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GREATER BALTIMORE COMMITTEE, Inc.

AGENDA

for the Meeting of the  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 19, 1968

1. Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report - Mr. Robinson
  - a) Dues and Contributions to other organizations
3. Report on Civil Disturbance as it relates to G.B.C. activities - Mr. Boucher
  - a) Planning Council
  - b) Mass Transit
  - c) Urban Coalition
4. Report on Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. - Mr. Alex Stark  
President  
Mr. George Laurent  
Executive Director
5. Executive Director's Report - Mr. Boucher

GREATER BALTIMORE COMMITTEE, INC.

Minutes of the Meeting  
of the  
Executive Committee

April 19, 1968

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greater Baltimore Committee was held on Friday, April 19, at 12:15 p.m., in the offices of the Greater Baltimore Committee, 314 One Charles Center, Baltimore, Maryland, 21201.

Present were:

Mr. Robert H. Levi, Chairman  
Mr. Charles H. Buck  
Mr. W. Arthur Grotz  
Mr. William B. Guy, Jr.  
Mr. Louis B. Kohn, II  
Mr. Bernard Manekin  
Mr. Julian S. Neal  
Mr. Austin E. Penn  
Mr. John Redwood, Jr.  
Mr. George D. F. Robinson, Jr.  
Mr. James W. Rouse  
Mr. Wilbur G. Smith  
Mr. Albert D. Hutzler, Jr.  
Mr. John E. Motz

William Boucher, III, Executive Director  
Eugene F. Petty, Associate Executive Director  
Leonard C. Gore, Assistant Executive Director  
Elizabeth Nilson, Administrative Assistant

Absent were:

Mr. Harrison Garrett  
Mr. L. Mercer Smith  
Mr. Robert W. Thon, Jr.  
Mr. Joseph B. Browne  
Mr. Arthur G. Foster  
Mr. Robert B. Hobbs  
Mr. Jerold C. Hoffberger  
Mr. J. Jefferson Miller  
Mr. Nicholas V. Petrou

Mr. Levi opened the meeting and moved that the minutes of the last meeting be approved. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Robinson presented the Treasurer's Report and noted that approximately \$15,000 of the OEO grant has not yet been committed. Mr. Boucher said that on Monday morning during the riots, as Mr. Petty and he worked in the Greenmount area, it became increasingly clear that there was a major food shortage among the residents. They therefore, authorized the expenditure of \$1188.00 of the OEO grant for the purchase of food for the MUND residents, after an oral confirmation from OEO of the use of the funds for this purpose. Mr. Boucher said that a written confirmation is on its way from OEO. The distribution of the food was administered as a MUND project and identified as such by stickers on the food packages. Mr. Robinson said that he felt the OEO grant was never intended

to be used for this purpose and that an oral confirmation was not sufficient. He said that the role of the GBC in this project is one of stewardship of Federal Funds and that in his opinion such an expenditure should be paid out of GBC funds. Mr. Penn said that if the OEO recognized this as an expenditure within the purpose of the grant, there was no reason not to charge it to the grant. Mr. Rouse said that he would have a harder time justifying such an expenditure to GBC funds than to the OEO grant. Mr. Boucher said that the grant was intended to be used for purposes of supporting the credibility of the MUND Project. Mr. Levi said that although Mr. Robinson had made a good point, the general feeling of the Executive Committee seemed to be that the expenditure should be charged to the OEO grant. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report carried unanimously.

Mr. Robinson then said that he felt a review of GBC dues to other organizations was in order. Altogether the dues total \$766.00, but discounting dues to the Center Club, the total is \$310.00. Mr. Robinson questioned GBC's continuation of membership in Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc., Citizens Planning and Housing Association, Advertising Club of Baltimore, Urban America, Inc., Maryland Council of Educational Television,

and Urban Land Institute. After a discussion of the relevance and usefulness of the various organizations, Mr. Boucher said that he felt it was no longer necessary to belong to the Ad Club, and Mr. Petty said that he felt the Maryland Council of Educational Television was now able to stand on its own. Mr. Levi moved that dues to the Ad Club and the Maryland Council of Educational Television be eliminated as of the next billing date in each case. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was Mr. Boucher's report on the Baltimore riots as they relate to GBC activities. He said that on the Friday before the disorder began civil rights groups requested Mayor D'Alesandro to close city offices and request business to do likewise on Monday because they were afraid of possible outbreaks of civil disturbance. Unfortunately, Mr. Boucher said, the business community did not have a unified position on the issue of closing on Monday and confusion resulted from lack of coordination and agreement between the Mayor's office and the Governor's office.

