

**ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK
FORCE
(New Tools Task Force)
Task Force Minutes
Monday, May 4, 2009**

- I. Welcome & Introductions – Ajamu Webster
- II. Village Forum Review: Assets in the distressed areas
 - a. Spark Bookhart, Community Organizer
- III. Turning Assets into Action: Where do we go from here?
 - a. Entire Task Force
 - b. Facilitated by Patty Gentrup, Shockey Consulting
- IV. What do we need to move forward?
 - a. Direction to committees from task force
 - b. Facilitated by Patty Gentrup with Ajamu Webster
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Community Engagement – Spark Bookhart
 - b. Educational Capital – Ray
 - c. Financial Capital – Dr. Henry Johnson
 - d. Community Capital – Dr. Linwood Tauheed
 - e. Research & Evaluation – A. Marie Young

V. Schedule Review

VI. Adjournment

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Produce a plan for economic development in distressed communities of Kansas City that is bottoms-up with measurable outcomes for:

1. Increased population and density.
2. Increased individual economic opportunities, including increasing individual income, employment and number of quality jobs.
3. Increased business activities and business profits.
4. Increased property values.
5. Safe and livable neighborhoods.