

**2013 Activities**

CITY OF MILWAUKEE, BID#19  
YEAR ENDING 2013-2014

*The year 2013 was a "Go Forward Year". We were able to draw new businesses into our neighborhood. Many of them were unaware of the steps of opening a business, help that is available to them, such as ME2, Façade grants and signage grants. BID #19 sat down with many of the owners and future owners and help them develop a plan of operation. We have went to the licensing board with one of the store owners, assisted another with his plan to present to BOZA and helped another get back on the tax roll. Listed below are some of the businesses we have assisted.*

- Venessia R Miller, will be opening a daycare in a building that has closed and once served as a daycare over 5 years ago at 3532 W Villard
- Dave Bryant/Patricia Metcalf, 5140 N Teutonia Ave, Digital Wreck (helped him prepare for BOZA) Helped him reconstruct his operational plan
- Reggie Boston, Boston Bar & Grill, 3535 W Villard, assisted him with ideas to keep peace with other businesses
- D'Juan Gibson, G & G Anger Management, 3524A W Villard, informed him of the office space was for rent for his business. Assisted him in his paper work to become code compliance.
- Obiora Obi, Onyx, 3200 W Villard, Met with District 4 and Alderman to assist him with problem.
- Claudette Howard, 5903 N 36th St. Helped her with a business venture and gave her information about programs that would assist her in her venture.
- Pastor Cardenous, called to ask if we could assist her in finding a building on Villard were she could open a bakery.
- Alphonse Djomaha, 5050 W Hopkins, assisted him step by step with assisted and went before the licensing committee on his behalf to open an African store called, Alpha-cam Convenience Store which will be opening soon.
- Edna Banks, Banks Funeral Home 3633 W Villard, met with her and worked out a plan with her to put her business back on the tax roll.
- Bernard James, 3400 W Villard (old Ace Hardware Store) assisted him with a plan to keep the building a suggested ideals to him in which he is excited and will be using.
- We are looking forward to an upcoming nail and massage salon. The board let her know she had our support and will also let her put fliers in our businesses.
- The Villard Avenue Festival of 2013 brought in around 4000 people this year. We had no incidents and our Mayor enjoyed himself.

**2014 Planned Activities**

- We are looking forward to moving into our own building for our BID. The building will be able to host meetings, classes and store our festival belongings there also. This need will be established in an office on Villard Avenue, per the request of the merchants of Villard Avenue.
- Forming an economical development committee compromised of Board and non-Board members in the BID #19 areas.
- Yvonne Ali, 3616 W Villard, will assist her in a venture to reopen the Old Theatre.
- Terrell Harris, 3624 W Villard, will assist him in his business venture to open up a candy store.
- We have already contacted City regarding properties owned by the City so that we can partner with the City for development purposes.
- We looking forward to filling the vacant buildings and rehabbing others.
- We will continue to assist the business owners with façade and signage grants information
- The Villard Avenue Festival will again take place for its 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row
- Continue our endeavors to speak with national businesses regarding the re-opening of closed businesses