Whether or not the riots were organized is a question that has often been debated recently. Mr. Boucher said that from his close observation point during the riots he is certain that a substantial degree of organization was, in fact, involved. In

the first place, on Saturday, a pattern of contact to merchants in the disturbance areas evolved. During the day, merchants were contacted by groups of Negroes who informed the merchants that if they did not close they would be closed by force. Other merchants were told, regardless of whether or not they closed, that they would be destroyed. Mr. Boucher said that the moderate, Civil rights leaders tried to find out who was responsible for the threats in order to calm the situation down. There followed, that night and in the long days ahead, a selective attack on drugstores, liquor stores, appliance stores, grocery stores, and dry cleaners.

Mr. Boucher said that many in position of authority felt that the "fire bombers" were part of an organized effort. While the initial window breaking and looting began with groups of children and teenagers in what the press has branded a "carnival atmosphere", it again became apparent, as the riots continued, that an organized effort was involved. By Sunday, Mr. Boucher said, the professional rackets and underworld were involved. The looting and firebombing were still "quite well directed". The policy of the local police and federal troops was one of containment which accepted property damage in place of loss of life and potential for a race war spilling out of the limited area.

Again on Sunday afternoon the moderate and militant (as opposed to extreme) leadership attempted to calm things down by sending representatives out on the streets; however, the civil rights leadership was not able to contact those who were involved in the riots. Mr. Boucher said that those who took to the street, especially the children and teenagers, are completely alienated from the mainstream of even their own leadership. Neighborhood organization is desperately needed, Mr. Boucher said, to counteract the fact that traditional methods of leadership such as church and improvement associations do not work any more. He said that he felt that the Executive Committee should know that the Greater Baltimore Committee has great credibility in the Negro community.

On Thursday after the riots Governor Agnew called the moderate civil rights leadership together and an emotional and disruptive meeting resulted. Some of the Negro leadership appealed for white support for their role and contact was made with GBC and some of its members. Contrary to rumor, Mr. Boucher said that in no way did he attempt to persuade Governor Agnew not to give the speech even though he had advance notice of its text. Nor did he meet with the Governor at any time subsequently. Mr. Penn noted that he had been advised in error that Mr. Boucher had attended a meeting with the Governor



and wanted the record to be clear. Mr. Rouse noted that he and Mr. Levi and others had attended such a meeting and Mr. Boucher was not present. Mr. Boucher said that while not condoning or justifying violence it was important to understand that the Negroes are rebelling against the unethical business practices that the poor have to suffer. For instance, store owners in the inner city will automatically take 10% "off the top" when they cash pay or welfare checks for the residents or they will sell out dated food to the residents at a higher price than the fresh articles are sold for in the suburban stores.

Mr. Boucher said that the Greater Baltimore Committee can make a major contribution by applying business knowledge and know-how to the search for solutions. Mr. Kohn agreed and said that there must be a Negro business power base in the community. The Urban Coalition has not been effective nor organized, Mr. Boucher reported, although now it is getting off the ground. It will be investigating the Kerner Commission's theory that racist attitudes are in great part responsible for civil disorders. The Coalition is also studying the problem of economic self-determination in the inner-city. By the next Executive Committee meeting the Urban Coalition will have prepared some tentative plans which will be presented to the Committee. Mr. Boucher said that he would like to make some recommendations

to the Executive Committee regarding the role of the business community in the Urban Coalition at a later date.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Alexander Stark, president of Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc., Mr. George B. Laurent, The Executive Director, and Mr. Donald J. Miller, the Associate Director, were introduced to the members of the Executive Committee. Mr. Stark explained that Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc., attempted to stabilize neighborhoods, maintained an educational center on fair housing problems, acts as a catalyst to bring individuals and groups together to create new programs for the community, and helps communities and families meet the tensions of local housing integration. Mr. Stark distributed explanatory literature. He explained that since the conscious policy of Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc., is to shun publicity, it is facing a very dire financial need in the very near future. The city of Baltimore contributes only about \$10,000 a year. It was hoped that some financial support could be forthcoming from the Greater Baltimore Committee or its members.

Mr. Levi thanked Mr. Stark and the BNI staff for their presentation and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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BALTIMORE URBAN COALITION

Report of the Action Committee on Racism

Objectives:

To confront and work in various ways to reduce forms of individual racism in our city.

To identify and eliminate the institutional bigotry existing in every community, particularly in the large city, which has been sighted by the President's Commission on Civil Disorders as the root cause of many of our urban problems and disorders.

Action to Date:

The Director has been working with a group of faculty, students and residents in the John Hopkins University area who are in the process of forming a group to promote racial understanding and a committment to deal with the problems of the city.

Mr. Walter Sondheim is setting up an informal discussion of committee members to establish a better working relationship and mutual understanding.

The Director has been working with a group of Vistas and other white community workers who are endeavoring to establish an organizing effort in a poor white neighborhood.

Proposals:

Provide a vehicle where Coalition members and other groups can press for the resolution of racial problems without "going to the street."

Provide a forum where Coalition members can better appreciate and understand the programs, backgrounds and direction of other Coalition members to promote a better working relationship.

