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Visioning Meeting For Sherman Park Neighborhood Open To All

*Diverse Mix of Stakeholders to Host Sunday Meeting Designed to Engage
Residents to Help Shape Future of Sherman Park Community*

For the Sherman Park neighborhood to reach its full potential, input and ideas are needed from residents and stakeholders inhabiting all sectors of its diverse landscape.

With that in mind, Ald. Willie C. Wade, the Burleigh Street Community Development Corp., the Sherman Park Community Association, the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee are inviting all interested parties to attend a Vision Sherman Park meeting from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 13, 2005 in the Klieger Auditorium at St. Joseph, 5000 W. Chambers St. A light supper will be served, and Kosher meals are being planned. **Media coverage is invited.**

The meeting is designed as a critical launch event for the two-phase Vision Sherman Park project, Ald. Wade said. "Without feedback and ideas from people across religious, ethnic, racial and socio-economic lines, we can't have a truly universal and fruitful visioning process," said Ald. Wade. He said two of Milwaukee's most prominent religious leaders – Bishop Sedgwick Daniels of Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God In Christ and Rabbi Michel Twerski, senior rabbi of Congregation Beth Jehudah – will speak during the meeting.

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“I believe it is truly a unique event in Milwaukee when two of the city’s most esteemed religious leaders take part in such a gathering,” said Ald. Wade. “I believe their participation suggests just how critical both Bishop Daniels and Rabbi Twerski think this visioning process is for our neighborhood and for our city.”

With the help of a \$17,500 allocation from the city’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund – secured with the help of Ald. Wade – the Vision Sherman Park project has already started its first phase, with a community survey of residents. The survey is seeking residents’ opinions of neighborhood strengths and needs, and results of that survey are to be shared at Sunday’s meeting.