

VIII. A way forward

1. Background

- Anacostia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anacostia> _____
- St. Elizabeths East: <http://stelizabethseast.com> _____
- Google images: Anacostia and Ward 8 _____
- Neighborhood House, Portland, Oregon: www.nhpd.org _____

2. Reconnaissance: A lengthy windshield tour of Anacostia and Ward 8, visiting the THEARC and St. Elizabeths East. At this point no staff. _____

3. The Mayor: Arrange lunch with Washington's progressive Mayor Muriel Bowser. **Phone: (202) 727-6300.** _____

4. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton: Phone: (202) 225-8050 _____
District office at S.E. 2041 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., S.E. : (202) 678-8900

5. GSA: On August 5, 2015, Denise Turner Roth was sworn in as Administrator for the General Services Administration. Roth has used her experience in executive level management throughout her 18 years of public service to further economic and administrative change. **Office:** 1800 F St. **Phone: (202) 501-0800.** _____

6. FLOTUS: To outline a possible role for the First Lady, if Peace Corps House finds traction at St. Elizabeths East, or most anywhere elsewhere in Ward 8, talk with Michelle Obama. **Office:** 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. **Phone: (202) 456-1111.** _____

7. NPCA: Bring president Glenn Blumhorst into an immediate meeting. His emails when he learned of your possible interest in a new presence Washington: "NPCA is in! Eager to hear the idea ... I like it already ... Very Peace Corps. Looks great ... NPCA is ready to help make it happen!" See his attached letter of support. **Phone: (202) 293-7728.** _____

8. IFS: The International Federation of Settlements, New York, is an association of national, regional and local organizations working to strengthen communities around the world. Its mission is to build an inclusive global community by empowering, inspiring and connecting people who are working locally for social justice. IFS' exec. director is Irma Rodriguez. She is on board. **Phone: (917) 951-9829.** _____

9. The best possible lunch: If Peace Corps director Carrie Hessler-Radelet was to decide that a charismatic, substantial inner-city presence for the Peace Corps could be a significant part of her legacy—a project where Peace Corps walks-its-talk while making for a better home community—she convenes an Anacostia restaurant luncheon to consider Peace Corps House or alternatives. Invite Michele Obama, Muriel Bowser, Denise Turner Roth and Congresswoman Norton. Directly involving several powerful African-American women to discuss a transformative Peace Corps House and/or even a new Peace Corps headquarters away from downtown, adds tangible consequence to such a DC summit. _____

10. The start-up: Beyond working with experienced consultants and hiring the best possible neighborhood settlement house director and securing both a building and any required renovation funding, Peace Corps House will necessarily proceed with small steps that strike the community as reasonable. _____