Report of the Action Committee  
on Racism (con't)

Mobilize the effective cooperation of the Coalition to attack those identified areas of institutional bigotry and press for meaningful change.

Developing and distributing educational materials for those groups in the community promoting racial understanding.

Assisting Mass Media to bring about racial attitude changes.

Function as a point of coordination to minimize duplication of effort between those groups dealing with the problem of racism in the city.

BALTIMORE URBAN COALITION

Report of the Action Committee  
on  
Business in the Ghetto

Objectives:

To establish additional sources of business development capital for the inner city.

To establish a resource list of successful businessmen and professionals interested in volunteering management assistance to those going into business and those improving or expanding existing businesses.

Develop a long range evaluation of economic and marketing trends that might guide economic development programs in the Ghetto.

Develop a point of coordination for the many programs already established in the field of assisting small businessmen.

Action to Date:

The Coalition action committee on Business in the Ghetto has broadened its membership to include all the known private groups working in the area of small business development, as well as the Model City's economic development sub-committee chairman. All these groups have indicated their interest in coordinating their various efforts.

A meeting was held with representatives of the Retail Merchants Association and the Small Business League, and meetings are scheduled with the Junior Bar Association, Senior Bar Association, Maryland Association of CPAs. The purpose being to commit these groups to giving needed management assistance to small businessmen. These groups have made commitments to give aid to developing businesses.

The Coalition has secured the assistance of the Greater Baltimore Committee's economic development consultants for the MUND area, Robert Nathan Associates, as well as the services of several individual urban planners to function as a professional planning and economic development resource.

BALTIMORE URBAN COALITION

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Report of the Action Committee  
on Business in the Ghetto (con't)

Mr. Levi has been talking with several local banks and has established broader financial support for a program already underway to establish a Small Business Investment Corporation, which will have one million dollars to lend new and developing businesses. Additional commitments are being sought from foundations, banking and local insurance industries.

BALTIMORE NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.

Income Summary

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>goals for 1968-69</u>
<u>\$50 and over</u>					
Business, institu, & Organiz.	\$6,150	\$6,400	\$5,575	\$4,650	\$
Foundations	6,250	8,725	11,350	500	12,000
subtotal	12,400	15,125	16,925	5,150	12,000
Labor	50	75	35	50	2,000
City of Baltimore	1,500	10,000	10,000	10,000	15,000
The Religious Community	500	530	-0-	2,536	4,000
Individuals	12,737	9,502	6,350	4,943	7,000
<u>Under \$50</u>					
Business, Organiz., & Individ.	1,658	1,614	1,039	1,377	2,500
Other Income	-0-	1,639	1,422	1,444	1,500
YEARLY TOTALS	\$ 28,845	\$ 38,485	\$ 35,771	\$ 25,500	\$ 44,000
Expenses	27,848	35,943	36,250	31,593	36,000
Excess Income\$	997	\$ 2,542	(479)	(6,093)	\$ 8,000
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Mr. Boucher

B A L T I M O R E N E I G H B O R H O O D S, I N C.

BNI Staff Activities Report - month of March 1968

Robert Waldman - (student at School of Social Work, University of Maryland doing his field work in the Irvington area under the supervision of BNI)

- Irvington Area Report: The program emphasis at the present time is consolidation. The target problems are speculators, sanitation difficulties, Benkert's Park Restaurant, crime, jobs for teenagers and summer recreation programs. Our immediate objective is to assess the results of these programs and to reorient our efforts where necessary. Along with these changes in action programs, an organizational tightening up is taking place. The problems have been inefficient communications among the leaders, duplications of effort and too much work and responsibility centered at the top. We are attempting to deal with these difficulties through regular planning meetings of the leaders and committee-systems in each of the groups.

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PANEL OF AMERICAN WOMEN (started through BNI bringing Mrs. Paul Brown from Kansas City, Missouri. She is the founder and national leader of the panels. We continue as a behind-the-scenes advisor, etc. but the Panel must be independent of BNI. Mrs. Bertram Gordon is the Convenor for the Baltimore area).

"Dear George,

The Panel of American Women is indebted to you for the several visits you have made to our study sessions and for the very helpful material you have so generously lent us.

As you know each city gives to the Panel a special quality. We are still in the process of developing our "identity". As the women work together on study sessions and in actual performances, a certain redefinition of our goals and purpose will evolve. It is my responsibility to help each of the Panelists see how her beliefs and ideals can best be adapted to the Panel performance to accomplish the general goal of promoting concern for social problems of our community related to prejudice. They must project an image of warm concern for all people and a belief that people can change themselves and society.

One of our Panelists, because of her association with the Panel has been asked to lead a discussion group in her church on "fair housing." One of Mrs. Brown's basic concepts is that participation on the Panel prepares the women for more effective and interested action in community affairs. I'm sure that we will see more of this as we progress.

