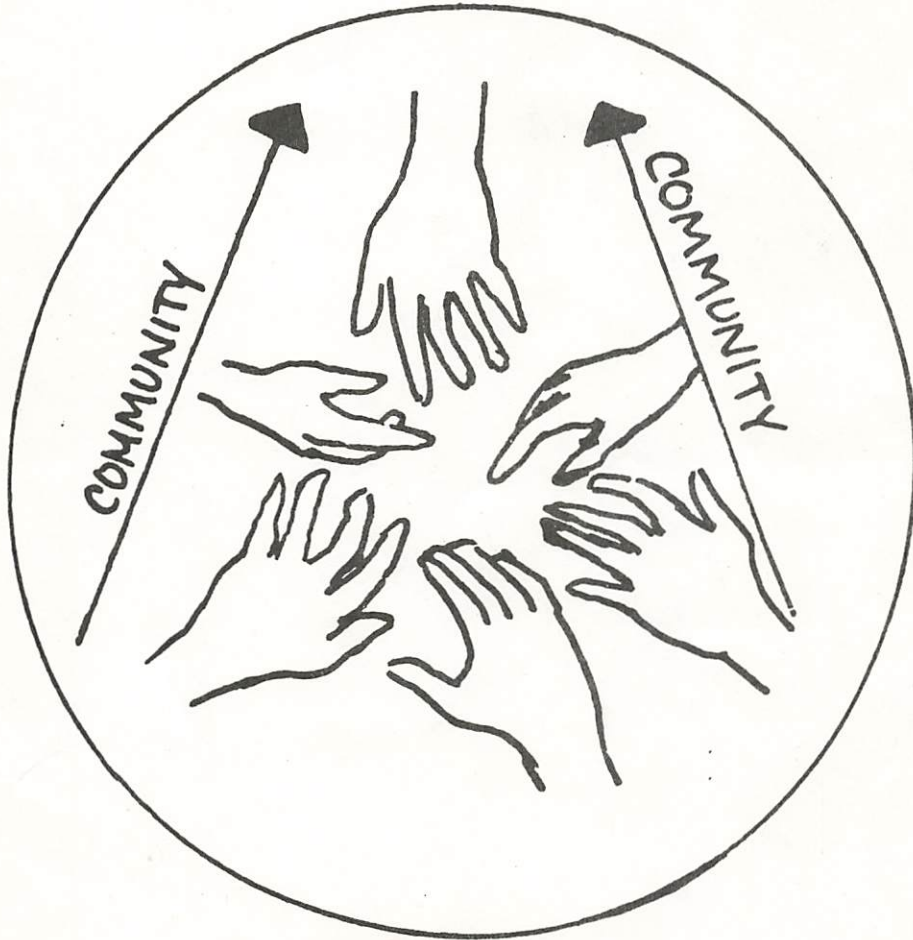


UPTOWN TOWN MEETING

UPTOWN CHICAGO



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THE NEW SONG

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OUR UPTOWN

(Tune: "Top of the World")

Progress is our motto in Uptown
There is more that's going up than coming down
What is gone is no more but it's memory lingers o'er
As foundation for what's planned - a mighty chore.

Tenants treating housing as if gold
Hoping each a life-long cherished wish may hold
For a home on a loan he may some day call his own
As the hopes and prayers of neighbors help unfold.

Chorus:

A town of people who care and who claim close relation
With each other round the circle of ~~our hearts~~ *the GLOBE*
Is our hope and our plan which we'll stand for man to man
For it brings us to the top of the world.

THE NEW STORY

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GUILD D

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"PARAPHRASING UPTOWN"

UPTOWN has been a model community featuring inter-racial balance and an ideal for community for all. The present struggle is unequal distribution of wealth causing our streets to be filled with uncared for, cold, hungry people. Job competition is fierce. Our future dreams are to educate the psychological processes younger so they can understand each other sooner and can learn to say "no" to drugs etcetera because they understand the other one is sick and they are the mature one. The intent is to raise the spirits of the Uptown People and focus them on the community improvement.

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OPERATING VISION CHART

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<i>Toward Enabling Community Reconstruction</i>		<i>Toward Assuring Community Sustainance</i>	<i>Toward Releasing Social Competence</i>	
<i>Political Forms</i>	<i>Physical Rehabilitation</i>		<i>Functional Training</i>	<i>Communal Forms</i>
AFFECTING NATIONAL CONSENSUS	REHABILITATING PRIVITE HOUSING	REDEVELOPING ECONOMIC BASIS	EXPANDING LOCAL PRE-SCHOOLS	ORDERING YOUTH CARE
ENABLING RESPONSIVE REPRESENTATION	REDESIGNING PUBLIC SPACE	SECURING WORKING CAPITAL	SUPPORTING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	RECREATING FAMILY ROLES
RECONSTRUCTING SOCIAL WELFARE	EMPOWERING LOCAL ZONING	EXPANDING PUBLIC SERVICES	EXTENDING ADULT EDUCATION	FURBISHING COMMUNITY SYMBOLS
EMPOWERING COMMUNITY SAFETY	MAINTAINING SPACE ORDERLINESS	ACHIEVING WAGE/PRICE BALANCE	FACILITATING SOCIAL REHABILITATION	REESTABLISHING NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS

INADEQUATE CURRICULUM IN SCHOOLS.

