



Welcome to Partners for Livable Communities e-Newsletter! This quarterly update on Partners' work and agenda will include new developments, exciting events, and informative reports relating to Partners and others in the livability field. Keep an eye out for more detailed and up-to-date information as our projects progress! And never hesitate to contact us for more details.

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EXCITING INITIATIVES & RECENT WORK:

Culture Builds Community

Partners heads into a second year managing the Ford Foundation's Shifting Sands Initiative. This program is a multi-year effort to embolden cultural institutions and culture-based community organizations working to increase equity in Shifting Sands neighborhoods or places that are experiencing dynamic change through rapid development, an influx of new immigrants, the tension between diverse income groups, and differing visions for the future. Partners' staffers are currently traveling the country looking for new grantee organizations that fit criteria for this dynamic program.

Visit <http://www.cultureshapescommunity.org/> for more information.

Creative Economy

The Cultivating Creative Communities conference to be held in Charlotte, NC from October 24-27, 2006 is in full swing. We have 3 dynamic Keynote Speakers: Joel Kotkin, author of *The City: A Global History*, Bill Strickland of the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild and Bidwell Training Center, Inc., and Ruth G. Shaw of Charlotte based Duke Energy, as well as over 60 experts who are speaking on our breakout sessions. The four themes of the conference- Amenities, Creativity, Equity, and Sustainability- have not yet been discussed in tandem and we are looking forward to stimulating discussions that cross traditional boundaries of work in development.

Registration for the conference is now open, and we encourage all civic and community leaders to attend to learn about solutions for their community.

Visit www.creativeconf.org for more information and to register for the conference.

Aging in Place-Community Engagement Manual

Partners continues to work with The MetLife Foundation in partnership with the National Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) to prepare a comprehensive Blueprint which will be released at the National Press Club in winter 2006. This guide will help communities begin the journey of rethinking their community's livability for their older citizens.

Contact Penny Cuff at pcuff@livable.com for more information on this publication.

Community Technical Assistance

Partners has recently teamed up with the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation (GJDC) to create a cultural district in Jamaica, Queens, NY that will revolve around a number of key institutions in the community, including the new Jamaica Performing Arts Center at the recently renovated First Reformed Church. Partners is looking forward to working once again with GJDC, having worked with them in the past on cultural and economic development strategies in Jamaica, Queens.

Contact Lyz Crane at lcrane@livable.com for more information on how Partners can help your community.

Public Art

Partners is currently developing a conference, scheduled for 2007, on "Public Art From Calder to Lin: 40 Years of Public Art Throughout America" that aims to address issues in public art and explore the role of public art in American communities.

Contact Irene Garnett at igarnett@livable.com for more information or ideas for conferences.

New Civics

The Partnership-Partners Membership Consortium

Glenda Hood, Partners' Chairman and former Florida Secretary of State hosted Partnership members and Partners' Board of Trustees at the luxurious Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida in June. There were engaging conversations led by Fred Kent and Kathy Madden of Project for Public Spaces on place-making, a presentation by Jim Murley of Florida Atlantic University on the environmental challenges and consequences of rapid growth in the South Florida region, and an elegant dinner with Coral Gables Mayor Don Slesnick. Partnership members and community representatives from across the country were able to share experiences on the opportunities and challenges they face in making their community's livable, as well as receive advice and input from other members and Partners' Trustees. Many members even choose to stay for the weekend to enjoy the beautiful hotel and its surroundings!

Please stay tuned to Partners' website www.livable.com for highlighted activities from our Partnership communities. **Contact** Bob McNulty about joining The Partnership today (202) 887-5990 x108, bmcnulty@livable.com

Bill Reilly Challenge

In 2005, longtime Partners trustee Bill Reilly and his wife offered a \$25,000 contribution to the organization with the proviso that current and past Board members, friends, and colleagues of Partners match the contribution 2:1 with an additional \$50,000. Partners is pleased to announce that we have been invited to apply for the continuation of the Bill Reilly challenge, aiming to match all money from the original Bill Reilly Challenge with funds from corporations and foundations, for general support from three corporations- Royal Caribbean, Federal Express, and the Packard Foundation. The Bill Reilly challenge has allowed Partners to leverage funds for general support of all we do to make communities livable. If you know of an institution that would be interested in supporting Partners in this endeavor, please contact Lyz Crane at lcrane@livable.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER

September 27/28, 2006

Partners for Livable Communities, the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, and the MetLife Foundation in partnership with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), National Association of Counties (NACo), and the National League of Cities (NLC), will announce the results at a press conference? from a survey on Aging in Place that was sent to 10,000 local governments regarding their preparedness for the influx of older adults.

Contact Irene Garnett at igarnett@livable.com for more information on this event

Visit <http://aipi.n4a.org/> for more information and join our listserv to receive the quarterly Aging in Place newsletter!

OCTOBER

October 12, 2006

Robert McNulty has been invited to deliver the opening address on a new agenda on Civic Tourism sponsored by the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau. Many thanks to our long term friends Carol Coletta and Tom Jones for this introduction.

October 24-27, 2006

Registration is now open! Cultivating Creative Communities in Charlotte, NC. Hosted by Partners and the City of Charlotte. <http://www.creativeconf.org/registration.shtml>

NOVEMBER

November 17, 2006

Robert McNulty will join a group of distinguished colleagues at the Gerontological Society of America meeting in Dallas to speak on mental acuity, activity, arts, and culture. He will discuss how innovative programs using artistic stimulation for people over 80 years have shown to delay the onset of dementia and Alzheimer's.

SPRING 2007

Bridge Builders Award Ceremony & Dinner

The Tenth Anniversary celebration of the Bridge Builders Award will be held in Washington DC. Bridge Builders honors and recognizes men and women from America's most innovative communities for their commitment to building bridges of understanding and cooperation across racial, economic, cultural and geographic barriers. See more about this event and past events at: http://www.livable.com/bridge_builders/index.htm

Contact Irene Garnett at igarnett@livable.com for more information on this event or to nominate Bridge Builders from your Community.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

Visit <http://www.livableresource.org/> to purchase all of Partners' publications!

!NEW! Connecting Heritage to the Future: New Life for Old Buildings in African American Communities; \$10.00; ON SALE NOW!

Through the support of the Rochester Area Community Foundation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Partners has compiled a small publication of stories and photographs of "orphaned buildings" left behind after the age of segregation. The buildings were once vital assets in the African American community and have since been recycled, reused and put back into service to preserve the heritage and history of their historic community. This book serves as a plea to community oriented organizations, social service organizations, and local governments to not neglect historic preservation and civic reuse of buildings.

Mobilizing Arts and Cultural Resources for Community Development; \$25.00; ON SALE NOW!

Aging in Place: Making Communities More Livable for Older Adults; \$25.00; ON SALE NOW!

!COMING SOON! Creative Industries District Workbook

Look out for the release of a workbook detailing Partners' new concept of a management district that combines amenities to live, work, play, and learn to foster creative economy hubs in communities.

REPORT FROM BOB MCNULTY

American Library Association Address

Bob McNulty traveled to New Orleans to speak at the American Library Association's annual conference to speak on a program entitled "Out of the Ordinary: Library Partnerships that Build Communities." His presentation explored innovative partnerships between libraries and affordable housing.