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MEMORANDUM FOR GENE SPERLING

FROM: Gigi Georges
SUBJECT: Potential Digital Divide commitment

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Based on a call this afternoon from Ginny Terzano, who is now at Microsoft, we (Kalil, Bilimoria and I) believe we have an opportunity for a strong trip deliverable from a partnership that includes the United Negro College Fund, Microsoft, and IBM. However, if we want to pursue this, it will require convincing UNCF to hold its initiative announcement, which is currently scheduled for next Friday, March 10th.

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Background on Microsoft/United Negro College Fund Deliverable

The UNCF has put together a comprehensive \$80M technology initiative, divided into two phases:

- Phase I, which is ready for announcement, will help all 39 UNCF member colleges upgrade their administrative and educational computer systems. This part includes the hardware, software and training for all faculty and staff.
- Phase II, which is not yet completed, will create an e-commerce site for students at all 118 historically black colleges and universities (315,000 students in total), allowing them to purchase low cost computers and software. Terzano did not know when this phase would be ready for announcement.

The overall initiative is the result of more than a year of technology planning on the UNCF's part, and has the backing of all 39 UNCF college presidents.

Current UNCF Plans for Phase I

A. Components

- Microsoft will donate (about \$50M in retail value) software as a component of the first part of its technology initiative.
- The UNCF has lined up deeply discounted hardware from IBM, donated technology consulting and training from IBM and others, and other private contributions to the initiative.
- The grant would help more than 70,000 black college students, faculty and staff by making the UNCF colleges more technologically capable.

B. Timing

- The UNCF has a meeting of its board members and college presidents set for March 9 in New York, and intends to publicly announce its technology initiative the following day, March 10.
- The UNCF has not agreed to postpone an announcement despite urgings by Microsoft to hold off, and has said it will proceed with the other pieces of the technology initiative if Microsoft is not ready at that time.

C. Background on Microsoft/UNCF Partnership

- Microsoft has supported the UNCF with cash and software (totaling more than \$24M) over the last five years. As part of this total giving, Microsoft made a \$6M software grant to the UNCF in 1996 and a \$14.6M grant in early 1998.

Recommended Action:

We have an opportunity to ask UNCF to hold its Phase I deliverable for the trip. It would require a call to Bill Gray, President and CEO of UNCF. As noted above, he has resisted Microsoft's urgings to postpone the announcement, but Microsoft believes that a call from the WH could make the difference.

Microsoft would like us to consider highlighting the deliverable as part of a kickoff event, but we believe it makes the most sense to incorporate as a trip deliverable.

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Subject: Connected Entrepreneur Background

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Melissa, it was very nice to finally meet you yesterday, and thank you for setting up the meeting between Eric Benhamou and Gene. Eric regrets that he won't have another opportunity tomorrow to meet with him as you generously offered.

However, the meeting was very productive even in the short time we had, as Gene took an interest in a suggestion Eric conveyed about a program 3Com is sponsoring -- the "Connected Entrepreneur". I believe Gene thought it could fit in nicely with the President's New Markets Tour in April, and he evidently raised the idea publicly during his industry briefing at 3:00.

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Accordingly, we are forwarding more information to Gene about the program -- the "Connected Entrepreneur." I'd very much appreciate if you would forward or print these few documents for him to review.

Please let me know if he would like to have us come in to talk about it further. I'm at 202-661-4608.

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Per our discussion, here is additional background on the Connected Entrepreneur program. 3Com and the YWCA have partnered to create the Connected Entrepreneur program (<http://www.3Com.com/smallbusiness/tce>), which is designed to spotlight "economic heroes" who have successful small businesses in the inner cities and who are committed to bridging the digital divide. Our program helps entrepreneurs bridge the divide by awarding their company and a local YWCA TechGYRLS program with a 3Com networking technology grant. TechGYRLS is a program designed for girls to raise their interest, confidence and competence in the area of technology (<http://www.ywca.org/html/B4d9a2.asp>). The YWCA and 3Com plan to launch the program with an awards ceremony at the mid-town Manhattan or Brooklyn YWCA in early April.

We are pleased to honor Steve and Sheila Conner, an African-American couple as the first recipients of the Connected Entrepreneur award. Steve and Sheila are the head of C&C films, an exciting small business that produces commercials, children's videos and web-based entertainment. The

Brooklyn-based company performs nearly all aspects of film production in the digital domain.

Steve and Sheila have built a solid internship program into the company, and as the Connected Entrepreneur award recipients, have committed to establish a mentor program with the Brooklyn YWCA TechGYRLS program.

Along with many other projects, C&C Films is now working on a website that corresponds with a children's video series it has created (<http://www.ave-e.com/>).

Dr. Prema Mathai-Davis, CEO of the YWCA of the U.S.A., an internationally respected figure and enthusiastic supporter, has committed to be a spokesperson for the program. As you are aware, Eric Benhamou is also committed to the program and to bridging the digital divide.

I have attached a few background documents. The first is the invitation to President Clinton to participate in the event. The second is a case study about the winning company, and the third is an article that has appeared on BusinessWeek Online about the Connected Entrepreneur program. The press release announcing the program can be found at <http://www.3com.com/news/releases/pr99/nov0899a.html>

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Subject: Re: Ideas for Digital Divide Trip

FYI -- Aida pressed Gene to consider the SBA prposal do to a digital divide event with the hispanic chamber of commerce (I think) -- not sure if this is the same as what Cliff suggests with US-Mexican Chamber. Gene promised to look closely and be interested. Make sure he knows what the SBA proposal is and what we think.

