

BLACK GROVE

A non-profit foundation for advocacy planning to be established in an office on Grand Avenue, the street that belies its name, the street of white shame. The street of broken dreams. The place that society has made a cutthroat jungle. Not a natural jungle where there is beauty, tranquility and peace. But a place where there is no certainty but uncertainty. Where pride is broken. And fear is the common heritage. Disillusion and denigration live here in every room. The street is where the people live, a street without hope.

So what is the plan? It is to provide a place of catalyst. A place where the street can see something happening that never happened here before. What could that be? A big dream of many aspects. A brotherhood, a place for the people, a commitment to a new idea of community. A place that can make a beginning in training minds and making spokesman. A place to put forth ideas of integrity about life and man's relation to his total environment.

How will it be different from existing groups, like CGC? The people involved will be different. The goals will be different. The foundation of thinking will be different. It cannot accept what is. It must reject it and stand against it, - or there cannot be a new way. This new way must look at the whole fabric of society. And it must begin to think about a whole new fabric in which planning ideals are inseparable from concern and brotherhood and love.

What is the purpose of BLACK GROVE? It is concerned with the total black environment. It is concerned with the needs of black people. It is concerned with what black people really want in this community and everywhere in this country. It is concerned with new kinds of education, and with re-education for all people. It is concerned with physical planning as a reflection of the thinking of a society. It is concerned with new concepts of community. It is concerned as well with the white environment: with its sources of violence and prejudice; with its roots in mediocre values and false principles; with its acceptance of exploitation of people and land as a way of life.

BLACK GROVE is concerned with an integral concept of the environment of the community of men, with the fulfillment of basic needs, with social justice, with a high quality of physical design, with new ideals of the brotherhood of man and concern for all the life of our planet.