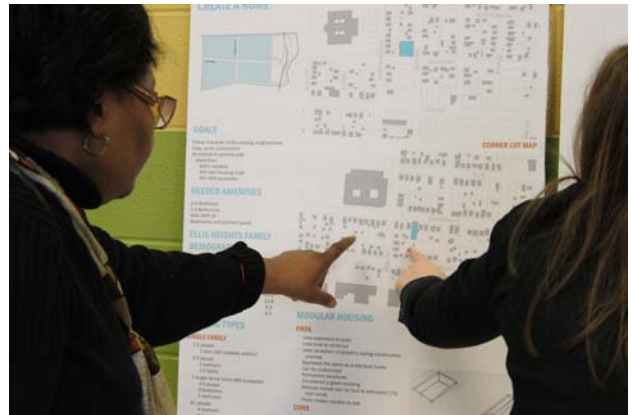


**Arts Economic Development Meeting  
(new name to be determined)  
February 26, 2013 12:00pm  
Meeting Summary**

Ron Clewer opened the meeting by presenting an overview of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative. Mr. Clewer emphasized the holistic approach to providing and expanding services within the Ellis Heights/Fairgrounds neighborhood. Mr. Clewer gave a brief overview of the partners that are working on current initiatives (listed below). He then introduced Tom Tresser, Creative Champion, who will be guiding us as we continue our efforts to uncover neighborhood assets.



- Camiros, Inc – Neighborhood Planner
- University of Illinois – College of Architecture
- University of Illinois – College of Medicine
- Tom Tresser- Community Assets Treasure Hunt



Mr. Tresser shared his background with Peoples Housing and the Howard Street Theater in Rogers Park. He spoke of how the arts are a vital piece to creating a successful neighborhood. Mr. Tresser has lead a successful program that has proven that the arts can save lives and build communities. We will begin to uncover neighborhood assets by conducting a neighborhood survey. With this survey we should find people who are artists, (dancers, quilters, bakers, jewelry makers, photographers, poets, etc.) teachers, and mentors. Over the summer the artists/performers will be provided tools and training that will enable them to participate in a Fall Expo.

The roles of the arts council (name to be determined) will be to collect, connect, coach, catalogue, and create. To do this we determined that the arts council would divide into teams responsible for the following:

- **Survey Team** – The survey will be conducted by approximately 12 teams of 2 over a period of a few weeks sometime in April. It was suggested that some surveyors be from the neighborhood watch groups and that some surveys should be taken at Crusader Community Health. The survey team will be responsible for the following:

- Train Surveyors
- Survey Takers – paid positions (?)
- Name Badges/T-Shirts – need to be noticeable/identified with project
- Collect and Analyze – data gathered from surveys

- **Mentoring/Training** – This team will be responsible for identifying and training/mentoring artists who will then take on the mentoring/training roles

- Performers
- Word Smiths
- Dancers
- Cooks, Chefs
- Makers, Crafts People

- **Expo Team** - This team will oversee the Fall Expo.

- Day of celebration
- Expo – wares for sale
- Marketing/inviting public
- Voting/Awards – Best of Show, People’s Choice Award, etc.

- **Building Search Team** - This team will search for and identify a physical place to anchor creativity

- Community Arts Incubator

#### Miscellaneous Notes:

- **March 12<sup>th</sup>** will be a meeting for the SURVEY TEAM and will be held at RHA from 12:00-1:00 – please RSVP to Jodi
- A Wiki web site has been created, please check it for latest news and happenings <http://ellisheightscreates.wikispaces.com/>