Here is a list of our presentations so far and those we are booked for into the Fall:

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- March 5 - Grace Methodist Church, Hampstead, Md.  
March 17- Camp Chapel Methodist, Perry Hall, Md.  
April 1 - Scotts Level Elementary PTA - Balto. Co.  
April 16- Towson Methodist Church  
(week of) April 22- St. Matthews, Loch Raven Blvd. (date not set)  
May 2 - Bethel United Church of Christ, Ellwood & Balto. St.  
May 28 - Havenwood Presbyterian Church, Timonium  
Oct. 21 - Sisterhood of Oheb Shalom, Park Heights  
Oct. 16 - Ladies Auxiliary Alpha Omega Fraternity (this will include a Jewish, protestant and Negro group of dentist wives at the first joint meeting ever of the three auxiliary groups).  
Oct. 7 - St. Marks Lutheran Church, Liberty Heights

Sincerely,

Marjorie Gordon

Joseph Martin, Chairman, Fair Housing Councils -

Three Fair Housing Councils in the Northern Suburbs are now in operation. Following the showing of the CBS documentary, Segregation Northern Style, took place at the monthly meetings of both the Lutherville-Timonium Council and the Loch Raven-Joppa Council in March. The Towson Council had a panel discussion on the problem of the vanishing Negro in Towson, with former Negro Towson residents Joseph James and Jehu Smith joining HOPE founder Mary Cardillicchio, Towson Council member Marie Trafton, and Baltimore County Administrative Assistant Frederick Dewberry on the panel. The Golden Rule Committee (formerly called Escort Committee) of the Towson Council has been working actively with Negro homeseekers in the Towson area in visiting houses for sale. In their efforts, they found five houses which owners were willing to sell on an open basis. Similar committees from the other two Councils are getting started and coordinating their approaches with those of the Towson Golden Rule Committee. The Loch Raven-Joppa Council has programs planned for April and May. In April will be a showing of the film on the Luigi Laurenti report on Property Values and Race and the May meeting will feature a representative of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia who will discuss the Philadelphia joint program to completely desegregate that city's metropolitan area by the year 2000.

Efforts will begin this week to start a fourth fair housing council in the Parkville area.

The principal purpose of the monthly meetings of the councils is to interest new people into working on the committees of the council and also to bring the fair housing dialogue to many people who have never faced the question squarely.

Donald J. Miller -

Better Housing Opportunities Program- Mr. Miller went before the Maryland League of Women's Clubs to speak about the urgent need for equal housing, seeking to gain support for our BHOP program and

explained BNI generally. Several pieces of literature on housing were given to the 100 delegates present. A literature table containing a wide assortment of material on the subject was set up for their consideration.

Contact was made with Mr. Michael Styer of WJZ-TV (13) for TV Spot Announcements on Fair Housing, seeking suburbanites to list "open occupancy" and Negroes to make use of our housing register. The ads will begin Tuesday, April 2nd. One minute spots on integrated living, possible interviews, etc. are being considered for the near future. BNI's name and address will appear on TV Ad and phone number.

The March housing list reached a distribution of 569, plus 50 copies of the apartment list. Four homes in Baltimore County were almost - "open occupancy" as a direct result of two County Fair Housing Councils. As the educational programs reach more County people and workers become more experienced, the almost, will change from hesitancy to - open occupancy listing.

#### HEARING ON ANTI-BLOCKBUSTING BILL #34:

Mr. Miller appeared before the Housing Committee of the City Council on March 20, representing BNI and urging the adoption of this anti-blockbusting bill. The Real Estate Board of Greater Baltimore went on record as "opposed" claiming the State Code of Ethics covers the subject sufficiently. About 99% of the testimony was in favor of the bill.

#### PANEL ENGAGEMENTS: -

Because of past involvement in the Woodlawn area, Mr. Miller was invited to be one of six panel members for a neighborhood meeting (Rona Road section) facing racial change. The area has about 95 homes of which 16 are occupied by Negroes. The 105 people in attendance March 20th meeting expressed the willingness to stay and a strong desire to "get the unscrupulous real estate agent".

Mr. Miller served as a resource person at a Lutherville-Timonium Fair Housing Council meeting, Sunday, March 24th.

#### LOCHEARN - Troubled Area Follow-Up:

The first public meeting was held March 8th with slightly over 100 attending (95% of the streets surveyed). The meeting chaired by Phil Pasternak brought forth two positive existing attitudes: (1) general unanimity among the group to stay and welcome their new Negroe neighbors. (2) hardly any hostility toward the concept of open occupancy. A second public meeting will be planned at which officers will be elected for their newly formed "Forest Garden Improvement Association.