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Local/Regional News

Streetheart deals: Hub's Main Streets program channels fed \$\$ to insiders

by Steve Marantz

Thursday, March 16, 2000

Boston's Main Streets Program, Mayor Thomas M. Menino's highly touted project to rebuild neighborhood business districts, routinely awards federal grants to its own board directors and political insiders, records show.

Intended to help local business districts compete with suburban malls, Main Streets is funneling about \$2 million in renovation funds to local boards, which dole them out - often to their own directors, former city officials, and others with City Hall ties.

Among grant recipients and applicants:

John P. Rooney, brother of James Rooney, Menino's chief of staff and co-owner of South Boston Online, received \$2,500 for a facade at 492 E. Broadway, and has another application pending for Rooney Real Estate at 700 E. Broadway.

Jim Hart, the former chief legal counsel of Boston Police and uncle to state Rep. Jack Hart, is scheduled to receive \$25,000 for five storefronts, all in one building at 584 Columbia Road at Upham's Corner. Hart's nephew is empowered to name one director to South Boston Main Street.

Frank Chin, who retired as the city's purchasing agent last fall, has received design assistance from a board-hired consultant, and has an application pending on his building at 403-419 Washington Street in Brighton.

Fourteen Main Street directors received grants up to \$15,000 to improve their businesses, including longtime Menino friend Vinny Marino, a director of the Roslindale board.

Marino received \$10,000 for his 4253 Washington St. building containing Parkway Gardens bar and Tony's Market. Photos of Marino and Menino adorn the walls of the bar, a hangout for boxing fans.



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Review and approval is carried out by Main Streets' boards of directors, which are both elected and appointed, and comprised of city and state officials, business owners, residents and institutional officers, and supervised by a City Hall-paid manager.

But unlike most federal grant programs in which applicants are reviewed by government officials or non-profit agencies, Main Streets' approval power resides with applicants themselves - an inherent potential conflict freely acknowledged by district managers and independent consultants to the program.

While Boston Main Streets central staff, operating out of the city's Department of Neighborhood Development, screens applications, virtually everything approved by the districts is funded.

Though directors abstain from voting on their own applications, they are free to lobby fellow directors - any of whom may need their vote on a future application.

"Legally speaking, we don't think there is any problem at all," said Kathleen L. Kottaridis, Menino's Main Streets coordinator. "There is no cause for concern. That does not raise any red flags for us."

Kottaridis said each Main Street group is "independent of each other and of the city," and said the efforts of the groups "has brought multiple rewards to each of these neighborhoods."

"Conflicts of interest are only of concern when they would give an appearance of, or actually result in favoritism," said Joshua Bloom, senior associate with National Historic Trust for Preservation, a non-profit consultant to Boston Main Streets.

"We think of it as enlightened self-interest. Anyone participating has an inherent conflict if they're trying to improve their business or neighborhood," Bloom said.

However, one Main Street district - Dudley Square - prohibits directors from applying for grants.

"I know the conflict of interest laws," said Joyce Stanley, manager of Dudley Square Main Streets. "We are careful about that. Most of the merchants on our board don't need our grants - they can go to the bank. I have enough projects to pick and choose from that I don't need to pick board directors. We like people to see that things are done above board."

Catherine Walsh, chair of the South Boston facade committee, received \$2,500 for her Cranberry Cafe at 704 E. Broadway. Walsh rents one side of her building to Rooney Real Estate.

"What conflict?" said Walsh. "Main Streets is a volunteer effort. If I'm volunteering services it doesn't mean I can't receive the same benefits as the person next door who doesn't do anything."

Two other South Boston directors received grants. Mike Foley of Jack Conway Real Estate, got \$2,230 for his building at 739 E. Broadway; and Sherry Cassino of Silver Image got \$2,400 for her building at 500 E. Broadway.

Mission Hill Main Streets awarded \$8,000 to KVC Associates, a property management firm, at 1 Fenwood Road. Mission Hill director Gobnait Conneely is a manager at KVC.

``When it was time to vote I stepped down," Conneely said. ``You have to or you don't have a fair process."

The former president of the East Boston board, Clark Moulaison, was awarded \$10,000 to redo the facade of his American Ice Cream Shoppe at 226 Sumner St.

``I don't own the property," Moulaison said. ``The whole job was \$65,000. So it took a significant financial commitment on my part as well as a commitment to making changes - anything we can do to reverse the deterioration."

Washington Gateway Main Streets awarded a new sign to a Washington Street building developed by Old Boston Restorations, one of whose principals, Karen Parker, is a director.

Egleston Square Main Streets awarded \$15,000 to Elaine Wallace, an alternate director and owner of Elaine's Bakery at 3088-90 Washington St.

Another director, Jose Rojas, received \$1,412 to redo his business, Alberto's Salon.

Bowden Geneva Main Streets gave \$15,000 to a director, Peter Hologitas, for five storefronts at 481 Geneva Ave. Another director, Leta Allen, received \$2,500 for her salon, Leta's Hair Plus, at 495 Geneva.

Brighton Main Streets granted \$10,000 to a director, Martin Grealish, for renovation of the Rourke Building at 363-365 Washington St., the top three floors of which are residential.

The co-chair of the board, Steve Wasserman, received \$7,000 and is scheduled to get another \$3,000 for renovation of his Brighton Travel building at 360 Washington St.

Brighton Main Streets manager Ann Griffin said directors are dismissed from the room when their projects are being voted upon. Additionally, they are instructed to not talk with other directors about their applications.

``We read them the riot act about that," Griffin said. ``There hasn't been a case where we've been opposed to the nature of the development. But, no you shouldn't be discussing this with other

members of the board."

