

FIFTH CITY HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT  
PHASE I - WEEK I

For thirteen years Fifth City has been a model for communities around the globe to follow. It has remained a sign not by standing still, but by continually remolding the thrust of its struggle to meet the changing need.

CHICAGO HOUSE GOES TILT

One week before the consult opening the GSD team arrived, and Chicago House went tilt. The team introduced to the house the Kwang Yung Eul song, symbolizing for the House that which would mold the new corporatness that was to emerge. Station work disappeared as preparation went into full steam. Virgel and Joel from Minneapolis arrived for a week of community center and house repairs. Lights turned on, water started flowing, and most miraculous the Snout was killed. In-kind teams procured food and materials; the development team brought in the money required for the full consult budget; Fifth City status reports were prepared; and the Chicago House was transformed into a Global Task Force as old habits and patterns changed to give new life to the global task.

THE WORLD COMES TO FIFTH CITY

Preparation merged right into the Consult Opening with the arrival of colleagues from across the Area to enable the Global Task Force to focus on the Consult. As people from all parts of Chicago and the globe entered Adams Hall, they were impacted by wall hangings depicting all the Social Demonstrations. The Iron Man, the global sign of possibility, was at the center. Letters from Mayor Daley, and Senators Percy and Stevenson assured the public support. Fifth City was further Honored by Del Black from ARBA in his address pointing to the significance of Fifth City to the nation as a Horizon's on Display Community. Fifth City Board of Managers and Staff in turn honored the consultants through serving the feast. The grandeur of the opening signaled the coming of the World to Fifth City. Throughout the week, consult teams were visible on every street, in every business, and in many homes. Citizens returned the visits by coming in to participate. Patrons from the Loop spent time working in the teams and left with words of gratitude for the experience. All the teams discovered there were no experts present but the wisdom of many minds webbing together to build the future. The morning of Day 4 ended in wild applause and spontaneous singing of "When Iron Men Go Marching In," symbolizing a Yes as 146 tactics were swirled into the holding chart of the future of Fifth City. The new songs sung at the closing feast were products of the depth humanness which bubbled forth during the week. Fifth City was proclaimed sacred ground to which the auxillary, the consultants, and the citizens belong. The Mama of Social Demonstration had birthed her children and now they had come to care for her.



## DOCUMENT WRITING -- A WEIGHTLESS BURDEN

The week of the Consult was followed by an equally intense week of document writing. Teams were put to work refining charts and writing paragraphs for the vision, contradictions, proposals, tactics, and programs. The sustaining force for teams seemed to be the humor that continually erupted within the groups, transforming the hard work into a weightless burden. Everyone participated in writing the paragraphs. Even old hands, such as Wanda Lee and Sally Bell returned to work on the tactical plan during the writing week. Toward the end of the week, after the paragraphs had reached the final editing stage, the auxillary was set aside to forge out the implementaries and miracles. Six teams were formed, one for each program arena. The subtactics were gestalted into the component level of the program design, and the four implementaries for each subtactic were discerned. Out of this data, each team decided on the miracle that would initiate each of its two to three programs. Implementaries for each miracle were discerned, paragraphs written, and a six-week (Phase I) timeline created. Around-the-clock typing and printing vigils enabled the document to be completed by Sunday morning, fourteen days after the consult began. Reflection during the week brought the realization that nothing was left out of the document. Every piece of data was held in some form. Through this type of trust in local wisdom, tne the comprehensive indicative method of the consult, we began to realize the two weeks of planning had unearthed an indicative plan that would be a whole new project. And even more, we could see how to make it happen.

## MIRACLES THE ORDER OF THE DAY

Monday morning, fifteen days after the Consult began, the rubber hit the road. the auxillary remained in the new six-team organization, each team responsible for a program arena. During the first week teams were send out every night to visit neighbors in the community to carry the results of the consult, and in particular to begin building the Urban Farming Project. The first sod was broken Friday night, as the auxillary and residents of Stake III Quad 12 took only two hours to clear the first of fifty vacant lots in preparation for the City-provided roto-tiller. In the economic scene, business visits were initiated, to begin organizing the Business Association, and the proprietor of the local currency exchange agreed to provide reduced financial services to every card-carrying member of the new association. The education team mailed the first two proposals to Washington, and received the Danville Preschool teachers as visitors and colleagues in a common task. In housing, long-time local property manager Barnaby Wald claimed that the document stated his experience of the Westside situation better than any he had ever seen, and was certain we must have spent an entire year compiling the document. Alderman Jimmy Washington assured his assistance in demolishing abandoned buildings. HUD released the final money necessary to complete Pack II, and ordered construction to begin immediately. Evren new construction was seen on the near horizon as ten Fifth City families expressed their decision to build new homes in the community. By week's end, miracles were the order of the day. The power of indicative planning had been revealed once more as the key to the future of Fifth City, and through Fifth City the key to the future of the world.

