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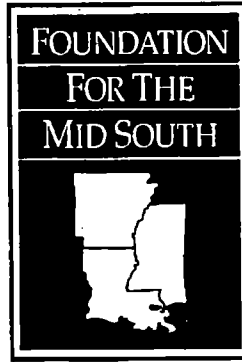
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Re: Carol Pasco's May 10 Meeting

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MEMORANDUM

To: Paul Weinstein (*Via Fax: 202-456-7028*)
From: George Penick
Date: May 2, 1995
Subject: Carol Rasco's May 10 Meeting

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The Foundation for the Mid South and the Enterprise Corporation of the Delta have worked together to convene and support the nine Enterprise Communities in the Mid South region of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. As some of the attached material explains, the five rural ECs and the four urban ECs were convened and met in late February to discuss their common issues and to explore ways that they could work together. (The Empowerment Zone did not attend the Jackson meeting, and the seven ECs that attended decided to work together and to meet quarterly.)

The ECs agreed that their first priority was to try to meet with the people in Washington who could address their common concerns. In March, six of the ECs were represented at a meeting of the Community Empowerment Board in the Indian Treaty Room of the OEOB, and Carol welcomed the group. (Earlier that day the EC representatives met with members of the rural and urban task forces, and they also hosted a breakfast for congressional staff from the three states). Attached are the issues that were raised by the EC representatives that day.

The meeting that Carol will attend on May 10 is the upcoming quarterly meeting of the Southern Enterprise Communities' Forum. We will spend the morning on updates and on a discussion of the common issues that the communities want to cooperate on — primarily, technical assistance. Carol (and any other feds that might be coming) are invited to join the group for lunch and to be a part of the afternoon discussion.

Paul Weinstein

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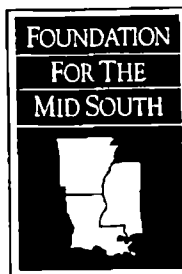
Our agenda is to have Carol (and other feds?) give a 30-minute overview of where the EC/EZ effort is headed. It will be followed by a 90-minute discussion with questions from the EC communities. My sense of Carol's presentation would be to have her touch the following issues:

- What was her impression of the importance of the Washington meeting between the ECs and the Community Empowerment Board? In her mind, did anything come of it? What is her advice to the groups for the best way(s) to follow up?
- Are there updates of issues concerning the ECs that she would like to inform the group about?
- How, if at all, does she see the EZ/EC effort by the Clinton Administration changing from its original direction and intent? How will it remain constant?
- What can and should local ECs do to have the maximum impact from the EC opportunity?

The bottom line of her presentation is basically to give her view of what the local EC leadership can do to improve its success as an EC community, and how she sees the best type of working relationship with the feds in that process.

I will be in the office on Thursday and Friday if you have questions. I hope this is helpful.

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SOUTHERN ENTERPRISE COMMUNITIES' FORUM

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

March 10, 1995

I. Introductions

II. Federal Program Funding - Governance Issues

A. Regulations regarding role of federal state and local governments

1. What is the path of the funding stream?
2. Which Federal regulations have precedence for Enterprise Communities?
HUD/USDA vs. HHS, Justice (Title XX funds)
3. What will be role of state coordinators?
4. What will be the liability of county and state government?

B. Role of local government/jurisdiction vs. community based organizations regarding program implementation

1. What will be the opportunity for flexibility for Enterprise Communities to revise their plans as we plan for the Enterprise Community rather than the Enterprise Zone?
2. What will be the ability of counties/local jurisdictions to take away community-based organizations authority?

III. Other Funding - Bluebook and Private Sector

A. Bluebook Issues

1. Is the money available?

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III. Other Funding - Bluebook and Private Sector (continued)

2. What advantages are given to Enterprise Communities in applying for bluebook dollars?
3. Block grant special considerations

B. Private Sector Issue

What tax credits or other incentives are available to the private sector to entice them to support Enterprise Communities (vs. Enterprise Zones) initiatives?

IV. Technical Assistance Needs

- A. Need to bring states up to speed on what's going on
- B. Assistance in modifying programs from Enterprise Zones to Enterprise Communities
- C. Assistance in applying for "bluebook dollars"
- D. Assistance in developing incentives for private sector
- E. Other
 1. Who pays?
 2. Who is eligible to supply technical assistance - national or local entities?
 3. Who selects?

V. Additional expectations of the Community Empowerment Board and the Federal Government