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*From Mayor's office***Boston Main Streets – corrections to Herald article – 3/16/00**

Design assistance to projects is provided by architectural firms that are hired by the Office of Business Development. These outside firms are not hired by the Main Street boards of directors.

John Rooney, South Boston Online – Building owner Jim Brock applied for and received design assistance and funding. John Rooney is a tenant that moved in afterward. Project received design assistance approval June 11, 1997 to meet with an architect. Project completed May 1999.

584 Columbia Road – the largest and most prominent building in the heart of the Upham's Corner Main Street district. Project has received design assistance in December 1997, has not moved forward with a request for façade funds. The original application was for a matching grant of \$10,000 on a project that could potentially exceed \$150,000.

Frank Chin – Frank Chin and his partner Danny Ng submitted an application for design assistance to Brighton Main Streets. The project received design assistance in May 1999 and has yet to move forward.

Parkway Gardens and Tony's Market (building owner Vinny Marino). Total storefront improvements - \$33,426. Roslindale Main Streets grant \$10,000. Leverage ratio over 3:1 (private:public). Mr. Marino has participated in Roslindale Main Streets for over 10 years and has provided thousands of dollars and volunteer hours to the revitalization of Roslindale Village.

Dudley Square – the article confuses the Empowerment Zone board with the Dudley Square Main Streets board. Joyce Stanley's comments were answer to Marantz's questions about the EZ board.

Cranberry Café – as a volunteer she has assisted over 53 businesses on East and West Broadway with their plans for storefront improvements, 20 projects have completed storefront improvements. Contrary to the article she received \$972.50 (not \$2,500) for an awning for her business which cost \$2029.75.

KVC Associates – Gobnait Conneely is an employee of KVC Associates not a business or property owner, however, she still stepped down for the project review and approval process to avoid any appearance of impropriety.

Old Boston Restorations, Washington Gateway – DND has not received any paperwork on this project to date.

Rgleston Square Main Streets – 3088 – 3096 Washington Street, applicant is Saul Westelman, Elaine Wallace's bakery is one of six businesses in Mr. Westelman's two

buildings. The total project cost will be over \$50,000. Egleston Square Main Street has approved reimbursement of \$18,750 for the two buildings.

481 Geneva Avenue, Bowdoin/Geneva Main Street district received design assistance for the renovation of the five storefronts in the building. The total cost of the project would be expected to exceed \$150,000. No commitment has been made and the project has not moved beyond design assistance. Peter Hologitis joined the BGMS board after having received design assistance.

Leta's Hair Plus -- received \$2,500 grant from Bowdoin/Geneva Main Streets. She took out a personal loan of \$10,000 to complete this project. The total project cost was \$20,000.

363-365 Washington Street -- this project received \$10,000 from Brighton Main Streets and total cost is over \$1,000,000.



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Menino made Hub program the largest in nation by Steve Marantz

Thursday, March 16, 2000

Boston's Main Streets program is the largest in the country due to the encouragement of Mayor Thomas M. Menino who, as a city councilor, first brought it to Roslindale in 1985.

Main Streets is in 1,500 cities and towns, including Chicago, San Diego, Baltimore, Washington, Detroit and Los Angeles.

Funded by Community Development Block Grant dollars out of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Main Streets seeks to eliminate blight and create jobs.

Each of the 19 districts in Boston operates under its own set of bylaws, overseen by a local board of directors with supervision from a City Hall manager paid \$35,000 a year.

Federal grants are matched by local funds and boards engage in their own fund-raising activities.

Main Streets boards are open to any resident or business owner who expresses an interest, but the boards reach out to the politically connected and business-astute.

East Boston Main Streets recently invited an aide to City Councilor Paul Scapicchio to run for "election" in a vote occurring at the East Boston office between 1 and 4 p.m. on a Friday.

The East Boston board includes Patti Sartori, a member of the City Council's central staff, and her husband, Charles Braid, both of whom are politically active for Menino and state Sen. Robert Travaglini. The East Boston board also includes Pat Capogreco, an Inspectional Services Department official.

The Hyde Park board includes Dennis DiMarzio, Menino's chief operating officer, as well as Matt Benedetti, an aide to City Councilor Dan Conley.

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President James Kelly, state Sen. Stephen Lynch and state Rep. Jack Hart. Kelly's first appointment was realtor Mary Ann Crush, who is also a member of the South Boston Betterment Trust, a citizens group that controls linkage payments from waterfront development. Hart appointed Bob O'Shea, a Central Artery official. The current board chairman, Tom Butler, is a Massport official.

One city councilor has likened Main Streets to the Little City Hall political network operated by former Mayor Kevin White in the 1970s.

But Joyce Stanley, Dudley Square Main Streets manager, said, "We're not the same kind of political machine."

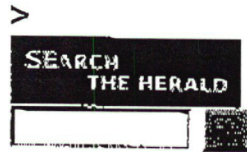
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Ethics on 'Main Streets' A Boston Herald editorial

Friday, March 17, 2000

Directors of Boston's ``Main Streets'' commercial neighborhood improvement groups have been getting city grants to spruce up their buildings - grants which their fellow board members approve and recommend to City Hall.

It's time for this little ripoff to stop.

Mayor Tom Menino doesn't have to look far for the right example: The Dudley Square Main Street organization bars its directors from applying for grants. Its manager, Joyce Stanley, noted, ``Most of the merchants on our board don't need our grants - they can go to the bank."