#### CAA HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The March 6 meeting covered public housing and rights of tenants

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to pick their own project manager, to form tenant unions and to have more of a voice in the projects in which they live. The Federal Housing Bill was discussed, urged letters of support to be sent to borderline Senators. A report was given on the Rent Defense Bill and Fair Housing Laws both City and State. Considerable time was spent on the Department of Housing & Community Development (City Ordinance #103) and low-rent housing in Baltimore County.

George B. Laurent -

- Human Relations Luncheon for March was held on the 28th. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was scheduled to be the speaker but had to go to Memphis to participate in an emergency demonstration. Dr. William Rutherford, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference came in place of King. Rutherford spoke eloquently of S.C.L.C.'s reasons for holding the April 22nd demonstration in Washington. Basically it was to dramatize the plight of the poor - both white and Negro. Some families in the South have incomes of less than \$100 per year. To have such a situation in the period of highest affluence in the richest country in the world is unconscionable. We are spending \$500,000 per year to kill each Viet Cong and \$53 per year to help a poor person in America. We must have proper priorities and the demonstration is needed to press for such priorities - especially when the President is claiming that we have not the funds to implement the recommendations of the Civil Disorders report. Over 50 civil rights leaders, churchmen, human relations personnel, etc. (including Commissioner Pomerleau) attended the Luncheon. On April 16th the speaker will be Danny Gant Director of CORE. On March 21st the speaker will be Commissioner Pomerleau.

- Fair Housing Council work continues (see Mr. Martin's report) Some 80 people attended the public meeting of the Lutherville-Timonium Fair Housing Council which was held Sunday, March 24th. Mr. Laurent designed the program - showing of the film "Segregation Northern Style", buzz group discussions, etc. The program was favorably received. The Council continues to grow and to identify positive people in the community - about 100 families so far.

- Public Relations - As requested at the last Board meeting Mr. Stark communicated with the Governor and key members of the Legislature calling upon them to pass a new and stronger open housing bill etc. - a press release was sent out but only the AFRO-American had a small article. BNI also communicated with Maryland's Congressmen urging support of Federal Civil Rights legislation. This was issued also in form of a press release but was not published. Mr. Laurent and BNI was mentioned in a news article in the Evening Sun of March 28th in relations to Dr. Rutherford of S.C.L.C. being here.

The Fair Housing Councils were given good publicity in the Evening Sun on March 22nd when mention was made of forthcoming meetings and in the Evening Sun of March 26th when mention was made of the Apartment house survey. No mention was made of BNI. The Council people are gratified for the help of BNI in initiating them and servicing them. They are quite sensitive to the charge of being "run from the City" and are anxious to make their movement as suburban and

grass roots as possible. They wanted to avoid having BNI indicated on "Project Golden Rule" (see attached).

The Councils have been told that BNI will go along with their desires in relation to publicity but that when an over-all article is done on the Fair Housing movement BNI's role should be fairly defined. BNI staff are in evidence at each meeting - as well as BNI marked literature - sooner or later most people in the suburbs will know of BNI's involvement and it is an element of strength to have so substantial, an organization behind the movement.

Mr. Laurent met with ministers of the Missouri Synod - Lutheran Church on March 5th to outline the work of BNI.

#### LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FOR FAIR HOUSING (Mr. Laurent, Convenor)

All 70 member groups were urged to contact their Congressmen and urge them to: (1) use their influence with the House Rules Committee to have the Senate pass Civil Rights Bill placed on the floor of the House as soon as possible for a resolution of concurrence; (2) and if this is done to vote in favor of the Bill. The Rules Committee has voted to withhold the Bill from the floor until at least April 10th. The Committee will meet again on the 9th.

The Leadership Council met in Annapolis on Sunday, March 31st from 3:00 to 5:15 P.M. Plans were made to follow up the action in the foregoing paragraph with telephone calls to prominent people in each area urging them to contact their Congressmen. Informed sources indicate there is a shortage of 20 positive votes in the House. Congressman Roger C. Morton of the 1st C.D. (Eastern Shore) is said to be strongly negative. Congressmen Clarence D. Long, 2nd C.D. (Baltimore Co.), Edward Garmatz, 3rd C.D. (Baltimore City) and Hervey Machen, 5th C.D. (Prince George and Charles Counties) are said to be undecided at present.

The Council worked on a draft of "What The State Leadership Council Can Do To Launch The Fair Housing Referendum Campaign" (see attached). This is the beginning of a campaign manual.

Mr. Laurent reported that he had been discussing the situation with some key people - especially as to setting up a high level "name" committee to sponsor the campaign and a high level "strategy" committee to plan the campaign. At the moment, most such people are absorbed in the campaign to p over the proposed Maryland Constitution and are unwilling to do much until after May 14th. Mr. Laurent stated that he hoped most of those in favor of the Constitution would accept and work for the State Housing Law. It has been suggested by a politically astute person that an attempt be made to secure the full time services of a person like J. Hardin Marion who is on leave of absence from his law firm and is heading the Constitutional campaign. This is being looked into.

