



A REPORT OF
THE LUNCHEON OF UPTOWN 5 BUSINESSMEN

Held
Thursday, October 30, 1975
at the

Institute of Cultural Affairs, 4750 N. Sheridan

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| PRESENT | Present at the luncheon were several representatives of businesses of the Uptown area including the Executive Director of the Uptown Chamber of Commerce and members of the Uptown 5 Guild. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| UPTOWN GUILD REPORT | The activities of the Uptown 5 Guild were briefly reported: <u>The Last 6 Months:</u> 1. Miracle Mile--Cleaning & planting parks along Sheridan from Foster to Montrose 2. International Festival--A community celebration of the diversity of Uptown 3. Hello Neighbor Day--visiting 1000 Uptown residents in one day <u>The Next Year:</u> 1. Town Meeting--a planning day to mark the nation's bicentennial 2. Community Ball--An evening in the Aragon to celebrate living in Uptown 3. Street events--A series of summer-time events to engage the youth of Uptown in constructive activity. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BUSINESSMEN CONCERNS | The primary concerns voiced by the businessmen present were: <table border="0"><tr><td>CRIME</td><td>PROPERTY-OWNER NEGLIGENCE</td><td>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</td></tr><tr><td>1. Break-ins</td><td>1. Abandoned property</td><td>1. Lack of parking</td></tr><tr><td>2. Hold-ups</td><td>2. Beautification of the area</td><td>2. Inadequate housing</td></tr><tr><td>3. Vandalism</td><td></td><td>3. Not enough communication</td></tr><tr><td>4. Fear of streets</td><td></td><td>4. Not enough competition</td></tr><tr><td>5. Shoplifting</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> | CRIME | PROPERTY-OWNER NEGLIGENCE | COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | 1. Break-ins | 1. Abandoned property | 1. Lack of parking | 2. Hold-ups | 2. Beautification of the area | 2. Inadequate housing | 3. Vandalism | | 3. Not enough communication | 4. Fear of streets | | 4. Not enough competition | 5. Shoplifting | | |
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| RECOMMENDED ACTIONS | The group then considered possible practical actions that would bein to show signs of new life in the business community. Some of the actions were: 1. Paint and plant evergreens in planters on Argyle 2. Community-wide clean-up/keep-up campaign 3. Remove all graffitti from walls 4. Place welcome signs at entrances to Uptown 5. Hold a street sale 6. Get more light on the streets 7. Promote positive publicity for Uptown 8. Lapel buttons with an Uptown slogan 9. Push for constant foot patrol 10. Old-fashioned street lamps on main streets | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NEXT MEETING | THE NEXT MEETING OF UPTOWN 5 BUSINESSMEN WILL BE THURSDAY DECEMBER 11 AT 6:30 PM FOR DINNER AT THE INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS 4750 N. SHERIDAN ROAD. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



A REPORT OF
THE LUNCHEON OF UPTOWN 5 ELDERS AGENCIES
Held
Monday, November 10, 1975
at the
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PRESENT

Staff representatives of Uptown Elders Agencies were present at the luncheon. They brought Elders who likewise participated in the meeting, as did the members of the Uptown Guild.

UPTOWN
ELDERS'
NODE
REPORT

The Elders Node is primarily concerned with seeing that Elders remain a vital part of the Uptown Community. In concert with the other activities of Uptown 5 Guild, the Elders Node is addressing its efforts to the goals as on the included flyer. Some of the arenas with which the Node is concerned are :

ELDERS NODE DATA BANK - The Elders themselves are gathering data regarding the location of each elder in Uptown and their needs. In turn they will be provided with information of Services that can meet their needs, through the Data Bank.

ELDERS COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS - Besides celebrative occasions especially for the Elders, they also see it important to celebrate as a community. The Elders Community Ball to be held at the Aragon Ballroom on Feb.13, 1976. Everyone is invited!

Community Christmas Caroling is another forthcoming highlight. This includes all the wards. The event is scheduled for December 22, 1975

ELDERS VOCATIONAL RE-ENGAGEMENT - Knowing that elders are skilled, having wisdom and experience, it is an imperative they remain active in significant engagement thus passing on to future generations what life has given to them. Working with the Jewish Vocational Service, we are hoping to have a structure which allows the Elders to continue to participate vocationally.

ELDERS RE-EDUCATION - Basic to all activities of the Elders Node is the belief that it is possible to build a present and a future that is authentically human. In 8 of the Elders Homes there have been LENS Courses. (Living Effectively in the New Society). Similar methods of imaginal education are demonstrated in the weekly meetings of the Elders' Node. We attempt to discern the character of the times in which we live and the needs and ways of bringing about community renewal. While facing realistically the Urban Crisis, we raise up fearlessly the possibility and methodology which are required for Urban Renewal. A community Lens is scheduled for November 28 - 30th.

UPWARD
TRENDS
FOR
ELDERS'
PARTICI-
PATION

Many things are happening today that are changing the trend - "after 60 a person no longer needs to function vitally in society."
Some of the ways Society is allowing Elders to remain effective are:
Social Security; Pension Plan; Industry making possible easier models of operating and making many objects more accessible; Arts & Crafts programs; Physical improvements outside - better sidewalks, wheel chair ramps, more careful regulation of the flow of traffic; Mayor's Office for Senior

Citizens; Discounts at many stores; Visitation of Elders' Homes by other groups; Current Event Study for the Elderly.

GAPS
&
NEEDS

Though much is happening for the Elder to remain effective in Society, there are gaps and needs. Some mentioned are:
Promises of Aldermen not being fulfilled; Sunken manholes neglected; Transportation for shopping limited (14 people every two weeks); Transportation needed on voting day; Stores not packaging in a way that Elders can handle.

NEXT
STEPS

- In the next few weeks, we would like to visit the Elders' Agencies and receive information which explains their services. We would like to use this in our Elders' Node Data Bank.
- We would like to plan together some Community Celebrations such as the Christmas Caroling and Elders' Community Ball, perhaps working more directly with the program directors.
- We would like to explore the possibility of Elders and some staff participating in the COMMUNITY LENS, November 28 - 30th, as well as some homes scheduling the Elders' Lens Course.