This is what the grants, which run about \$2 million a year, should be saved for - improvements to businesses that can't get a loan. It's hard to believe that qualifying at a bank would be difficult for the parade of politically connected insiders (including friends of the mayor) scoring these grants that Herald reporter Steve Marantz detailed in yesterday's newspaper.

The rules say directors may not vote on their own applications. That's not enough. They can win support on the tried-and-true ``You-scratch-my-back-and-I'll-scratch-yours'' principle (except in Brighton, where the manager, Ann Griffin, said she ``reads them the riot act'' in telling directors not to discuss their own applications with their colleagues).

Menino's Main Streets coordinator, Kathleen L. Kotardis, said, ``Legally speaking, we don't think there is any problem at all." Well, maybe not. But ethically speaking, there's a huge problem.

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Menino: Politics not a factor in fed grant awards by Steve Marantz

Friday, March 17, 2000

Mayor Thomas M. Menino vigorously defended the grant-awarding process of Boston's Main Streets program yesterday, even as records revealed additional local board directors receiving federal assistance for storefront improvement.

Responding to a Herald report that 14 local directors have been voted grants of up to \$15,000 by the boards on which they sit, Menino said that the 19 Main Streets local boards, incorporated as nonprofits, are spending federal grants legally and ethically.

“Each one is an independent (nonprofit corporation),” Menino said.
“Like any nonprofit they control the money they are given.

“Each district operates within the rules of the (federal) Community Development Block Grant's contract with the city of Boston.”

The mayor said each board member “receives training in board management and basic training in ethics. When a member has an application, he steps away from the vote.”

Menino expressed pride in the Main Streets program, which he said is a national model.

“Other cities are replicating what we're doing,” Menino said.

“We've had 120 storefront renovations since 1995, 313 new or expanded businesses, 2,400 new jobs, and a private-to-public investment ratio of 3-to-1,” he added.

Claiming that political connections are not a factor in grant awards, Boston's Main Streets coordinator Katherine L. Kottaridis said the \$2,500 grant awarded South Boston Online owner John P. Rooney occurred prior to Rooney's brother, James Rooney, being named Menino's chief of staff.

However, documents provided the Herald by Boston Main Streets show the grant was under active consideration at the time of

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Rooney's appointment by Menino.

Meanwhile, records show Hyde Park Cooperative Bank at 1172 River St. received design assistance from Hyde Park Main Streets.

Hyde Park Cooperative President Norman Williamson is a director of Hyde Park Main Streets, and a longtime friend of Menino.

Officials said Williamson withdrew his grant application after receiving design assistance, and carried out the project with private funds.

Records show two other Hyde Park Main Streets directors received grants.

Ted Nichols, owner of Laughlin-Nichols Funeral Home at 34 Oak St. received \$2,500, while Fred Burke, owner of John H. Burke & Sons Insurance at 1279 River St., received \$804.

Nichols and Burke are longtime friends of Menino.

Additionally, officials confirmed that Hyde Park Main Streets director Paul Mastrangelo, owner of PDM Associates, received a contract from Hyde Park Main Streets to print and distribute an advertising supplement touting members' businesses.

The amount of the contract was not available.

Asked about Mastrangelo's contract, Menino said, ``That's a decision by the local board. I'm not getting involved in local decision-making. The idea is to be independent of City Hall."

Records show an Egleston Square Main Streets director, Toula Politas, received design assistance for Egleston Nails at 3101 Washington St., but officials say she withdrew her application.

East Boston Main Streets director Oscar Sanchez, co-owner of La Sultana Bakery, received \$2,465, according to records.

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Mean streets to Main Streets Neighborhood aid program attracts attention

By Jamal E. Watson
GLOBE STAFF

When Charlie Rose and Kathie Mainzer decided to open a pizza parlor and bowling alley near Hyde and Jackson squares in Jamaica Plain, they met their share of doubters.

"We had people telling us that if we wanted to have a restaurant in this neighborhood, we would have to put bars on our windows," said Rose, co-owner of Bella Luna restaurant on Centre Street. "That was six years ago, and things were that bad. ... Today, things are much different."

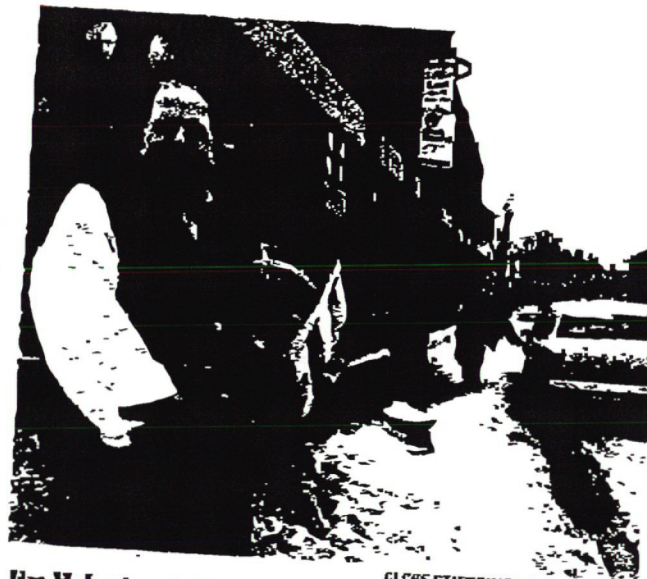
Drugs, homicides, and thefts that once nearly devastated this working-class neighborhood have been re-

placed by boutiques and Salvadoran restaurants that cater to a burgeoning immigrant population.

The Hyde Square/Jackson Square district is one of 18 historic neighborhoods that are part of Boston's Main Streets program. City officials have been showcasing the regions for the past several years to mayors in US cities struggling to stave off decay and reduce crime in older neighborhoods.