BALTIMORE NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.  
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George B. Laurent  
Executive Director

Donald J. Miller  
Associate Director

Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. was founded in 1959 by the Greater Baltimore Committee and other civic, business, neighborhood and religious groups.

Our Aim Is Two-Fold: to stabilize racially mixed neighborhoods and to help create new housing opportunities for Negroes and other minorities throughout the metropolitan area.

Specifically Baltimore Neighborhoods (1) helps communities and families to meet the tensions of local housing integration; (2) works with the housing industry to make it more sympathetic to the problems of minority families and to changing neighborhoods; (3) sponsors a Better Housing Opportunities Program for minority families (one part of which is a listing service of houses and apartments open to all); (4) created and services the Leadership Council for Fair Housing in Maryland (a coordinating council of 65 organizations); (5) helps to establish and will service fair housing councils in the suburbs surrounding the City of Baltimore; (6) works closely with the City, County and State Human Relations Commissions on housing problems; (7) maintains an information and literature center on fair housing problems; (8) acts as a catalyst to bring individuals and groups together to create new programs for the community.

Our Board of Directors, named herein, is broadly representative of our community: civic, business, labor, religious, and individual. You or your group are cordially invited to participate in the work of BNI by filling out the membership application below.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION-BALTIMORE NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(If group indicate name and name of President)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(Zipcode)

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

(Individuals: \$5.00 and over; Groups: \$50.00 and over)

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Alexander Cochran, Architect	Cochran, Stephenson & Donkervoet
Samuel T. Faniels, Exec. Director Grand Master	Council for Equal Business Opportunity Prince Hall Masons
Dominic Fornaro, Director	Baltimore Council of AFL-CIO Unions
Gen. George Gelston, Adjutant General	-Maryland National Guard
Sidney Hollander, Sr., Civic Leader	

Henry P. Irr, President - Baltimore Federal Savings & Loan Co.  
Louis B. Kohn, II, Vice-Pres. & Treas. - Hochschild Kohn & Company  
Edgar A. Levi, Real Estate Appraiser  
Robert Levi, Chairman of the Exec. Comm. - Mercantile-Safe Deposit & Trust  
Rabbi Morris Lieberman, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation  
Grinnell Locke, Architect  
Hon. Theodore R. McKeldin, Chairman - Baltimore Urban Coalition  
Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Meyer, Physician  
Francis D. Murnaghan, Attorney - Venable, Baetjer & Howard  
President - Baltimore City School Board  
Henry E. Niles, Chairman of the Bd - Baltimore Life Insurance Company  
James W. Rouse, President - Rouse Company  
Malcolm Sherman, Vice President - Rouse Company  
Past President of Real Estate Bd.  
Dr. Furman L. Templeton, Exec. Director - Baltimore Urban League  
Cornelius A. Tinsley, Realtor - Doltin Realty Company  
Past President of Real Estate Brokers Assn.  
Hon. Robert B. Watts, Judge - Municipal Court

"Baltimore City and the surrounding counties will not be truly stabilized communities until ALL of their respective residential areas accept integration. As one who until recent years tried to evade this subject, it is now my firm conclusion that we can and we must change our community attitudes toward equality of opportunity in housing if we expect to support both the economic and moral fiber of metropolitan Baltimore." (Wm. H.C. Wilson, past president, Real Estate Board of Greater Baltimore).



CONCEPT OF A MASTER PLAN FOR HUMAN RELATIONS IN HOUSING  
IN THE METROPOLITAN BALTIMORE AREA

- From Baltimore Neighborhoods Point of View -

BACKGROUND: Baltimore Neighborhoods was set up to help stabilize neighborhoods in Baltimore by helping to fight panic selling, blockbusting and in general to educate the populace to accept open housing. It was soon evident that neighborhoods in the city could not be stabilized until and unless housing was available to everyone everywhere - especially in the suburbs. This resulted in the formation of Metropolitan Baltimore Fair Housing (not necessarily by BNI - though BNI was involved in the process).

BNI has been effective in relation to its very limited resources as a "troubleshooter", as an educational force with the housing industry and with other community groups. But this is not enough. Actually housing integration and neighborhood stabilization is the most difficult and most vital domestic problem facing America - both in its religious and moral aspect and in its economic aspect. The problem of "saving our cities" and making them a decent place to live is very much dependent upon the solution of housing integration.

Up until the present the problem has been dealt with with limited resources, mostly volunteer agencies and on a haphazard basis. What is needed now is a comprehensive master strategy with manpower and resources equal to the problem. Philadelphia is now moving forward with such a plan which calls for an investment of at least \$350,000 per year for an initial three years. To stabilize Philadelphia some 5,000 Negro families per year will have to be going to the suburbs. They hope to achieve stabilization by 1970 and desegregation by the year 2000.

