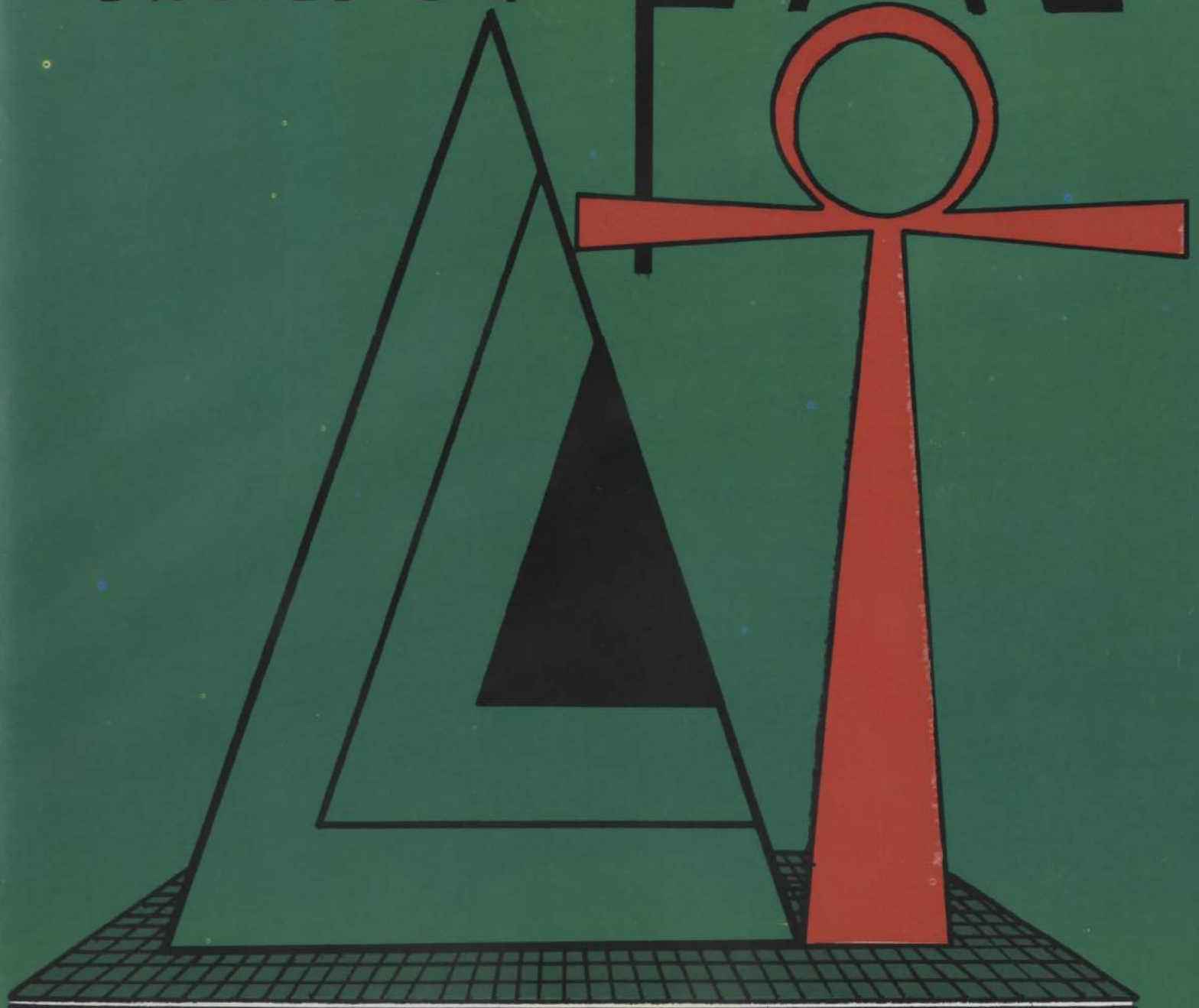


N.J.R-32

PAC



Project Area Committee

WHAT IS PAC

PAC in cooperation with NewArk Housing Authority is a community based planning agency. Recognized by NewArk Housing Authority as concerned and interested residents and community representatives, the Project Area Committee (PAC) feels that it is only fitting that we should have a voice in the redevelopment of this area site R-32. It is we who must inherit this area: therefore, it is evident that it is essentially we who will benefit or suffer from the development of this area. Project Area Committee is a day to day operation that functions from four aspects.

