



Education and Housing Equity Project Records.

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Community Circle Report Form

Session #1: Getting Started

Sponsoring Organization: Hamline Midway Coalition Date: 5/5/99
St. Paul Human Rights Dept.

Meeting Location: Hamline Midway Center Number of Participants: 7

Facilitator: Chia Yang, Willie Nesbitt Scribe: Chia

Please describe two or three main themes or ideas about experiences with racism or segregation which your group discussed today: (1-2 sentences each)

1. There were several individuals who grew up in
homogeneous environments and did not have to
interact with people different from
themselves. Individual experiences were different,
but there were common beliefs/interests.

2. people are enriched by connections with
others who are different.

3. _____

4. Please use this space to note action ideas, if any, that were mentioned in today's discussion:

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Session #2: What are the reasons for segregation in the Twin Cities?

Sponsoring Organization: Hamline - Midway Coalition Date: 5/12

Meeting Location: Hamline - Midway Coalition Number of Participants: 5

Facilitator: Chia Vang + Willie Nesbitt Scribe: Chia

Please describe two or three main themes or ideas about the reasons for segregation in the Twin Cities that your group discussed today: (1-2 sentences each)

1. Institutional racism is so prevalent. There are places that minorities are hired, but they don't stay.

2. Urban sprawl - government subsidizing the rich by providing roads to suburbs.

3. The perception of high crimes drives people away from the center cities

4. Please use this space to note action ideas, if any, that were mentioned in today's discussion:

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Session #3: How can we address the housing challenges in the Twin Cities?

Sponsoring Organization: Hamline-Midway Coalition Date: 5/19

Meeting Location: Hamline-Midway Coalition Number of Participants: 7

Facilitator: Chia Vang Scribe: Chia
Willie Nesbitt

Please describe two or three main themes or ideas about the housing challenges we face in the Twin Cities that your group discussed today: (1-2 sentences each)

1. There needs to be incentives people
people to remain in the city.

2. It seems that poor people don't fit
anywhere.

3. People who have some money have options,
but for those w/bad credit there is not much
hope. Some realtors will make assumptions
about various neighborhoods.

4. Please use this space to note action ideas, if any, that were mentioned in today's discussion:
- get to know neighbors
- meet with realtors.

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Session #4: What can we do about the achievement gap in our public schools?

Sponsoring Organization: Hamline Midway Coalition Date: 5/26

Meeting Location: ↙ Number of Participants: _____

Facilitator: Mia Wang Scribe: Mia Wang
Notes from others

Please describe two or three main themes or ideas about the achievement gap in our schools that your group discussed today: (1-2 sentences each)

1. parents should have choices of where their child should go to school.

2. No matter where kids go to school, they should have equal quality education.

3. _____

4. Please use this space to note action ideas, if any, that were mentioned in today's discussion:

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Session # 5: Making a Difference

Sponsoring Organization: Hamline Midway Coalition Date: 6/2

Meeting Location: Hamline Midway Coal. Number of Participants: 7

Facilitator: Chia, Willie Scribe: Chia

While there may not be consensus within your group about how to best address some of the challenges discussed, there may be ideas or solutions which have emerged over the last few weeks and are supported by most participants.

1. What are two or three of the most powerful steps *individuals* can take to make a difference?

1. Change others with your own behavior
2. Walk around neighborhood and get to know others, be aware
3. Stay hopeful, vote - political involvement

2. What are two or three of the most powerful steps *groups or organizations* can take to make a difference?

1. Make sure that government is accountable for helping to meet some of the most basic human needs.
2. Organize and address issues now because problems get worse if not dealt with.

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3. What are two or three of the most powerful steps our community or region can take to make a difference?

- address the housing issue immediately because it is key to the stability of other things
- people should look at larger picture and be concerned about the quality of life for all people, not just themselves

4. What are some of the things participants said they would do differently in the future as a result of being part of this community circle dialogue?

- continue to be visible, pay attention and join others
 - gained new perspectives, new issues I haven't thought about before
 - encouraged to keep working, stay active
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