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For the second Saturday, 3500 West Congress residents gathered, about 25 adults and an equal number of children, to work on Block Beautification. The fence running along the expressway was weeded and trash collected. At the corner of St. Louis and Monroe, another group of residents worked clearing one-half of the six lot area, collecting garbage, bricks and glass. During the month of Beautify by the Fourth of July, the lots are being made into a baseball diamond. Residents are beginning to demonstrate care for space as the community cllers counted 12 houses repaired during the last week. Pack I's Housing Camp is underway, with 20 new screens doors hung in one building, the plumbing repairs completed in another building, and all seven buildings inspected for necessary repairs. Naming the space continues throughout the community as the industry sign nears completion and four new WELCOME signs are put in place. A group of visiting youth from Cedar Rapids, worked all morning in the garden carrying sludge and weeding.

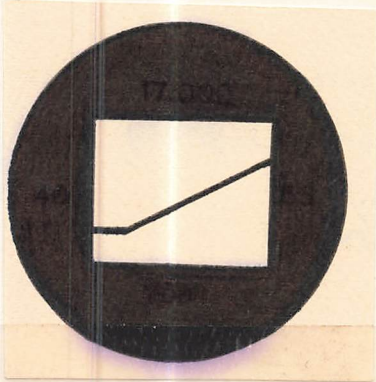
Active citizen participation in all programs continues to be enhanced by weekly stake calling. Teams composed of one ICA consultant and one resident leader visited every block in the community and generated further interest in the block restoration projects as well as enlisting approximately 50 citizens to meetings of the Men's Club, the Elders Safety Patrol, Business Association, and the Auto Service Center. 15 community elders met on Tuesday to draw up plans for increased security for themselves and the community, recommending each block implement a "Whistlestop" program to corporately combat crime.

Safe Streets, generally is showing itself to be one of the key focus points of community concern and commitment. The Men's Club citizen Band Radio patrol was begun ahead of schedule on Monday night in response to threats on Pack II housing construction. Although there were no calls for Pack II protection, the first night of patrolling yeilded the detection and apprehension of bulgars in Marshall High School and also successfully thwarted the arson of the building. Later in the week, C.B. Patrols called emergency action to a potential drowning and critical auto accident, in both cases, saving lives. The possibility of community self-protection was soundly demonstrated.

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FHDP IS LAND:  
40 Square Blocks

FHDP IS PEOPLE:  
17,000 Residents

FHDP IS PROGRAMS:  
56 Economic and Social Programs

FHDP IS DEMONSTRATION:  
For Other Urban Communities

Fifth City Human Development Project is a new project designed by community residents in cooperation with ICA Consultants. It is based on 13 years of community work on Chicago's Westside and in seven other locations around the world. The four year plan for intensified economic and social development is the product of a week-long planning consult. The fourteen programs designed to meet the most pressing needs of the community are timed into five distinct phases for implementation. Phase I of the FHDP established broad community participation in the initiation of all 14 programs.



## PHASE I MIRACLES

The power of the FHDP lies in the consensus of the community residents to activate the project's 14 programs arenas. The events and activities that build the momentum of tactical implementation are called Miracles. Phase I Miracles are low-cost, highly visible, quickly done, corporate events, and can be accomplished with minimal assistance from agencies, structures and individuals outside the community. Phase I planned and completed 20 miracles reported herein.

### LIGHT INDUSTRY SPACE READIED

An old printshop cleared and surveyed in preparation for establishment of light industry

### PACK II RENT-UP BEGINS

Finishing touches go into 54 remodeled apartment units in five buildings and first families move in

### WEEKLY FHDP BULLETIN

Weekly bulletins with information of the week's activities are hand-delivered to every Fifth City residence

### COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

350 residents gather to report and evaluate the first weeks of FHDP work

### BEAUTIFYING IRON MAN PLAZA

Flowers and ground cover for the main intersection of Fifth City, home of the Iron Man

### PLAYLOT IMPROVEMENTS

Preschool parents and volunteers create homemade playground equipment from 97 used tires

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROFILE

Regular weekly visits in all five stakes solicits residents' participation and develops local leadership

### AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES SIGN

Site for Auto Services established by the erection of sign on vacant lot near Fifth City Shopping Center

### SAFE STREETS PATROL

Men's Club in conjunction with Chicago Police Department initiate nightly roving patrols using C-B equipment

### HOME GARDENS

3,000 free packages of vegetable and flower seed are distributed throughout the community for new gardens

### TRUMBULL STREET CLEANUP

Curb-painting, tree-trimming and general facelift for Trumbull Street initiates "Beautify by the 4th of July" campaign

### BUSINESS ALLIANCE CREATED

Twenty businessmen band together to plan and implement improved financial services and increased capital circulation

### ELDER'S SAFETY PATROL

A dozen senior citizens begin the Elders' Safety Patrol to aid efforts toward reducing crime and vandalism

### MONROE STREET BALL DIAMOND

Community Workday clears rocks and bricks from vacant lot for baseball diamond, and place

### PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

Seventy Preschoolers hold cap and gown ceremony with over 200 parents and friends in attendance

### MERCHANT'S BAZAAR

Thirty merchants hold open-air market with local businessmen and private citizens to display and sell their wares.

