



date: November 19, 2008
to: City Council and City Staff
from: Bryte and Broderick Community Action Group
Michael Lokteff, Steering Committee Chair

On behalf of the Bryte and Broderick Community Action Group (B&BCAG) I want to thank you for placing the improvement of life in the Bryte and Broderick communities as one of your priorities for 2008 - 2009 and beyond.

Past studies made by independent entities identified the lack of positive attention to the northern part of the city and the emphasis on the negative such as the injunction, the recent inequities in improvements to the northern schools by the Washington Unified School District, and the perceived blight.

This historical neglect has been finally recognized and significant steps have been taken by the City to create a better climate for the entire City of West Sacramento through this visioning process. which has culminated in the recent perception of real hope for change. After all, if a black man with a name like Obama can be elected to the presidency, all things are possible.

We are grateful to Bonnie Ratner and her associates for their work and to the staff of the City, who have been cooperating and supporting. We would like to mention particularly Louise Collis, Mark Collier, Dave Shpak, Sandra White, Police Chief Drummond and members of the City Council. Thank you all.

Now, I would like to introduce members of the Steering Committee and the functions of the chairs of the sub committees who have chosen to live in this city, have spent hundreds of hours in meetings and activities, and are committed to press on to greatness to make this magnificent piece of real estate a magnificent place to live.

To my right is four waters, committee co-chair and a recent resident with tremendous organizational and graphic design skills. As I introduce the others, I would like them to stand and remain standing until all are recognized.

Buffy Crosby - Secretary who also has a vital interest in police relations.

Norma Ranslow - Treasurer and primary Senior Advocate.

Jim Brewer - member at large, current museum director of the Historical Society and our Education Chair.

Carol Klesow - an energetic, tireless advocate for public gardens, trees and a green culture

Mary Lasell - a watchful, tenacious bulldog, who is interested in anything and everything - knows where all the bodies are buried - and may have buried some of them.

Yvette Trevino - Chair of the Injunction and Police Relationships committee who is working with our officials to make this a better place for our young people.

Charlotte Dorsey - our website manager. She extends an open invitation to you to visit our website www.bryteandbroderick.org

JB Besharian - on our media committee who is reaching out into the community to identify the appropriate outlets for communicating our message.

Bruce Ayer - a recent member who is our liaison to the Police Department Code Enforcement division.

Our Mission Statement:

The Bryte and Broderick Community Action Group facilitates collaborative communication between West Sacramento City leadership and staff, the Washington Unified School District, various entities, and Bryte and Broderick residents, to meet the needs and aspirations of our diverse community and perpetuate the unique culture and character of our neighborhoods.

Our Goals:

1. To Unify the diverse and unique elements of our community.
2. To Initiate community projects and events which improve the lives of Bryte and Broderick community members
3. To Support viable and fruitful existing projects and events that foster a positive community image.
4. To Represent and fight for equity of dollars and manpower in services to the Bryte and Broderick communities.
5. To Protect and preserve the diversity and uniqueness of the community

Our Objectives;

1. Organize Steering Committee and Sub-committees of community interest groups
2. Develop website for community organization and communication
3. Establish a calendar of BBCAG meetings and events, and as an outreach tool with leaders of the faith community, WUSD and West Sacramento
4. Initiate regular communication with local and regional media outlets
5. Set up a formal organizational structure which can receive and distribute funds
6. Work with City to develop and implement strategies for our community's youth and seniors.

In order to achieve our goals, we would like to ask you to consider allocating some of the \$33,000 to the continuing efforts of our community.

We would like to invite you to participate and support our next major gathering on January 31, 2009

Finally, we would like to state our heartfelt belief:

We are bigger than the walls that divide us.