Last week, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer arrived with a delegation of advisers and business leaders to find out how Boston has turned troubled neighborhoods into booming economic districts. Archer's visit followed those of officials from Los Angeles, New Orleans, Baltimore, Chicago, and San Diego.

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Jim McInnis outside his Roslindale store, Village Market.
The area is a beneficiary of the Main Streets program.

In Boston, mean streets turned into Main Streets

■ MAIN STREETS

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"We are facing some major challenges in Detroit," said Archer, who has held the post since 1994. "We're trying to reduce crime and build our neighborhoods, and we're here because we want to know what magic Mayor Menino is doing."

Archer and his staff spent much of last Thursday on a bus touring the city with representatives from the Main Streets program. The private-public initiative, based on a national model, was established in Boston by Mayor Thomas M. Menino in 1995 to help neighborhoods become economically viable.

The program operates on the premise that if communities have retail and commercial stores that cater to residents' needs, then residents are more likely to support local businesses instead of shopping at suburban malls. They are also more likely to take pride in ownership within their communities, which in turn creates lower tolerance for criminal and

antisocial activity.

The result is often more jobs, new stores, and lower crime rates. For example, the Roslindale Village Main Streets program began in 1995 with a storefront vacancy rate of 20.7 percent. Today that rate is 3.5 percent, and there are 41 new businesses and 196 new jobs.

In South Boston, the storefront vacancy rate was 10.5 percent in 1995. Under the Main Streets program, the vacancy rate is less than 1 percent. Twenty businesses in South Boston's program have received facade improvements or building renovations, while 39 businesses and 278 jobs have been created.

Apart from being a national model, Boston's program has attracted interest from Japanese officials.

"Every place is different," said R. McDuffie Nichols, senior program manager for the National Main Street Center in Washington. "We recommend to other cities that they go to Boston and see what's going on there and use it as a model to

develop their own programs. We think that Boston has one of the best programs out there."

Last November, Baltimore's newly elected mayor, Martin O'Malley, visited Boston to discuss crime and the development of the inner city with Menino. O'Malley, who leads a city of 645,000, faces a major challenge: bringing the city's number of annual homicides below 300. His spokesman said the mayor and his staff met earlier this week to discuss setting up a Baltimore Main Streets program, based on Boston's success.

Like O'Malley, Archer and his team said they are impressed by what's happening in Boston. "There's a lot going on here and we're taking notes and learning," Archer said.

During a stop in the Roslindale district, residents passed Archer en route to the Village Market, a grocery store owned by Jim McInnis, a former Star Market employee.

"There were people who told me that I would never be able to sell or-

ganic food in this store," McInnis said. "But we're doing very well."

It doesn't take much to get Menino buzzing about the program. "I always say that Boston has become a model for economic restructuring and public safety," he said, during a pizza lunch with Archer and his delegation at Bella Luna. "I'm glad that we can share what we've been doing here with our friends from Detroit."

There are several phases to the Main Streets project, said Katharine L. Kottarakis, director of the city's office of business development, which oversees the program.

Kottarakis said the goal of the project is to form partnerships between a broad range of groups, organizations, and constituents to work on grass-roots revitalization.

"The Main Streets project is about bringing the community in from the front end, instead of the back end," she said. "It's about getting everyone involved in making their community a better place."

Another phase of the program includes using city money to improve

the appearance of the commercial districts, including buildings, streets, sidewalks, window displays, and parking signs.

"We're molding the way city services are delivered," said John Dalzell, chief architect for the project "and we're getting rid of the vacant and blighted areas in some of our neighborhoods."

The result, Dalzell said, is a renewed sense of pride in community. "There's ownership with this program," he said. "If there are graffiti writers who come out and start writing on the walls in Dudley Square, residents come out and chase them away and that graffiti is gone."

Archer and others hope the same spirit generated in Dudley Square can be transmitted to places such as downtown Detroit.

"We're going to develop a plan and do something like this in Detroit," said Jay Jurgenson, a consultant working with Archer's office. "It'll just take us some time to put all the pieces in place."

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Kendra:

Attached are printouts from our database of our only 2 NN centers in Nevada and 7 (the only ones) in Oregon.

The Buena Vista Springs Community center (NV) is excellent. The Betty Campbell, Kirkland Union (mostly senior), and Margaret Carter centers in Oregon are also excellent, but we are checking to make sure that our past evaluations are still valid.. However, the Buena Vista Springs center in NV is a definite, we've recently received updated information from them—the attached write-up is quite detailed. Also, Glenridge Terrace (OR) is a good center.. Maggie Gibson (OR) seems to be a pretty active center. Betty Campbell and the Margaret Carter centers are twin centers.

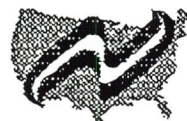
This just in: Maggie Gibson center will be hosting a health care event on 4/15 with HOPE for Kids (a national NN partner).

I am also checking on the status of the properties to ensure that none are "troubled". Hope this is helpful. Thanks!

P.S. As per our conversation a few moments ago, I'll ask our contractor to focus on the sites we know to be good. Please let me know if this is ok.

