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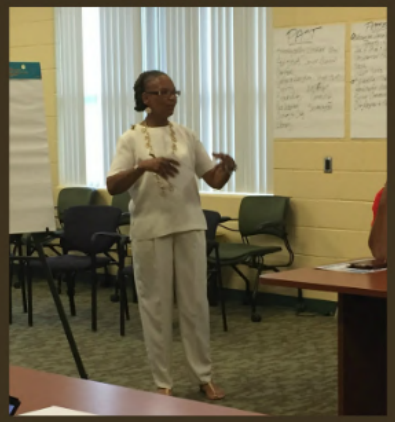

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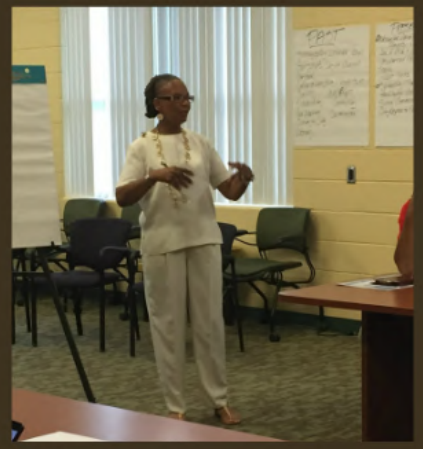

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Essentially government "fixed" one problem by creating more.

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Park Place Vision and Engagement Project & Healthy Neighborhoods Approach

"And in the past year [members of the community] have begun the especially grueling task of coming to terms with the complex reality that any real turnaround will ultimately hinge more on how committed the community is than on how much money the City can provide." CZB, Llc. Final Report, October 2010

"...the challenge is to think about neighborhoods in a new way, not as problems to be solved, but as assets to celebrate and grow." -- David Boehlke, Inventor, Healthy Neighborhoods Approach to Community Building.

Healthy Neighborhoods are places where **the community manages** the day to day life of the neighborhood to successful outcomes. They are places where it makes sense to **invest time, energy, and money**." Charles Buki

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Other priceless Buki quotes ...

"In this process, they will be disoriented (pissed off). This produces heat and distress. Your job is to modulate it, not get rid of it."

"There is a gap between what they say they believe and the way they actually conduct their lives. Your job is to find that gap and find a gentle way to rub their nose in it."

"When work is needed, there is resistance and work avoidance."

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Additional Influences on NBN

- Healthy Neighborhoods
- Asset Based Community Development
- Neighbors Building Neighborhoods - Rochester
- Building Neighborhoods of Choice
- *For the Love of Cities* book
- [Co-production]

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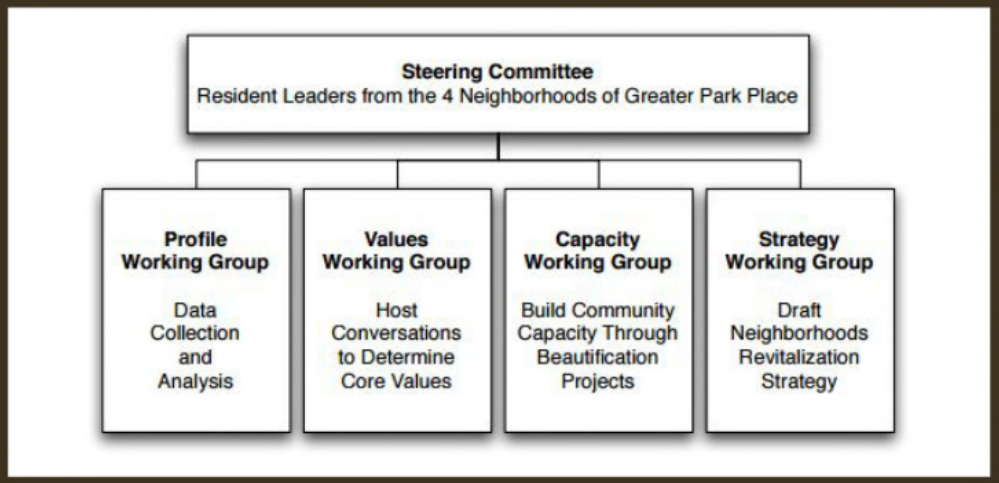
The Beauty of a Philosophy



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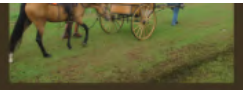

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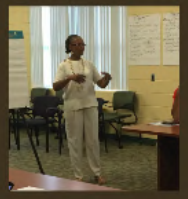

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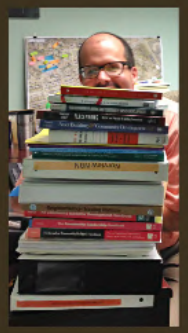

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Healthy Neighborhood Guiding Principles

1. Identify and Focus on Strengths.
2. Target Resources.
3. Build Genuine Partnerships.
4. Connect work to Neighborhood Confidence Building.

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