In the arena of Community understanding and involvement the following blocks inadequate housing, derelict buildings, crime and poverty indicate the underlying contradiction of inadequate curriculum in schools diversity of cultural and economic backgrounds, lack of cooperation between local agencies this is illustrated by the low voter turn-out, lack of pride in community, lack of neighborliness and apathy.

GUILD D

ECONOMIC STIMULATION IN UPTOWN.

In the arena of the economic commonality the following blocks the lack of business development and high unemployment indicate the underlying contradiction of lack of sufficient business incentives to attract businesses this is illustrated by our stagnant and or deteriorating business districts.

GUILD C

MORE EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT.

In the arena of Economic Commonality the following blocks inflation, welfare waste and high taxes indicate the underlying contradiction of poor political administration of Human programs along with political favoritism this is illustrated by poor housing, welfare administration and high cost of living.

GUILD B

SENSE OF POWERLESSNESS

In the arena of Economic commonality the following blocks no long-range planning, meaningless jobs, vested interest in maintaining status quo indicate the underlying contradiction of people don't care, because they feel they can't do anything to change the situation this is illustrated by dirty streets, low voter turn out, high crime rate, alienation from each other.

GUILD B

ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

In the arena of Economic Community the following blocks, unemployment, Health Services and possible loss of Model Cities Center indicate the underlying contradiction of more talk and needs than service to the Community. This is illustrated by moving Urban Progress Center-Doctors limiting services for poor - unemployment.

GUILD A

POLITICAL CHALLENGES

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PEOPLE AND POWER

In the arena of political the following blocks, politicians and businessmen don't feel problems of people because of their greed, misunderstanding of inflation and inability to deal with unexpected happenings and uncontrollable external forces and pressures of society, indicate the underlying contradictions of peoples' needs satisfied while people also tend to be greedy; power therefore decides allocation of limited wealth. This is illustrated by communication, food, transportation, shelter, clothing, security, zoning bribes, and grafts-- Wars (Angola, Viet Nam) result -- taxes, draft, economic dependency; fixed income don't keep up with inflation.

Guild B

MORE GRASS ROOT DECISIONS

In the arena of political community the following blocks, licensing procedures zoning, political decisions not representative, indicate the underlying contradiction of not enough decisions made at grass root level. This is illustrated by zoning and licensing allow too many bars in one area.

Guild A

PEOPLES' WELFARE

In the arena of services for health and safety the following blocks, lack of personnel, not enough bus shelters, indicate the underlying contradiction of lack of concern for peoples' welfare. This is illustrated by the playground at Sheridan and Ainslie, where gang fights are held, no bus shelters near senior housing.

Guild C

POLITICALLY INVOLVED CITIZENS

In the arena of political involvement the following blocks, apathy toward the community, indicate the underlying contradiction of ignorance of important social issues. This is illustrated by lack of interested registered voters, quota system precedes importance of credentials in selection of law officers.

Guild D

NO COMMUNICATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS.

In the arena of Social Disorder and Government Response the following blocks, lack of concern for neighbor and apathy about local government indicate the underlying contradiction of lack of realization of others needs, this is illustrated by crime not being reported, people being too busy to get involved with their neighbors and cultural isolation.

GUILD C

SOCIAL INSECURITY

In the arena of Corporate Welfare the following blocks, social insecurity, finances, political special interests indicate the underlying contradiction of Instability (mutual apathy), lack of social commitment, and social insecurity. This is illustrated by transient figures, crime, run-down buildings, and drugs.

GUILD A

CULTURAL CHALLENGES

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CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

In the arena of neighborhood improvement the following blocks needing more people to care and more police indicate the underlying contradiction of not enough people involve themselves in community problems this is illustrated by when property is vacant the first thing windows are broken, next fire is set in building, next the building must be demolished.

GUILD I

COMMUNITY RACIAL MIXING

In the arena of communal wisdom the following blocks communal centers, city financing indicate the underlying contradiction of people's apprehension toward fellow citizens this illustrated by segregation in housing and areas (centers, clubs etc.).

GUILD C

STABLE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

In the arena of support of schools and neighborhood the following blocks, parental irresponsibility, home conditions, and an unsafe transient environment indicate the underlying contradiction of home conditions lacking in discipline and in providing a stable social environment. This is illustrated by the high crime rate and undisciplined children.