Board of Trustees

Administration

Community

Planning.

PAC, a community planning agency, survives on community participation. The need for community participation is essential at PAC because we are in the process of planning for new housing, schools, a medical center, shopping center, and light industry, all of which will directly effect the lives of those dwelling in the Urban Renewal Area R-32. With active community participation in the design and decision process, PAC will be able to insure the construction of a complex of buildings that will reflect the needs and aspiration of the people using them and at the same time create a new value-aesthetic in the areas of firmness, commodity and delight i.e., the three so called principles of "good" architecture.

Community planning should now be done by indigenous planners i.e., architectural designers and planners working for the Black community should have the same values as those people they are planning for.

HISTORY

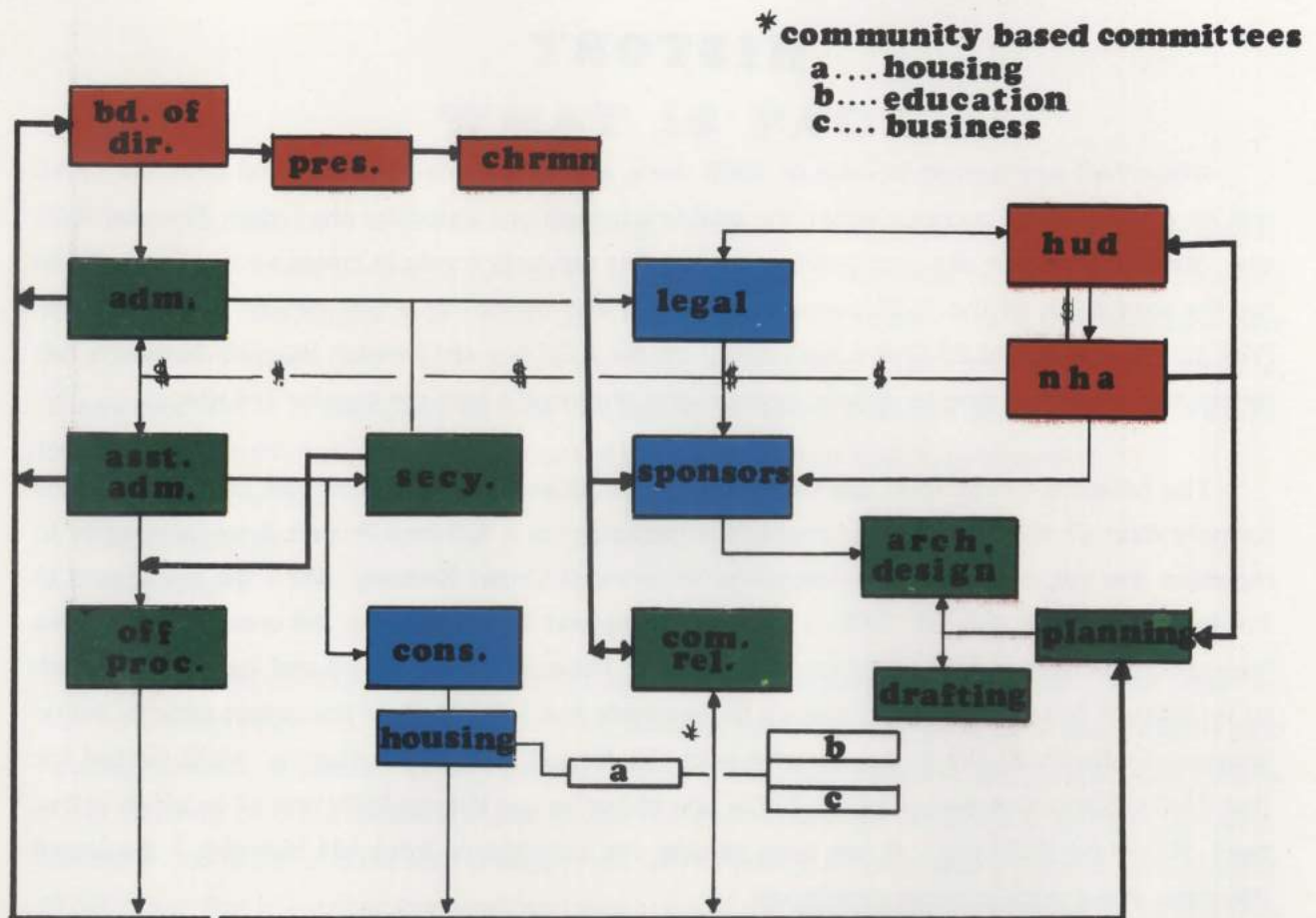
When PAC was formed in June of 1965 there was no genuine organizational structure. PAC was an expression of concern about the building projections slated for the Urban Renewal R-32 site. Various groups in the community were meeting regularly trying to create a formalized vehicle for the expression of the R-32 community's needs and desires for a new way of life in Newark. Prior to the creation of PAC as a legal entity on the R-32 site, the Newark Housing Authority had tentatively designated land to various sponsors and produced a land use map for the site.

