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Project Synopsis Exercise

In order to complete our project assignment sheets we need to pause at this point and discuss our projects in a little bit more detail. This detail may simply be determining what our project is, where exactly its located and/or identifying the steps necessary to begin planning the project.

In neighborhood work we have found that there is no need to “reinvent the wheel” and this exercise will allow us to learn from each other. We will get more ideas and help from each other. This will provide for us an idea in which direction you are headed.

We are estimating that there are 2 groups in this room; one group with a clear defined idea of what your project will be. Your steps are outlined and you have discussed the project with others. The other group does not have as much definition of your project but a sense of what you want to accomplish. We think both groups can learn from each other. We will divide you into 2 separate groups and then assign you partner(s) and as a team you will work together to bring more definition, clear up questions, and assist in the overall planning of the project.

GROUP 1

You have a clearly defined idea in your head or down on paper of what you want to accomplish. You also have an idea of what steps may be necessary to complete your goal and may have started accomplishing some of those steps.

GROUP 2

You have an idea, maybe even 3 or 4 ideas. You have heard of some other projects in the class and you think everyone else is way ahead of you on this assignment. You’re actually considering missing class the night of the presentations and then you won’t have to worry about it.

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We will work together and make the connections for each other to find success for all.



After group work, answer the following questions:

1. Write a 1 –3 sentence statement about your project –

OR

2. Write down 2 – 3 ideas you have swirling about in your head. Try and provide as much detail as you can in a small space.

Next we will complete our Capacity Inventory sheets.

March 6 we will provide the matches that are evident between your projects and class participant’s inventory. This will allow us to take the asset based community building process further.

After you turn your cameras in next week be looking for contact sheets in the mail with an instruction sheet of what we will want you to bring to class March 13.

Any questions or comments or concerns, please contact Mary at 502-589-0343 or marym@centerforneighborhoods.org