GUILD A

LACK OF YOUTH STRUCTURES

In the arena of the cultural process the following blocks-need for open schools and amusement parks-indicate the underlying contradiction of lack of communication and structures for youth. This is illustrated by the muggings and people throwing things out of the windows.

GUILD A

CULTURAL CHALLENGES

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LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS.

In the arena of Cultural Communal Styles the following blocks costs have gone up, taxes spent for wrong reasons, too much money spent for wrong reasons indicate the underlying contradiction of lack of communication between politicians and community this is illustrated by politicians do not discuss issues.

GUILD B

EDUCATIONALL OPPORTUNITIES

In the arena of communal wisdom the following blocks final meanings, useful skills and accumulated knowledge indicate the underlying contradiction of lack of communication and understanding in community and nation this is illustrated by lack of education, insufficient counselling, inadequate services for youth and lack of education for jobs skills.

GUILD 4

LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS.

In the arena of Cultural commonality the following blocks lack of communications indicate the underlying contradiction segregated living and activity this is illustrated by lack of buildings for families and unused public facilities.

GUILD D

METAMORPHOSIS OF A COMMUNITY

In the arena of communal styles the following blocks lack of active interest in family and community activities and needs and active personal and group involvement indicate the underlying contradiction of coordination, sharing and knowing of other people's ideas and desires this is illustrated by partly dirty buildings and language difficulties.

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SAVE UPTOWN THROUGH MODEL CITIES

We the citizens of Uptown in order to improve the uptown model cities program, through:

1. Bewareness of the Model Cities Council: Chairman and Council
 2. Contact the Model Cities Director: Mr. Al Prichett
 3. Creating public demand through community meeting , and a checkup committee on the chairman &council on citizen participation.
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COMMUNITY HAPPENING

We the citizens of Uptown in order to have community happening, purpose to plan block parties, community meetings for people to get involved to participate through phoning, visiting, flyers, and letter.

NEW ECONOMIC LIFE FOR UPTOWN

We the citizens of Uptown Chicago in order to economically stimulate Uptown, purpose to stimulate industry, business, which will create more jobs, through securing tax incentives for small business, investments, activating small business alliance, promoting "Shop Uptown" campaign.

STABILIZING UPTOWN

We the citizens of Uptown in order to improve the community, purpose stabilizing the Uptown community by stabilizing other communities, through tearing down the slums, to bring back the middle class. Allowing no more low-income housing in the neighborhood.

POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY

We the citizens of Uptown, in order to receive adequate service from our Political Representatives, purpose to create a format that will enable elected officials to hear us as well as holding them accountable to their promises, through getting all types of people to regular meetings and establishing an organization of Community Block Leaders who care.

QUALITY MEDICAL CARE

We the citizens of Uptown in order to provide best qualified care for everyone.

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purpose creation of medical professions with community involvement program, through enlisting Doctors participation, Medical Care Watch Dogs, Home Custodial Care, and Household Maintenance for Incapacitated.

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THE POLITICAL CHALLENGES
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EDUCATION FOR RESPONSIBLE PARENTS.

We the citizens of Uptown in order to have our parents attend P.T.A. Meetings regularly propose to have our counsellors make phone calls and send letters to our parents to enlist their help in making our community a better place to live in through classes in adult education self respect nutrition and a better life.

COMMUNITY TRAINING NEEDS.

We the citizens of Uptown in order to inform people about G. E. D. Program and to find out about Community job training needs propose to set up a G.E.D. Agency and a Job training survey through the community groups and Government.

POLITICIANS DO THEIR JOB.

We the citizens of Uptown in order to see that politicians do what they promise and deal with the issues propose to get people out to vote for their right politicians through writing to the Congressmen and political leaders about the issues and through a voter's registration drive.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

We the citizens of Uptown in order to resolve the issues and inform the people propose to get people involved in community affairs through the local newspaper dealing with the issues, know the youth of the neighborhood, tenant and landlord co-operation and community participation in political affairs.

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MEETING TO GET EXPERIENCE.

We the citizens of Uptown in order to get together to improve the community propose meetings to get experienced in hope for general improvement through surveying people who are interested, creating schedules for gatherings, creating events and participating in them, and advertising to invite other people in.

ORGANIZED COMMUNITY

We the citizens of Uptown 5 in order to have a more secure living conditions propose to beautify and maintain our community for our happiness and well being through working as a team fix up and clean up; advertising for safety causes, better police protection, yearly celebration of community improvement.

DISCIPLINE AND FAMILY GUIDANCE

We the citizens of Uptown in order to learn to live together and respect each other without interference propose meetings should be held to share ideas monthly through providing activities for all ages and help and respect one another.

ECONOMIC DIGNITY

We the citizens of Uptown Chicago in order to have jobs for additional income propose aid and supplement the income of elderly and youth who want to work through an unemployment newspaper, community agencies and community aid.

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