From BNI's point of view a three-fold process is necessary:

- 1) Neighborhood Stabilization of Baltimore through community organization which seeks to fight panic, keep whites in the city and urge others to come, welcome Negroes to the community and involve them in community affairs, watches over community services and the schools, etc.
- 2) Creating open housing opportunities in the suburbs through the use of fair housing councils which seek housing listings, seek to improve community attitudes, make minority families welcome, etc. These fair housing councils could also advocate the building of integrated low-cost housing.
- 3) Better Housing Opportunities Program within the Negro community to achieve "freedom of choice" in housing. One emphasis would be on the possibility of living in the suburbs. BNI and others are working on this project which involves educational programs, listing services and an escort system.

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BNI's goal will be to fit in where ever it is necessary - perhaps providing staff services for human relations, community organization and for education. It will also hope to help coordinate activities in whatever way acceptable to the community. Its hope is to form a coalition of business, civic and religious leadership in the facing of what is our most crucial domestic problem but also our greatest challenge. We feel that the community would be greatly encouraged through the realization that a comprehensive approach is being made.

A POSSIBLE APPROACH TO THE NEED FOR FAIR HOUSING  
IN BALTIMORE COUNTY

PURPOSE: To create in Baltimore County a fair housing movement which would have as its purpose at least these objectives:

1. To remove barriers to having a just and fair community;
2. To work for a community that fulfills the democratic ideals of our country;
3. To challenge the Judeo-Christian conscience to live up to its high ideals of brotherhood, compassion, and belief in the sovereignty of God;
4. To give minority persons hope, and to make them feel welcome if they desire to live in the community;
5. To enable people to face their fears and prejudices and to do something about getting rid of them;
6. To uncover and mobilize persons of good will;
7. To form permanent "committees of conscience" (fair housing councils) which will work to make their community a better place for all to live in.

We are not trying to move anyone anywhere, but we stand willing to help minority families find housing out of the ghetto if they so desire and in addition, to help them adjust peacefully to the community where they have moved.

A simple definition of fair housing: The ability to move anywhere one wants --within his means --without being afraid to do so and without having people questioning one's right to do so.

METHOD: To set up fair housing councils in the areas of Baltimore County which are reasonably adjacent to Baltimore City.

Each Council would adapt itself to the needs of the immediate area but would coordinate as much as possible with adjacent councils in general programming and in an approach to the needs of the County as a whole.

These councils would work to fulfill the purpose of the movement through:

1. EDUCATION

- a. Public Forums
- b. Small group discussion
- c. Interracial dialogue
- d. Encouraging dissemination of fair housing literature
- e. Encouraging and helping other groups in the community to conduct programs on the fair housing issue.

f. Answering myth and rumors.

2. ACTION:

- a. Encouraging people to list their homes on an open occupancy basis;
- b. To provide an escort system. (Going around the community with minority families and helping them find housing);
- c. Telling minority families about the local community;
- d. Encouraging the building of moderate priced housing;
- e. Being prepared to welcome and sustain a minority family should it move into the community;
- f. Working in close cooperation with the County Human Relations Commission and asking that it be strengthened in every way possible;
- g. Working to create and strengthen legislation at the county, state, federal level which will help fair housing; and
- h. Increasing urban suburban cooperation not only for fair housing but for related problems.

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"Better Housing Opportunities"  
Suggested Outline  
for  
Program Presentation  
(Oral)

I. Aims and Purposes:

- A. Collaboration
- B. Education and Motivation
- C. Systematic Activity

II. Program - Four General Areas:

- A. Property listings, prospective buyers and/or renters
  - 1. Sources of property listings:
    - a) Individuals
    - b) Groups such as MBBFH, Real Estate Brokers etc.
    - c) FHA and VA, Conventional Foreclosures
  - 2. Locating buyers and/or renters:
    - a) Mailing monthly housing list
    - b) Speaking engagements - Church, Business and Civic groups, other neighborhood gatherings.
    - c) Contact business, industry and sporting groups
    - d) Advertizing
- B. Communication through programming geared toward consumer protection, motivation and public relations:
  - 1. Communication and Public Relations:
    - a) Work with and through existing groups allowing program to become known .
    - b) Press, radio and TV, posters etc. Distribution of printed material
  - 2. Consumer Protection:
    - a) Convey technical knowledge
    - b) Testing
    - c) Filing of complaints and assist where problems arise
  - 3. Motivation:
    - a) Speakers, films, reading material etc.
    - b) Encouraging persons to take advantage of existing opportunities ....
      - 1. Convey facts
      - 2. Personal assistance
- C. Research:

Secure facts and data for program activity etc.
- D. Housing Legislation:
  - 1. Federal
  - 2. State
  - 3. Local

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FOR FAIR HOUSING IN MARYLAND  
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George B. Laurent, Convenor

Revised Roster: March 13, 1968

The Leadership Council was formed on April 29, 1967. The purpose of the Council is to coordinate and promote fair housing activities across the State of Maryland and to sponsor a workshop conference once or twice a year to share ideas, encourage the formation of fair housing groups where needed, and hear experts from government agencies, American Friends, the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing, etc.

