

GAAIN Moves for Better Lighting

On January 14th, 1993 a meeting was held at the Lee school concerning street lighting, vacant lots and neighborhood safety. Members of ACORN attended this meeting to voice their concerns in the community.

We spoke to Glenn Cooper and Joe Sullivan of Public Works to demand that we have better services here in our neighborhood. We did get some response, but not everything we wanted!

Some lights were immediately improved, on Hopestill street and Rosendale, making the neighborhood brighter and safer. However there is still work to be done. The group would still like to see a street light go up in front of 109 Millet street, which is an empty lot. Does more action have to be taken up for our demands to be met? Yes! You'll be hearing from me GAAIN, we'll be making posters this Spring so be ready to march!!

Catherine Reddicks, Co-Chair, GAAIN

Why Did I Join ACORN?

To answer this question I'd like to analyze another question: What is ACORN? This word stands for Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now... but what does that mean? What can ACORN do... what will ACORN do? To find answers to this I did join ACORN... and found the answers! At ACORN we are a group of people with the same main concerns: to improve our neighborhood, to be safe from crime and drugs, to live a life worth living. We get together and talk about issues; we discuss what is wrong and seek ways to correct problems. As a unit we approach city authorities with our requests and demands. We present the problems and negotiate solutions with city officials, we stick to the issue - no matter how small it seems - until the problem is solved. In our Roxbury neighborhood many things can be improved. That's why I am a member of ACORN. (Action Continues Over Racial Neglect).

Carolyn Collymore NAG member

HOUSE MEETINGS

Communities Work! ACORN can help rebuild communities, but not without your help. You can help by having a House Meeting. Meeting with neighbors, friends and family to discuss the needs of the neighborhood is very important for the progress of your community. It's easy... Just ask a few people to come by one evening or any convenient time, and have them think about what they would like to see done or changed in their community. There will be an experienced ACORN member there, to discuss how the organization progresses power and to set up the steps for action. There is strength in numbers and House Meetings are the best way to get the people together to build and spread power. I can't express enough the fact that House Meetings are crucial to the movement of rebuilding families and family values for the whole neighborhood as well as the country.

Patricia Walker ACA Member