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Neighborhood Networks Center Profile

Property: Aloha Park Apartments

Name:	Aloha Park		
Sort Name:	Aloha Park		
Type:	Neighborhood Networks center		
ICF Contact:			
Address:	875 SW 185th Avenue		
City:	Aloha	State:	Oregon
Zip (Postal) Code:	97006		
Telephone:	503-641-5437	Fax:	503-350-0707
E-mail:	tvhp1@teleport.com		
	Web Site:		
Primary Contacts			
<u>Mr. Bill Hack</u>		Alternate Contacts	
		<u>Ms. Carolyn Holland</u>	
		<u>Mitchell</u>	
Other Contacts			

Description:

Mailing Response:

Logo:

Consortiums			
Internet Connection:	Yes	Network (LAN) Access:	Yes
Budget:	16,000	Residents:	15
Staff:	1	Volunteers:	2
Focus:		Grand Opening:	
Phase: Center Operational			
Date In Planning:	02/01/97	Date Plan Approved:	04/01/97
Date Plan Submitted:	04/01/97	Date Center Operational:	05/01/97
Business Plan:	No		

Highlights:

Run by Tualatin Valley Housing Services and serves 80 units.

Success Stories:

Sources and Uses of Funds:

Center Partners

Best Practices

► Computer Technology

▼ Current Center Programs

Purpose: The information below provides an overview and some descriptions of the programs this Neighborhood Networks center currently offers.

Program Description

Employment programs

Job skills training

Job readiness

Organizational Development

Operations run by the owner or manager

Education

Educational programs for adults

Educational programs for youth

Afterschool Program

High school equivalency or GED preparation

Technology literacy (e.g., Internet training, how to use basic software, how computers work)

Social Services

Youth activities/services

Health Care Programs

b) Health Education Activities



EXCELLENT CENTER *



Neighborhood Networks Center Profile

Property: C.A. White Gardens; Martha Wells
Court

Name: **Betty Campbell Business Center**
Sort Name: Betty Campbell Business Center
Type:
ICF Contact:
Address: 3987 North Mississippi Avenue
City: Portland State: Oregon
Zip (Postal) Code: 97227
Telephone: 503-335-0947 Fax: 503-281-0933
E-mail:
Web Site:
Primary Contacts Alternate Contacts Other Contacts
Ms. Veronica Ross Ms. Joan Miggins
Ms. Serena Moye

Description:

Mailing Response:

Logo:

Consortiums	
Internet Connection:	Yes
Budget:	8,000
Staff:	2
Focus:	
Network (LAN) Access:	
Residents:	50
Volunteers:	
Grand Opening:	
Phase:	Center Operational
Date In Planning:	06/01/96
Date Plan Approved:	
Date Center Operational:	06/04/97
Date Plan Submitted:	
Business Plan:	No

Highlights:

Success Stories:

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Sources and Uses of Funds:

HUD, private dollars

Center Partners

Portland Community College

Best Practices**► Computer Technology****▼ Current Center Programs**

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Program Description**Employment programs**

Job skills training

Education

Educational programs for adults

Technology literacy (e.g., Internet training, how to use basic software, how computers work)

Educational partnerships

3 E-mail Comments

GOOD CENTER



Neighborhood Networks Center Profile

Property: Glenridge Terrace

Name: Glenridge Terrace Computer Learning Center
Sort Name: Glenridge Terrace Computer Learning Center
Type: Neighborhood Networks center
ICF Contact:
Address: 690 Black Oak Drive
City: Medford **State:** Oregon
Zip (Postal) Code: 97504
Telephone: 541-857-1195 **Fax:** 541-772-7637
E-mail: glenridge@southc.com **Web Site:** <http://www.southc.com/glenridge>
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Mr. Michael Morris Ms. Alicia Flood
Mr. John Burke

Description:

Mailing Response:

Logo:

Consortiums			
Internet Connection:	Yes	Network (LAN) Access:	No
Budget:		Residents:	
Staff:		Volunteers:	
Focus:		Grand Opening:	
Phase:	Center Operational	Date Plan Approved:	04/01/97
Date In Planning:	10/01/95	Date Center Operational:	07/01/97
Date Plan Submitted:	01/01/97		
Business Plan:	No		

Highlights:

The first NNC in Southern Oregon held its grand opening on 7/30/97. The Center has 5 Pentium workstations with business and graphic-related software for its 125 residents. Classes are being taught by volunteers and instructors from Rogue Community College and Southern Oregon University. The Job Council supplied software and the State Employment Office is maintaining job postings and offering job search assistance.

Success Stories: *PLEASE GET MORE INFO*

Sources and Uses of Funds:

Center Partners

Best Practices

► Computer Technology

▼ Current Center Programs

Purpose: The information below provides an overview and some descriptions of the programs this Neighborhood Networks center currently offers.

Program Description

Employment programs

Job skills training

Job postings, search or placement services

Organizational Development

Operations run by the owner or manager

Education

Educational programs for adults

Educational programs for youth

Educational programs for families

Social Services

Partnerships with local/state transit authorities: Partnership with State Employment Office.



EXCELLENT CENTER



Neighborhood Networks Center Profile

(Mostly Senior)

Property: Kirkland Union Manor

Name: Kirkland Union Manor
Sort Name: Kirkland Union Manor
Type:
ICF Contact:
Address: 8447 Southeast Lafayette Street
City: Portland **State:** Oregon
Zip (Postal) Code: 97266
Telephone: 503-777-8101 **Fax:** 503-774-5586
E-mail: gregf@hevanet.com **Web Site:** <http://www.theunionmanors.com>
Primary Contacts **Alternate Contacts** **Other Contacts**
Mr. Greg Franks
Description:

Mailing Response:

Logo:

Consortiums

Internet Connection:	Yes	Network (LAN) Access:	No
Budget:	TBD	Residents:	30
Staff:	1	Volunteers:	
Focus:		Grand Opening:	06/01/95
Phase:	Center Operational	Date Plan Approved:	03/01/96
Date In Planning:	03/01/95	Date Center Operational:	03/01/96
Date Plan Submitted:	03/01/96		
Business Plan:	Yes		