The residents of the R-32 site had some serious objections to the land use proposal, and the formalization of these objections created the necessity for a full-time Project Area Committee to represent the felt needs of this community in terms of Urban Renewal. With the first Board of Trustees election in July of 1970, a new leadership put its energy into the creation of a strong foundation for community participation in Urban Renewal. PAC sought and was granted funds to establish a full-time planning agency to represent the felt needs of the community in the re-planning of the R-32 site in cooperation with the Newark Housing Authority. HUD funded the first PAC group in October of 1970. PAC's first objective was the establishment of an office in the heart of the NJ R-32 site. It has been serving the community from 134 Malcolm X Boulevard (Belmont Ave.) since it began operations.



THE EXISTING REALITY R-32

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PAC FLOW & STRUCTURE CHART

HOW PAC FUNCTIONS

Re: Urban Renewal

PAC being a community based organization has an elected Board of Directors (local community residents) which sets policy and makes all decisions relative to the overall functioning of PAC. The Board's decisions and policy are then executed and carried out via the PAC administrator with the aid of the assistant administrator. These two staff members are responsible for the day-to-day functioning of PAC. The community relations specialist in conjunction with the administration publishes meeting times as well as minutes of meetings and creates all necessary subcommittees at weekly community meetings. The technical staff plans and prepares drawings and guidelines for those buildings type that the community has expressed a need and desire for. Once sufficient drawings and guidelines are completed they are reviewed by the PAC Board of Directors and then presented to the local community for comment and/or approval.

Sponsorship for the various buildings is then considered by the PAC Board in light of the overall community development plan. After gaining community approval of PAC recommendations and proposals, the total plan and program are then presented to the Newark Housing Authority and HUD for their input and assistance where applicable.

Job Referrals

Referral to jobs that would best benefit the individual according to his or her skill.

