

November 2007

MACDC Community Economic Development Awards

Each year we present three awards to appreciate and acknowledge the work of our members. Meet this year's winners - Juan Gonzalez and David Kielson! The Ricanne Hadrian Award is presented annually to a CDC project manager or organizer who meaningfully engages local residents in building economically and racially just communities. Juan Gonzales (formerly at Allston-Brighton CDC; now at Jamaica Plain NDC) exudes a quality that organizers emulate - the sense that he personally feels the struggles shared by the community of people he works with, while simultaneously providing a fountain of positive energy, sense of rejuvenation, and intractable hope. As his nomination states, "He is one of the stakes in the organizing community that provides a stable foundation to our work and to the movement at large." The Richard Smith Award is presented to a CDC staff



person or board member who exemplifies outstanding commitment, leadership and achievement on behalf of the statewide movement. David Kielsen, (Hilltown CDC Board Member) has served on the Board of Directors of the Community Development Corporation since 1984 and currently serves as Treasurer and as member of its Executive, Finance and Real Estate Development committees. David understands that achievement of mission goals for any organization is predicated on financial soundness. According to his nomination, "he provides effective financial oversight while applying his wide-ranging experience to guiding the missions and doing the nitty-gritty work of all the organizations he serves."

MACDC Rising Star Awards

The Rising Star Award is Presented to five people less than 40 years old who are or have the potential to be major leaders of the Community Development Field. Katie Anthony, Somerville CC; Katie Anthony is the Senior Project Manager at Somerville CDC. She has worked for SCC since January 2004 in which time she has grown from being a Junior Project Manager to a Senior Project Manager. She managed the 15-unit Temple Street condominium project that was completed in 2006, and is now managing the new St. Polycarp Village 24-rental unit / ground level commercial development slated to begin construction this November. Katie is extraordinarily bright and hard-working. Marissa Guananja - Chelsea Neighborhood Housing Service Marissa runs the Resident Asset program at Chelsea Neighborhood Housing Service. Even though she has been at CNHS and in Massachusetts for less than two years, Marissa has taken a leadership role in legislative advocacy with MACDC, policy and program work with MCNC, working on foreclosure prevention work, was part of the inaugural class of the Initiative for Diversity in Civic Leadership. In each setting, Marissa brings a principled and thoughtful approach that is both intelligent and accessible. She cares about issues, and she cares about individuals. Marissa's humility and good humor provide the essential leavening for truly great leadership. Jeremy Lui - Asian CDC Jeremy Lui has been the Executive Director of Asian Community Development Corporation since 2005 and is a past board member of MACDC. He continues to build a strong organization and as an artist has created community-based art projects. He has written and lectured in the U.S. and abroad about participatory planning, technology, and arts and culture as community building, and has consulted to several arts-based community development projects in Asia. Dychell Reeves- Dorchester Bay EDC Dychell Reeves is the Director of Technology for Dorchester Bay EDC and has taught over 1000 people computer and life skills. She believes that technology can be a catalyst for change. As her nomination says, "she thrives off of helping people get better at what they do because she knows that they are a reflection of her and where she started from." Anabelle Rondon - ACT Anabelle Rondon is the Business Development Coordinator at Arlington Community Trabajando where she has designed a much needed program to encourage business diversity and provide free training to area entrepreneurs. Since the program's inception she has coordinated trainings for over 120 business people.



LIFT Campaign

The House passed a strong Foreclosure Bill in October (the Senate passed an equally strong one in July) and we now wait for the two branches to reconcile the difference between their bills. We expect a compromise bill to be released in November for the Governor's signature. MACDC continues to advocate for additional funding for the small business technical assistance program in the supplemental appropriation. Our members are meeting with legislators about the Expiring Use legislation. Other LIFT issues - Funding for Affordable Housing and Tax Credits for community-based nonprofits - continue to move along. Please contact Allison Staton or Pam Bender for more information about the LIFT campaign or ways to get involved in MACDC's advocacy efforts.

Board of Directors Election

During the Annual Membership meeting, we held elections for our Board of Directors. We would like to welcome our new Board Chair as well as the other Board members:

- Richard Thal, JPNDC (At-Large/ Chair)
- Joanne Campbell, Valley CDC (Immediate past chair)
- Marc Dohan, Twin Cities CDC (Central)
- Chris Thompson, Quincy Geneva/New Vision CDC (at-large)
- Ana Luna, ACT (Northeast)
- Steve Laferriere, WATCH (Greater Boston)
- Teri Bernert, WEIR, (Southeast)
- Phil Hillman, Dorchester Bay (Boston)
- Steve Patton, Worcester Common Ground (Central)
- Elizabeth Bridgewater, Lower Cape Cod CDC (Southeast)
- M.H. Nsangou, Allston Brighton CDC (Boston)
- Charles Rucks, Springfield NHS (west)
- Gail Latimore, Codman Square (Boston)
- Jeanne Pinado, Madison Park DC (Boston)
- Danny LeBlanc, Somerville CC (Greater Boston)
- Steve Cook, Oak Hill CDC (At-large)
- Susan Rutherford, Quabog Valley CDC (west)
- Phil Giffee, NOAH (At-large)