Highlights:

The center promotes the building of inter-generational relationships between senior residents and high school students. Kirkland Union Manor III was the first Neighborhood Networks Center to have its own World Wide Web site. The center has three on-site health care clinics staffed by outside providers and paid for by Medicare: podiatry, blood pressure and hearing aid. Once per year they have a health screening clinic with the local hospital and once per year they have a flu shot clinic put on by the County. In Portland, OR, a garden project creates a community spirit among the 340 residents at the Kirkland Union Manor. The innovative 50-space garden project at the property gives seniors a chance to continue their love of

gardening. Some residents choose to share their garden space with friends. A community table is set up where surplus vegetables are offered to fellow residents and staff. Tomatoes, green onions, carrots, peppers, and lettuce are a sample of the offerings.

Success Stories:

Sources and Uses of Funds:

Center Partners

Best Practices

► Computer Technology

▼ Current Center Programs

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Program Description

Organizational Development

Operations run by the owner or manager

Education

Educational programs for adults

Educational programs for youth

Afterschool Program

Educational programs for families

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Technology literacy (e.g., Internet training, how to use basic software, how computers work)

Educational software package: Word, publisher, power point

Social Services

Transportation programs

Senior activities/services: Partnering with local high school to have high school students teach computer skills and work with Asian language and Russian speaking residents to translate center handbooks and written policies into other languages.

Health Care Programs

a) Health Fairs

b) Health Education Activities

c) Health Services



Neighborhood Networks Center Profile

Property: Avenue Plaza Apartments; King
Dishman Court

Name: **Maggie Gibson Neighborhood Networks Center**

Sort Name: Maggie Gibson Neighborhood Networks Center
Type: Neighborhood Networks center

ICF Contact:

Address: PO Box 11268

City: Portland

State: Oregon

Zip (Postal) Code: 97211

Telephone: 503-284-8642

Fax: 503-284-4092

E-mail: feo@teleport.com

Web Site:

Primary Contacts

Alternate Contacts

Other Contacts

Ms. Tanya Stagray

Ms. Elise Bratton

Ms. Karen Voiss

Description:

This center serves properties owned and run by Franciscan Enterprise. Some of the properties are HUD assisted but residents from non-assisted properties owned by these organizations also use the center. So far, the center does not have an email address.

Mailing Response:

Logo:

Consortiums

Internet Connection:	Yes	Network (LAN) Access:	Yes
Budget:	150,000	Residents:	80
Staff:	2	Volunteers:	
Focus:	Adult Education	Grand Opening:	

Phase: Center Operational

Date In Planning: 12/01/96

Date Plan Approved: 10/01/97

Date Plan Submitted: 02/01/97

Date Center Operational: 09/01/97

Business Plan: No

Highlights:

Success Stories:

Sources and Uses of Funds:

Private foundations, corporate, and individual donations; Department of Housing and Urban Development

Center Partners

Best Practices

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Program Description

Employment programs

Job skills training

Job readiness

Job postings, search or placement services

Organizational Development

"Stand-alone" operations (e.g. non-profit or resident-run center)

Education

Educational programs for adults

Educational programs for youth

Afterschool Program

Educational software package: Office '95, and Mavis Beacon

Educational partnerships

Social Services

The center provides tickets for transportation..

Daycare centers or other methods of meeting daycare demand

Youth activities/services

Neighborhood Networks Consortia

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EXCELLENT CENTER



Neighborhood Networks Center Profile

Property: Margaret Carter Complex; MJM Plaza
(Beta Court)

Name: **Margaret Carter Neighborhood Networks Center**

Sort Name: Margaret Carter Neighborhood Networks Center

Type: Neighborhood Networks center

ICF Contact:

Address: 626 NE Brazee #47

City: Portland State: Oregon

Zip (Postal) Code: 97212

Telephone: 503-460-6635 Fax:

E-mail: JIMiggins@aol.com Web Site:

Primary Contacts Alternate Contacts Other Contacts

Description:

Mailing Response:

Logo:

Consortiums			
Internet Connection:	Yes	Network (LAN) Access:	
Budget:		Residents:	120
Staff:	4	Volunteers:	
Focus:		Grand Opening:	
Phase:	Center Operational	Date Plan Approved:	04/01/97
Date In Planning:	06/01/96	Date Center Operational:	02/01/98
Date Plan Submitted:	02/01/97		
Business Plan:	No		

Highlights:

The center is run by Housing Our Families.

Success Stories:

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Sources and Uses of Funds:

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Program Description

Employment programs

Job skills training

Organizational Development

A board, advisory committee or some other oversight body

Composition:

Education

Technology literacy (e.g., Internet training, how to use basic software, how computers work)

Educational partnerships

E-mail Comments



Neighborhood Networks Center Profile

Property: QUAD, Inc./Myers Court

Name: Myers Court/ QUAD, Inc.
Sort Name: Myers Court/ QUAD, Inc.
Type: Neighborhood Networks center
ICF Contact:
Address: 2600 North Williams Avenue
City: Portland **State:** Oregon
Zip (Postal) Code: 97227
Telephone: 503-287-4260 **Fax:** 503-281-8176
E-mail: quadinc@teleport.com **Web Site:**
Primary Contacts **Alternate Contacts** **Other Contacts**
Mr. Greg Gortmaker
Description:

Mailing Response:

Logo:

Consortiums			
Internet Connection:	Yes	Network (LAN) Access:	Yes
Budget:	5,000	Residents:	18
Staff:	25	Volunteers:	
Focus:		Grand Opening:	
Phase:	Center Operational	Date Plan Approved:	11/26/97
Date In Planning:	11/01/97	Date Center Operational:	12/15/97
Date Plan Submitted:	01/08/97		
Business Plan:	No		

Highlights:

This is a unique center that serves a typical quadriplegic resident, ages 20-30. 90% of the residents already have computers. Phase 1: local area network hookup for all apartments; Phase 2: computers in all units and common areas (approximately 25 workstations).