Legal Referral

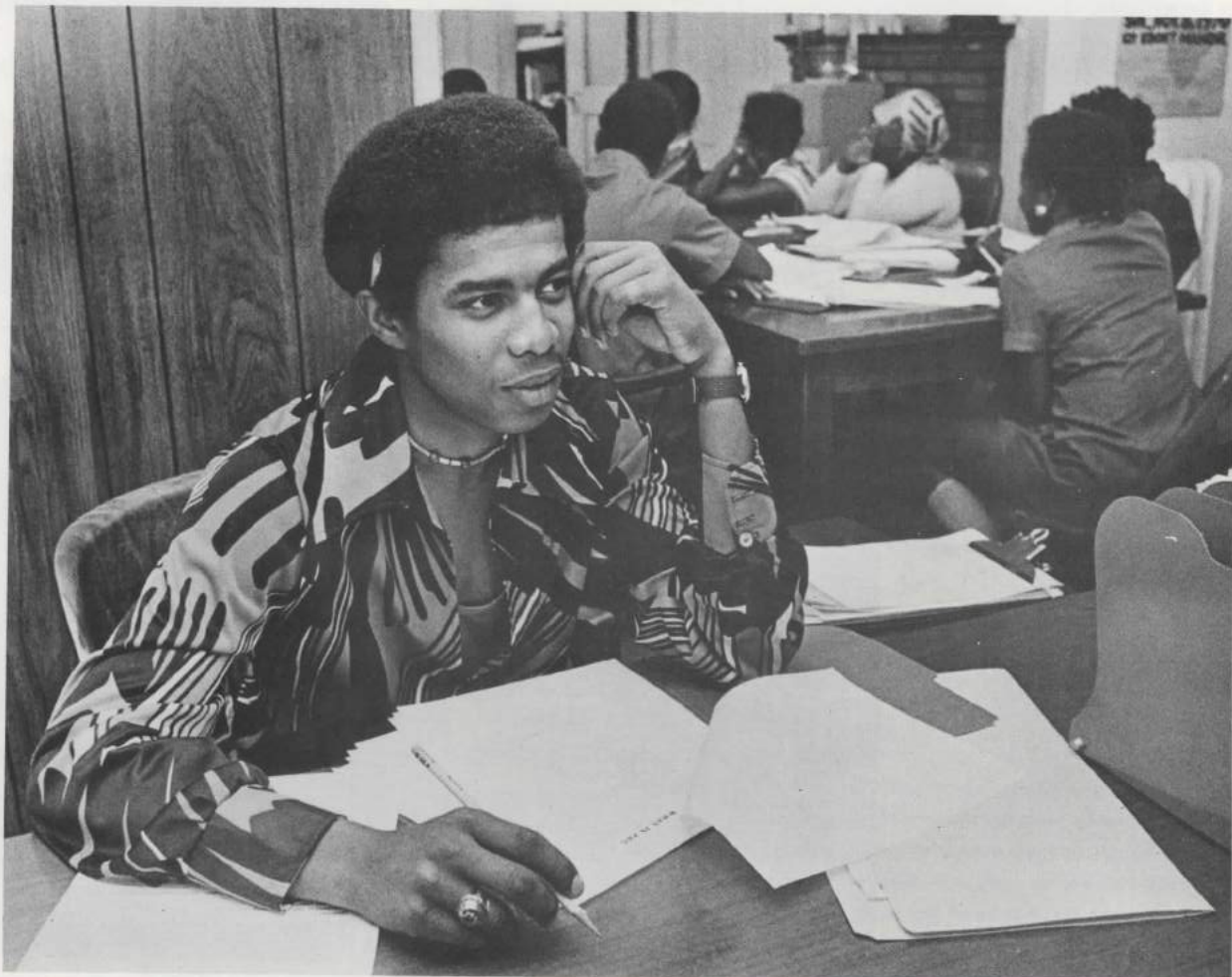
PAC suggests legal advice that would best solve the individual problem. Recognizing the fact that Black people are economically deprived, PAC provides this service.

Relocation Referral

Assistance to residents of the immediate area that have been asked to leave due to urban renewal.

Drug Problem

Black people who admit to themselves that we do have a drug problem and are willing to correct it should come to the PAC office and receive help and advice on rehabilitation.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST DAMU (Herb Stokes) Photo by Fundi (Billy Abernathy)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Positive Community development should have as its primary and ultimate concern the well-being of those people within the community itself, as well as the total uplifting of the physical environment for man. Thus, the major goals of community development should be to insure the fullest possible citizen participation within the development process. Communities must be developed and their economic, social and cultural conditions must be improved in order to enable community residents to contribute fully to national progress and to be fully integrated into the national way of life.

PAC staff members communicate regularly with the community to insure them of a change. To present views and problems in this way PAC prevents misunderstanding about the project.

Staff Description

Administrator

The Administrator is responsible for overseeing total planning for the R-32 site and tries to insure community input and participation.

Assistant Administrator:

The duties of the Asst. Administrator are as follows:

1. Carry out the directives of the Administrator.
2. Act as Liaison between the PAC group and the Housing Authority, the community, and the professional Technical Consultants.

Secretary (2)

1. Secretary Administrative - The Administrative Secretary performs the following duties:

- (1) General Office typing
- (2) Keep records and files
- (3) Operate office machines
- (4) Type proposals