### URBAN WORK CORPS

Six teams of 20 youth each work throughout the community in lot cleanups, building repairs, and assisting preschool staff

### WELCOME TO FIFTH CITY

Welcome signs are constructed and placed at every major intersection entering Fifth City

### DEMONSTRATION FARM PLOT

Vegetables such as lettuce, carrots, onions, and tomatoes are planted in early summer by the residents of Homan Avenue

### BUSINESS VISITATION

Each of the 75 Fifth City businessmen is visited and presented the a copy of the Consult Summary Statement



PHASE I COMPONENT PROGRAMS AND SUBTACTICS

Twenty-nine of the 56 programs were activated during Phase I of the FHDP. The completion of 40 subtactics were accomplished either directly or indirectly by the 20 miracles planned the first day of Phase I implementation. The specific programs and subtactic actions follow.

COMPONENT PROGRAM	TACTICAL ACTION
3 INDUSTRY PROMOTION	The old print shop was cleared of debris and usable stored items, drainage system repaired and a new sign named the facility "Fifth City Industrial Development Center. (139)
10 PLAZA DEVELOPMENT	City plans for the Iron Man Plaza were shown to community residents for approval and consensus regarding the continued development of the Shopping Center Plaza. (120)
11 COMMON MARKET	The first Merchant's Bazaar with 30 vendors and live entertainment provided a day of fun and shopping, demonstrating the Common Market as a needed dynamic and insuring continuation of the program. (133)
14 FINANCIAL ADVISORY	<p>Volunteer Services in insurance was actualized at Business Association Meeting where professionals provided information on broader coverage at lower costs. (7)</p> <p>The Professional Advice of the National Boulevard Bank has been utilized throughout Phase I to guide the activities of the Shopping Center, housing projects and financial services design. (17)</p> <p>Local established businesses formed the Business Association as a way to strengthen business within the community. (160)</p>
16 CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	<p>Promotion pieces were created and shown to city, state, and federal agencies as well as other economic supporters. New sources of funding have been explored. (15)</p> <p>National Boulevard Bank expressed interest in new investment in Fifth City, opening doors for further development of the Banking Pool. (11)</p>
18 RETAIL PROMOTION	A Weekly Advertisement of the Shopping Center Businesses was distributed to the community in the form of flyers. (142)



- 19 CENTRAL SERVICES  
The Currency Exchange as a part of the Business Association offers services to other merchants in the community at a reduced cost. (16)
- 20 COMMERCIAL SCHOOL  
A list of business advisors who could act as consultants to the community businesses has been compiled and several have committed their services. (73)
- 21 BLOCKS RESTORATION  
Task forces were formed in each geographical stake in the community to locate, list, and begin the restoration of buildings, sidewalks, and vacant lots. (20)
- Neighborhood Identity was intensified through the posting of block signs welcoming citizens and visitors to a cared for geographical area. (61)
- Community Clean-up was activated throughout the Block Clean-up days in which the citizens painted curbs, trimmed gardens, planted grass and flowers, repaired sidewalks and cleared away accumulated trash. (108)
- Six vacant lots were cleared of broken glass, discarded junk and accumulated trash by neighboring citizens and five auxiliary members, adults and children, using wheel barrels, rakes and shovels. (110)
- 22 MAINTENANCE TEAM  
Pack I housing renovation project received a full inspection by a professional maintenance and repair team to create a list of needed services and repairs. This was followed by intensive work projects to do plumbing, carpentry, electrical and structural repairs, painting back porches, replacing windows and screens, etc. (117)
- 23 COMMUNITY ARTS  
Labor recruitment began with recording skills of citizens learned through weekly stake visiting of citizens. Many have volunteered time and service to the various work projects and clean-up campaigns. (28)
- 24 PUBLIC WORKS  
Three attractive "Welcome to Fifth City" rustic wood signs were posted at the major entry arteries to Fifth City and one 8' X 16' billboard welcoming visitors into central business node of the community. (101)
- The Iron Man Plaza was beautified with ivy and rock gardens. (102)
- 25 NEW HOUSING  
A builders forum of citizens interested in building homes in the community has enlisted volunteer architect services to design new homes that are economically feasible and appropriate to the existing style of Fifth City dwellings. (76)

