

CCNet
Meeting Notes
Underrepresented Constituencies
6/7/10
6 Attendees
Location: M2 on Neil, 4th floor

Yesterday's News-Gazette: Big Broadband Cyber Church, C3 Committee, General Update on UC2B:
<http://tinyurl.com/2b6mj97>

Champaign County Black Chamber of Commerce (CCBCC)

- partnering with Krannert Center to host First Fridays, a networking event. See the flier here: <http://twitdoc.com/c/x39ys8>
- importance of being recognized by community institutions such as Krannert
- CCBCC filling a needed niche in the business community
- recognized by Champaign County Chamber of Commerce (CCCC), DCEO, member of national Black Chamber of Commerce
- serve minority and female-owned businesses
- We have to get to know each other or there will be no trust and no progress
- started in 2002 at the CCC Business Expo, where CCCC gave them free booth space
- CCCC also donated office, website hosting, printing, etc to help CCBCC get started
- state of IL now recognizes Black Chambers of Commerce as well as Hispanic Chambers of Commerce

Bloomington-Normal MultiCultural Leadership Initiative <http://public.bn-mclp.org/>

- U of I extension and Heartland Community College
- Meeting in Champaign Monday June 14 to see if this is something we can do here.

U of I Going Solo program also recently presented to a group of local people
<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/goingsolo/>

There is a growing momentum in the community with all these programs.

What should this group do with our meeting time?

- there's a lot going on in the community and people are busy out doing things; this meeting helps connect everyone's efforts
- this group should identify and share resources

Ideas for future meetings:

- CCBCC to present to CCNet Business discussion
- Regional Planning Commission (Kathy Larson) to present about loan programs for minority businesses
- State Energy Sector Partnership, Minor Jackson to present on this initiative
- find some solutions for bridge loans for minority contractors who are struggling with slow state payments

Next meeting: Monday, August 2, 3:00pm (July 5 is a holiday)