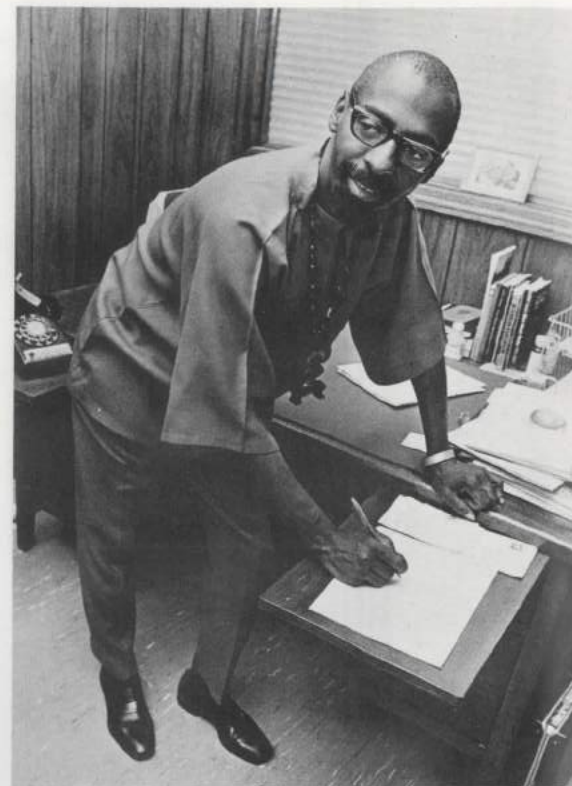
2. Secretary Receptionist - The Secretary-Receptionist performs the following duties:

- (1) Answer telephone and take messages
- (2) Have available and disseminate such information concerning R-32 as the Administrator or Assistant Administrator shall direct
- (3) Type and mail correspondence of P.A.C. Group that relates directly to R-32 Area.

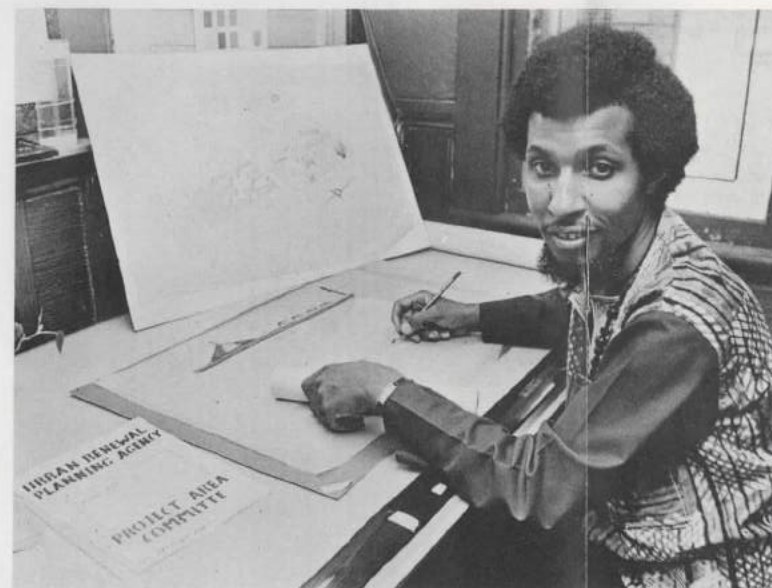
Community Relations - Provide for sufficient advertising of the R-32 project to keep the community informed. Maintain positive public relations.

Architect:

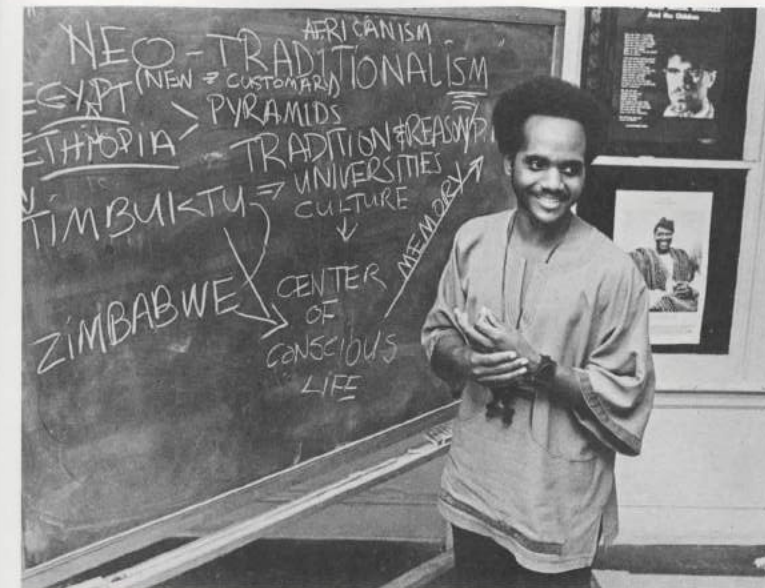
Responsible for overall development of Blue Prints and working drawing for community buildings preparation of preliminary drawings of the approved solution and outline specification describing materials and structural systems to be used. Assistance in securing proposals and contract documents. Preparation of any additional large scale and full size detailed drawings as required.



