

BIG QUESTIONS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: OUR VALUES, OUR DIRECTION

WHAT DOES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEAN FOR DETROIT?

- **A draft definition of “Community Development,” “Community Development Organization” and “Grass Roots Organization” is emerging from the Building the Engine discussions.**
 - ✓ **What is the distinctive/defining role of CDOs? Why or why not is that role important? Should a CDO play other roles?**
 - ✓ **What is the role of a Grass Roots Organization?**
- **How should decisions be made on community development strategies for neighborhood revitalization?**

HOW DO WE REVITALIZE NEIGHBORHOODS IN DETROIT?

- **Do we revitalize neighborhoods primarily through:**
 - ✓ **efforts initiated by philanthropy, government or business that are targeted to select areas with “rising” markets; or**
 - ✓ **building up communities wherever neighbors are already organized; or**
 - ✓ **place-making to generate community gathering places and attract visitors?**
- **Is there value-add in resident engagement and empowerment in the community development process? What is resident engagement vs resident empowerment?**
- **Detroit has huge swaths of vacant land and property - should we exploit this situation and plan for more open/green space in Detroit as a permanent strategy for Detroit’s comeback, or should green space be considered a temporary, “holding” strategy until Detroit repopulates?**
- **What is our economic development theory to be applied to our neighborhoods to make them economically viable?**