The Council is not another civil rights or housing group, but rather exists to make the programs of the various groups more effective by stimulating cooperation and coordination where necessary. Fair housing activities will be carried out in the name of those member groups who desire to be involved in a particular activity. Therefore, any member organization which does not wish to participate in a particular activity can freely abstain from participating without the fear of being implicated by its membership in the Council.

Organizations On the Membership Roster:

1. League of Women Voters - Montgomery County
2. League of Women Voters - Carroll County
3. League of Women Voters - Baltimore County
4. League of Women Voters - Frederick County
5. League of Women Voters - Prince Georges County
6. League of Women Voters - Wicomico County
7. League of Women Voters - Maryland State
8. League of Women Voters - Baltimore City
9. League of Women Voters - Harford County
10. Human Relations Committee - Carroll County
11. Human Relations Commission - St. Mary's County
12. Human Relations Commission - Easton
13. NAACP - Harford County
14. NAACP - Prince Georges County
15. NAACP - Queen Anne's County
16. NAACP - Anne Arundel County
17. NAACP - Howard County
18. Suburban Maryland Fair Housing
19. Activists
20. Harford County Fair Housing
21. Prince Georges Fair Housing
22. Metropolitan Baltimore Fair Housing
23. YWCA - Annapolis & Anne Arundel County
24. YWCA - Baltimore City
25. Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems & Relations
26. Howard County Interracial Commission

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27. River Road Unitarian Church
28. Davies Memorial Unitarian Church
29. Paint Branch Unitarian Church
30. Cedar Lane Unitarian Church
31. Social Action Committee of the Greater Washington Assn. of Unitarian  
Universalist Churches
32. Prince Georges Catholic Interracial Council
33. West Baltimore Interfaith Interracial Council
34. SEA Committee - United Church of Christ
35. SEA Committee - Presbytery of Baltimore
36. National Conference of Christians & Jews
37. United Church Women of Baltimore
38. Episcopal Society for Cultural & Racial Unity
39. Archdiocesan Urban Commission
40. Diocese of Maryland
41. Interfaith Fair Housing Comm. of Anne Arundel Co. Council of Churches
42. Maryland Council of Churches
43. League for Human Rights - Baltimore County
44. League for Human Rights - Anne Arundel County
45. Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc.
46. Contemporary Trends Housing Committee
47. ACCESS
48. Real Estate Board of Greater Baltimore
49. Real Estate Brokers Assn. of Baltimore
50. Citizens Planning & Housing Association
51. Baltimore Community Relations Commission
52. Baltimore Urban League
53. Americans for Democratic Action
54. Maryland Committee for Democratic Rights
55. Women's International League for Peace & Freedom
56. NAACP - Baltimore City
57. NAACP - Montgomery County
58. Baltimore Fellowship, Inc.
59. Human Relations Commission - Baltimore County
60. Human Relations Commission - Anne Arundel County
61. Baltimore Council of AFL-CIO Unions
62. Negro American Labor Council
63. Christian Life & Public Affairs Committee - Baptist Conv. of Md.
64. East Baltimore Citizens Center
65. Temple Beth Shalom - Arnold, Maryland
66. Community Action Agency Housing Committee - Baltimore City
67. Fair Housing Council of Greater Towson
68. Fellowship for Equal Rights of Southern Prince George's County
69. Baltimore Board of Rabbis
70. Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

B A L T I M O R E N E I G H B O R H O O D S, I N C.

BNI BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 1968

	<u>1968 Budget</u>	<u>1967 Actual</u>
Professional Salaries	\$ 18,996.00	\$ 16,807.00
Clerical Salary	4,712.00	4,510.00
FICA Taxes	871.00	721.00
Employee Benefits	2,227.00	1,426.00
	<u>\$ 26,806.00</u>	<u>\$23,464.00</u>

OTHER EXPENSES

Educational Material & Publicity	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 321.00
Professional Dues	100.00	87.00
Postage	500.00	172.00
Telephone	1,100.00	1,074.00
Conf., conv., & Mtgs.	800.00	490.00
Employee Travel Exp. (local)	900.00	677.00
Office Occupancy (rent, elec., cleaning)	1,800.00	2,830.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	896.00
Office Equipment	500.00	534.00
Yearly Audit	150.00	150.00
Maryland Corp. Tax	40.00	33.00
Other Expenses	104.00*	866.00#
subtotal	<u>\$ 9,194.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,130.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 36,000.00</u>	<u>\$31,594.00</u>

\* For contingencies

# Moving Expenses of Laurent, Miller & The Office

January 30, 1968