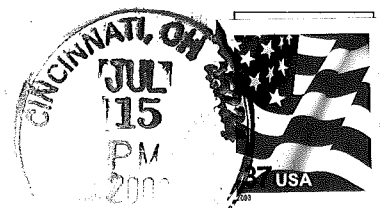
It is equally important that the membership of the Planning and the Black Community be represented in the leadership of AICP. Every day that we fail to do that is another day that we have failed to properly utilize our own resources. There has been progress, for example, AICP's appointment of Maxine Griffith to the Planning Accreditation Board (which credentials planning schools) and her subsequent election to vice-chair of that body. But we need to do more by encouraging service on AICP committees and by encouraging candidates for the AICP Commission. If you would like to serve on an AICP committee, please contact AICP President Dan Lauber (dl@planningcommunications.com). If you would like to become a candidate for the AICP Commission, please contact me (citiplan@hotmail.com). The AICP Nominating Committee will be meeting in the summer of 2003 to nominate candidates for AICP President and commission candidates from Regions 2, 3, and 4. I look forward to hearing from you. ♦

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