PAC ADMINISTRATOR: HAROLD WILSON



ARCHITECT: MAJENZI (EARL COOMBS)



ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, KOMOZI (KENNETH WOODARD)
TEACHING CLASS IN SELF-HISTORY



ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: MASHARIKI GAIL REESE

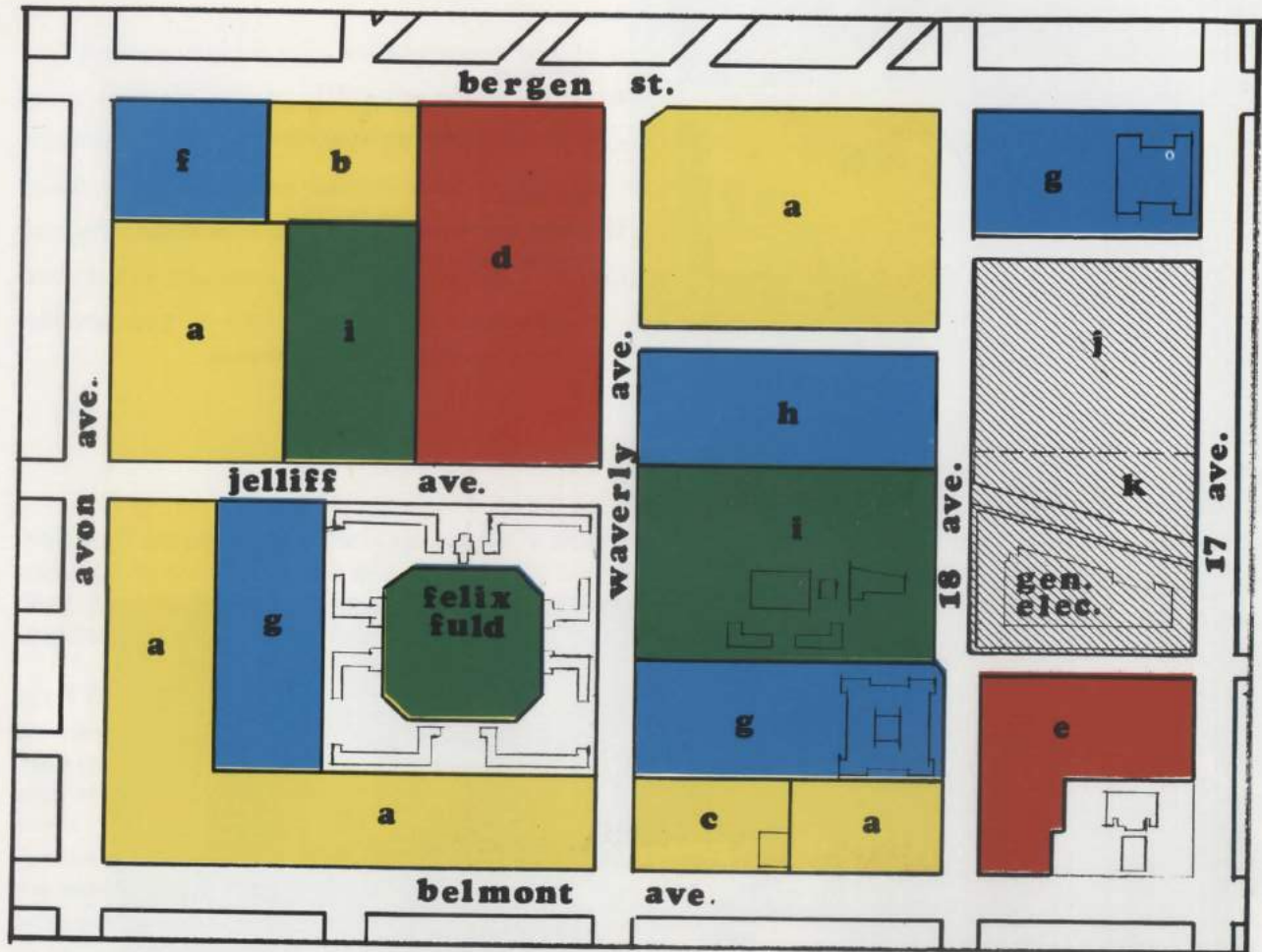
PAC STAFF

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ARCHITECT: MAJENZI EARL COOMS

