

UPTOWN 5 QUARTERLY CONGRESS

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TASK FORCE REPORTS

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ECONOMIC TASK FORCE REPORT

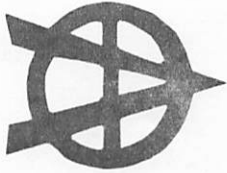


THE ECONOMIC TASK FORCE of Uptown 5 is responsible for working with the business community to enable the future development of economic services in Uptown for the benefit of all its citizens out of responsibility for the new urban culture.

THE ECONOMIC TASK FORCE reports the following accomplishments of the past quarter:

1. The task force experimented this quarter with the practical enablement of the business community in Uptown. Working with the Chamber of Commerce Sub-committee on the Wilson Avenue Store Front Project, the task force facilitated the taking of photos of the Wilson Avenue area and attended on-going sub-committee meetings.
2. Formation of a businessmen's task force was begun this quarter. It focuses on the quality and the inclusiveness of economic services in Uptown. A report of the past businessmen's luncheon was mailed this quarter to 100 businesses in Uptown detailing their proposals for future work as a task force. A third dinner is scheduled for early January to continue this work. Also, the business community continued in kind and financial support of Uptown programs.
3. In November, the task force began to create the comprehensive model for the funding of community reformulation in Uptown 5. This practical funding model draws on both public and private sources to support community training for Uptown residents, programs for the Uptown community and monies for launching the rehabilitation of housing in Uptown.

EDUCATION TASK FORCE REPORT



THE EDUCATION TASK FORCE of Uptown 5 is responsible for seeing that effective community education, relevant to the needs of all the citizens of Uptown be brought into being so that all citizens are equipped to be responsible participants in building the future.

THE EDUCATION TASK FORCE reports the following accomplishments of the past quarter:

1. In November, a community LENS seminar, Living Effectively in the New Society, was held at Lewis College in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Over thirty-five residents from Uptown attended the weekend event. The course was enabled by guildsmen from the Uptown 5 Guild.
2. The systematic scheduling of LENS courses for the elder population in Uptown continued throughout the quarter. As a result, 120 elders participated in three courses this quarter. They were held at the Wilton House, The Commodore Inn, and the Chelsea House. This program will continue next quarter with already two courses scheduled in early January.
3. Early in October, a continuing task force was established to bring into being a new training program in Uptown 5, the University 13. Conversations have been held with the Central YMCA College to have University 13 approved as an extension program of the College. The building of the curriculum continues with regular weekend work groups, and the planning of an in-residence location has begun. The latter half of March is the tentative beginning date.

SYMBOL TASK FORCE REPORT



THE SYMBOL TASK FORCE of Uptown 5 is responsible for the conscious celebration of authentic human life in the 20th century community through methods of song, story, ritual and symbol creation.

THE SYMBOL TASK FORCE reports the following accomplishments of the past quarter:

1. The task force continued to impact Uptown 5 with a new story and new images of the role of Uptown in creating the future of urban community in the 20th century. This was done primarily through the distribution of the Uptown Story brochure and the displaying of the poster, "In Any Language Uptown Is a Great Place to be Alive" in local business establishments.
2. An experimental window display was created for Mr. Al Green at the Lawrway Pharmacy on Broadway in October. This window display showed the relationship between Uptown, Chicago, and the world. Catalyzing the awareness in Uptown of its local-global relationships will continue with further window displays throughout Uptown.
3. This quarter saw the emergence of an Uptown 5 Guild song books. It is used at both Ward and Guild meetings, and it will be a major addition to the symbolic life of Uptown.
4. On December 20, 1974, the Annual Uptown 5 Christmas Caroling will take place throughout the five wards. This will be the major celebrative event for Uptown this quarter with participation by various groups in the community, block clubs, and churches

STYLE TASK FORCE REPORT



THE STYLE TASK FORCE of Uptown is responsible for the effective engagement of all the age groups in the community; children, young adults, adults, and elders, through creating a comprehensive care network for urban communities.

THE STYLE TASK FORCE reports the following accomplishments of the past quarter:

1. Three elder LENS seminars, "Living Effectively in the New Society", were held in Uptown at the Wilton House, Commodore Inn, and the Chelsea House. One hundred and twenty new graduates emerged from these weekday seminars. This continued the task of catalyzing the reengagement of our elder population.
2. In November, the third luncheon was held with elder agency personnel, elder home administrators and activity directors, and elders in attendance. Reports were presented and plans were launched for common programs that all the elder groups might do this winter, spring, and summer. Assignments were made among those present, and a future meeting date was set for January to continue actualizing their common plans.
3. Planning was begun on a future elder's node in Uptown 5. The planning was characterized by research and the collection of material for the composition of a proposal. This proposal will be submitted to government sources and private sources to get the elder node funded.
4. Regular Wednesday evening Ward visitation was begun this past quarter in all 5 wards. Teams of guilders visited in the community every Wednesday evening gathering insights, concerns, and sharing visions of the future of Uptown on behalf of the whole world. Over 200 families were visited this quarter by 30 some guilders.
5. Ward leadership training meetings were launched this October, as we began to discover how an urban community gets cared for in the 20th century. These meetings are open to all persons who seek a way to exercise their care for their neighbors and want to help build the care network for Uptown.