- 36 HEALTH DELIVERY Immunization for every preschooler was carried out through the Fifth City Preschool structures. (145)
- 38 COMMUNITY FACULTY Community student and adult volunteers are in training at the Fifth City Preschool under the guidance of the professional teaching staff. (40)
- 39 PRESCHOOL CENTER Preschool graduated 70 students in June and initiated the special summer session immediately thereafter. Volunteer parents assist the preschool staff on a rotating basis. Total self-support for the preschool is now being designed by funding for 50 children through the Department of Children and Family Services, 50 children through the Department of Children and Family Services, 50 children through the Department of Public Aid, and 50 children through parent paid tuitional fees. (153)
- 43 ELDER ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM Senior citizens have joined together to create an elders safety patrol. The program includes a "whistle stop program", a "window watch network", and a house numbers sign painting project. (155)
- 44 LIFE METHODS The Youth Issues Forum was held for 300 youth to initiate the Mayor's Youth Summer Employment Program. Six leaders from the community were trained in Town Meeting methods by an ICA Consultant and led the YIF workshops. (57)
- 47 WORK CORPS Approximately 100 community youth are employed for the summer in neighborhood work projects focusing on beautification and pre-vocational training projects which include work experience jobs. They are funded by the Mayor's Youth Summer Employment Program. (46)
- 49 RECREATION FACILITIES 30 youth and adults participated in clearing a vacant lot at the corner of Monroe Street and St. Louis in preparation for a ball diamond. A sign announcing the planned ball diamond was erected on the site. (122)
- 50 SEASONAL ACTIVITIES Old tires were procured from a local business to make many new playlot toys. Trains, wall ladders, and sand boxes were among the many unique creations easily assembled with nuts and bolts and anchored in place with sand. (88)
- 53 LOT FARM DEMONSTRATION A vacant lot was selected and prepared as a demonstration community garden. Residents in the vacinity helped prepare the land and provide ongoing care and upkeep. (116)
- 54 HOME GARDEN Over 2,000 donated packages of vegetable and flower seeds were made available to community residents for home gardens. City offices have provided tools and sludge for the project. (5)



## PHASE II ANTICIPATIONS

The 20 miracles of Phase I have been the vehicles for initiating 28 component programs and 42 subtactics of the total project. The elements will be sustained and undergirded with new tactics and miracles in Phase II. Activation of additional component programs and tactics, and intensification of community support will continue. Public and private sector funding of the project for the first fiscal year will be systematically cultivated for major capital costs programs in Phase III.

### PROGRAM ARENAS

- I Light Industries
- II Automotive Services
- III Commercial Development
- IV Financial Services
- V Business Management
- VI Neighborhood Environment
- VII Community Housing
- VIII Neighborhood Safety
- IX Community Engagement
- X Child Development
- XI City Life Institute
- XII Urban Student House
- XIII Social Activities
- XIV Urban Agriculture

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- 26 HOUSING REHABILITATION The Forty Block Plan was initiated through the gathering of data on present land use, vacant lots and buildings and an analysis of current needs begun. Data was then checked against city zoning maps and development plans. (119)
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- 28 CONSTRUCTION SERVICE Local citizens with particular skills in carpentry, painting and plumbing have made the journeyman's pool an active reality as they aided in doing needed repairs in various dwellings in the community. (24)
- Simultaneously maintenance procedures was demonstrated to the tenants and training volunteer workers thus establishing Housing Apprenticeship. (35)
- 29 COMMUNITY PATROL All night community patrol was begun by the Safe Streets Patrol utilizing autos and CB radios. Already the patrol has been commended by the police department for the saving of three lives and Marshall High School property. (150)
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- 30 CITIZEN ACTION Cooperative security is a true reality in the community with the establishment of the elders' safety patrol initiated a 24-hour hotline to report any disruption of the peace in the community as well as observed crimes in progress. (70)
- 33 COMMUNITY FORUM The Forum services began with the Youth Issues Forum as the opening of MYCEP program for youth. (98)
- Various Local Forums took place in each of five stakes of the community with local citizens beginning training by leading block planning meetings using methods printed in the Block Beautification manual as well as the formulation of the steering committee trained for leading the planning of the Community Issues Forum. (53)
- The leadership core has been discerned by the completion of a list of one hundred names of citizens who have demonstrated their skills through facilitating block care workdays, participating in catalizing and planning the activities of Phase I, and assuming ongoing responsibilities for continuing the initial component programs. (62)
- 35 INFORMATION INTERCHANGE Ten stakes, divisions within the community, enable coordination of comprehensive geographic visitation and team work. (60)
- Weekly FHDP bulletings distributed throughout the community report events and activities of the coming week's events, thus initiating the Media Bureau in the community. (107)