DRAFTSMEN: POLO CORREA and COLVIN COX



Legend (to PAC Proposed Plan)

SYMBOL	DESIGNATION	SPONSOR
a	Housing (Medium-Density/Low-income)	*See note below
b	Elderly Housing	Public
c	Elderly Housing	Prince Hall Masons
d	Shopping Center	*See Note below
e	Commercial	Urban Communications Institute
f	Para-Medical/Dental Clinic	Tim Stills Memorial Association
g	Schools	Board of Education
h	Neighborhood Center	HUD
i	Parks & Recreation	City of NewArk
j	Light-Industrial Building	Slater Inc.
K	Parking/Loading Area	General Electric

*Under the auspices of P.A.C. these developments will be sponsored by community based groups.

THE MAYORS' OPINION.....

To the men and women of the Project Area Committee of R-32 goes our deepest respect for a job well done. At this point PAC has demonstrated without a doubt that the people of the Newark Community are best able to decide what the destiny of our community will be. The plans which PAC has developed will become realities for our children and models for other communities in the nation. The fact of the PAC experience stands as reason why we in Newark need not ever again allow others to do planning and thinking for us. In a larger sense it represents a broadening of that measure of self-determination which we began to establish in 1970. We must not forget that this area of self control must be continually expanded into all things which affect our future.

I hope that the Project Area Committee will now continue to work to insure that its plans are properly put into effect. This is most crucial. I assure the PAC and the people of the Central Ward that they will have the cooperation of this administration in their efforts.

KENNETH A. GIBSON
MAYOR

HUD Comments:

The Authority should continue to support the Project Area Committee in R-32 and expand organizational activities in other projects.

NHA Response:

An ongoing program of community participation in the discussion and planning of redevelopment in the R-32 site by the Project Area Committee and other community groups is gaining momentum. Regular monthly meetings are held at the Project Area Committee Headquarters at 134 Belmont Avenue. Attendance at the meetings is increasing. This is due to personal contacts and public relations efforts which are good and getting better. Agendas are prepared and followed at each meeting.

We have together created a model plan for the reuse of the land comprising this project. We have introduced low-rent housing, housing for the elderly, middle income housing, a park and community facilities, a neighborhood shopping center, medical services, industrial areas, fire and police facilities, all within walking distance of each other. We consider that we have all the ingredients necessary to create a viable new neighborhood.

Representatives of various groups who have expressed interest in establishing businesses, moderate income housing, health clinics, shopping centers, and light industry have met with Administrators and staff of the Project Area Committee. We have firm commitments from many prospective developers.

An engineering consultant has been hired by the PAC and has an office and engineering equipment at 134 Belmont Avenue.

The Newark Housing Authority will continue to cooperate closely with the official PAC group, and make available to it information relation to plans and progress in R-32. The NHA will continue to provide necessary technical assistance and cooperation in terms of office space and equipment; and to make available staff on all levels to meet with and assist the committee.

Frank Pegram ORGANIZATION OF BLACK CITIZENS

Project Area Committee is presently the vanguard in trying to rebuild our community. PAC is trying to show how collective work and responsibility can benefit an entire community.

David Barrett PRESIDENT UNITED COMMUNITY CORPORATION

R-32 PAC development project that represents a positive step for Black people in the Central Ward, to build and develop the community in order to leave it more beautiful and beneficial than when they inherited it.

Eugene Campbell PRINCIPAL MARCUS GARVEY SCHOOL (ROBERT TREAT)

PAC is the type of organization that is needed to bring all segments of the community together ...

Hugh R. Hill ASSIST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR N.H.A.

This was the first P.A.C. Group to function on any of the urban renewal sites in the City of Newark. In my opinion, this group has performed at a high level of efficiency since approval was given by the Executive Director of the Newark Housing Authority and HUD. As a result of this group's activities, the R-32 Site has been able to come up with a solid feasible plan for those residents who will be returning after development of this area has been completed.



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Assistant Administrator:

Kenneth Woodard

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Gail Reese

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