POLITICAL TASK FORCE REPORT



THE POLITICAL TASK FORCE of Uptown 5 is responsible for creating the forms that will enable our community to make corporate decisions about the future of Uptown

THE POLITICAL TASK FORCE reports the following accomplishments of the past quarter:

1. In mid-October, the second Town Meeting was held in Uptown at People's Church. 75 residents of Uptown participated in examining the issues facing our community, uncovering the blocks to moving ahead in Uptown, and forming proposals for the future of Uptown. In the midst of taking another step in forming the community decision about what needs to happen in Uptown, a new song was created about Chicago and Uptown.
2. Five community PSU's, "problem Solving Units", were held in Uptown during October and November: Neighbor Care, Community Celebration, Uptown and the Globe, Care of Uptown Space, and Reengaging the Disrelated. These were attended by residents from all over Uptown, who met Saturday morning and afternoon. All five of these arenas of issues were thought through, documents produced, and the results were forwarded to the Uptown Task Forces for implementation.
3. This quarter saw the emergence of the concensus forming dynamic in Uptown as the task force actualized the model to bring off the Quarterly Congress. Proposals were initiated at the Ward meetings. These were then fed into the task forces where the work of the community PSU's was added. A group of guilders then drew all these proposals together in a form that could express the consensed decisions of the Uptown community for the next three months.

TASK FORCE PROPOSALS FOR QUARTER III, Jan. - March 1975.The Economic Task Force proposes :

1. That a series of PSU's be held at 5 locations, one in each Ward, to build the comprehensive model for housing in Uptown. Architects, development persons and other resource people should be present to facilitate the community making its decisions.
2. That the Businessman's Task Force begin the procedures which would bring into being a Community Redevelopment Corporation by the next Congress. This Corporation will systemaically enable the im!plementation of the community housing model.
3. That the comprehensive model for the funding of community reformulation in Uptown 5 be completed. It shall include funding for the training of Uptown residents, fundinf for programs such as University]3, and funding for property such as Guild Hall as well as housing rehabilitation.
4. That the focus of the Economic Task Force be turned to the arena of a new public image for Uptown, and therefore a brochure or pamphlet be created about what it means to live in Uptown 5.

The Education Task Force proposes :

1. That Uptown 5 sponsors a LENS course jointly with 5TH City to be held in Week 4, January 3] - February 2, 1975, and that the course be held in 5TH City. A common course funding model shall be created with the 5TH City symbol, and inkind transportation to the Westside shall be secured, possibly from scholastic transportation.
2. That 25 residents of Uptown 5 register for the Week]0 Social Method School, and 6 Guilders be proposed to accept teaching responsibilities in the week]0 school. Recruitment shall begin in week 5.
3. That a facility be acquired in Uptown5 which shall be the location for the in-resident University]3 program and the demonstration pre-school. This facility will also serve as a meeting place for guild leadership training programs such as the ward and stake leaderships.
4. That experimental programs continue to be developed. Therefore we propose the continued systematic teaching of LENS to elders in Uptown 5, that 25! Uptown residents be sought as the first participants in University]3, and that a LENS course for a halfway house be explored.

The Symbol Task Force proposes :

1. That an Uptown 5 sculpture be created which dramatize the gift that Uptown 5 is to urban communities across the globe, and that a location be sought in Uptown 5 for the permanent display of this art form, possibly as the gateway to Uptown 5.
2. That continued impact of Uptown 5 be pursued through the creation of imaginal displays to be placed in the windows of local businessmen in all five wards of Uptown 5, and that Al Green be contacted for a second display

this quarter. Visual, photo and artistic displays shall be created to depict the cultural diversity of Uptown 5.

3. That new experiments in promoting the Uptown 5 story be pursued such as murals, bill boards, an Uptown 5 anthem and exchanges with other guilds in the greater Chicago area. The guild shall tell the Uptown 5 story to the churches in Uptown 5.

4. That a great celebrative event be planned for Uptown 5, that includes participation by the churches. This will require people from the guild and the churches meeting together to plan this week.

The Style Task Force proposes :

1. That ward care be expanded to the stake level by the launching of the pilot stake in each of the 5 wards. Each ward will finalize the boundaries of its 5 stakes and will create the model for the pilot stake experiment in the ward.

2. That a series of youth agency luncheons be held which model lead to a youth development program for Uptown 5. This would involve the search for a facility for the youth programs, as well as a program of activities and imaginal curriculum.

3. That a community newspaper be launched which holds Uptown 5 present to the global, national, regional and local events significant for Uptown 5. This venture shall be coordinated with other community reformulation projects in the nearby Chicago area.

4. That the ward visitation be intensified so that 500 families are visited this quarter in Uptown 5. This will involve intensified leadership training throughout each ward, and intentional use of the ward-stake grids so that the entire Uptown 5 area is reached.

The Political Task Force proposes :

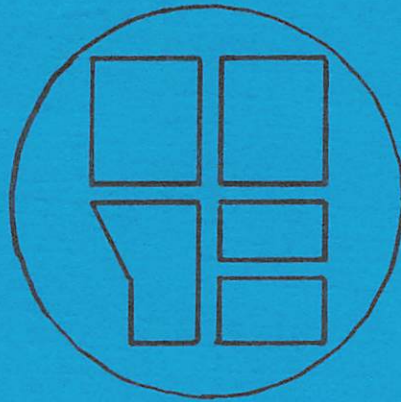
1. That the Task Force experiment with "community information" by creating and distributing an event calender for Uptown 5. It will also work with the style Task Force in developing the inclusion of significant informational material in the Uptown 5 newspaper.

2. That the Congress be expanded next quarter to 250 persons by recruiting 50 residents from each Ward.

Special guests will be invited from Uptown and from 5th City.

3. That participants in the Uptown 5 Task Forces be expanded to include representation from all 5 wards. A Task Force brochure will be created for public distribution, and training of task force leaders will be intensified. Particular attention will be paid to plans for a Physical Services Survey in the Spring.

4. That the community Problem Solving Units be continued, and a revised PSU brochure be created. Again, an every other weekend rotation with the Task Forces should be continued. By Week 13 of this quarter, all the PSU's for next quarter will have been decided.



CONGRESS AGENDA

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