Success Stories:

Sources and Uses of Funds:**Center Partners****Best Practices****► Computer Technology****▼ Current Center Programs**

Purpose: The information below provides an overview and some descriptions of the programs this Neighborhood Networks center currently offers.

Program Description**Employment programs**

Job postings, search or placement services

Organizational Development

Operations run by the owner or manager

"Stand-alone" operations (e.g. non-profit or resident-run center)



EXCELLENT CENTER



Neighborhood Networks Center Profile

Property: Buena Vista Springs

Name: Buena Vista Springs Community Center
Sort Name: Buena Vista Springs Community Center
Type: Neighborhood Networks center
ICF Contact:
Address: 2417 Morton Avenue
City: North Las Vegas **State:** Nevada
Zip (Postal) Code: 89032
Telephone: 702-648-3471 **Fax:** 702-647-4263
E-mail:
Web Site:
Primary Contacts **Alternate Contacts** **Other Contacts**
Mr. Jack Goldstein
Description:

Mailing Response:

Logo:

Consortiums			
Internet Connection:	Yes	Network (LAN) Access:	No
Budget:		Residents:	1000
Staff:	20	Volunteers:	15
Focus:		Grand Opening:	
Phase:	Center Operational	Date Plan Approved:	09/01/96
Date In Planning:	08/01/96	Date Center Operational:	05/01/97
Date Plan Submitted:	09/01/96		
Business Plan:	Yes		

Highlights:

This center is a one-stop shop for residents who seek computer access, job training, health care and education, employment and economic opportunity. To improve safety at the 288-unit community, the center partnered with the North Las Vegas Police and applied for a drug elimination grant to install a security system. During the last year, drug related violence on the property has been drastically reduced. The Computer Learning Center features: Job Bank, Food Bank, Clothing Bank, Classroom on Wheels, Computer on Wheels, Mobile Playground, Health Office on the property, Library, Tutorial for Kids, and Job Counseling.

Success Stories:

The property is relatively crime-free when compared to just two years ago. The employment rate is up 50% amongst the residents when compared to two years ago.

Sources and Uses of Funds:

The center receives funding from the management company and from donations.

Center Partners

North Las Vegas Police

Best Practices

► Computer Technology

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Purpose: The information below provides an overview and some descriptions of the programs this Neighborhood Networks center currently offers.

Program Description

Employment programs

Job skills training

Job readiness

Job retention

Job postings, search or placement services

Job partnerships with businesses

Microenterprise programs

A microenterprise or small business development training

Organizational Development

"Stand-alone" operations (e.g. non-profit or resident-run center)

A board, advisory committee or some other oversight body: Buena Vista has a resident council made up of residents with a council coordinator paid for by the property owner.

Composition: Residents

Education

Educational programs for adults

Educational programs for youth

Afterschool Program

High school equivalency or GED preparation

Technology literacy (e.g., Internet training, how to use basic software, how computers work):

Center offers classes on how to use popular applications.

Educational software package: Microsoft Word

Educational partnerships: Center has a close partnership with a community college.

Partnership type(s): Community Colleges

Social Services

Partnerships with local/state transit authorities

Transportation programs

Daycare centers or other methods of meeting daycare demand
Daycare partnership
Senior activities/services
Youth activities/services

Health Care Programs

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Neighborhood Networks Center Profile

Property: Centennial Park Arms I Apartments
Centennial Park Arms II Apartments

Name: Centennial Park Arms
Sort Name: Centennial Park Arms
Type: Neighborhood Networks center
ICF Contact:
Address: 2627 Donna Street
City: North Las Vegas **State:** Nevada
Zip (Postal) Code: 89030
Telephone: 702-399-3131 **Fax:** 702-649-6209
E-mail: alohadh@aol.com **Web Site:**

Primary Contacts

Alternate Contacts

Other Contacts

Ms. Deborah K. Hipolito
Description:

Mailing Response:

Logo:

Consortiums

Internet Connection:	Yes	Network (LAN) Access:	No
Budget:		Residents:	50
Staff:	1	Volunteers:	5
Focus:		Grand Opening:	01/01/97

Phase:	Center Operational	Date Plan Approved:	09/01/96
Date In Planning:	08/01/96	Date Center Operational:	01/01/97
Date Plan Submitted:	09/01/96		
Business Plan:	Yes		

Highlights:

The center recently received a grant to get a new building.

Success Stories:

Sources and Uses of Funds:

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Program Description

Employment programs

Job skills training

Job readiness

Job postings, search or placement services

Organizational Development

Operations run by the owner or manager

Education

Educational programs for adults

Educational programs for youth

Afterschool Program: Tutoring

Educational programs for families: Family literacy

Technology literacy (e.g., Internet training, how to use basic software, how computers work):

Center offers classes in popular applications.

Social Services

Center has a partnership with the Nevada Welfare Department. Also, includes food distribution and emergency food pantries..

Youth activities/services: Breakfast and lunch program, school supplies

Health Care Programs

a) Health Fairs: HIV, STDs, immunizations