

## Local Support for the Renaissance Zone Plan

Public Participation in Plan Development. In June 1999 the Renaissance Zone Advisory Committee sent a letter and survey to all downtown property owners to explain the Renaissance Zone concept and to begin to develop a sense of various properties' development potential. The survey asked the property owners to indicate future development plans, if known. (see Exhibit A, Appendix F)

In August, after the Committee had approved a draft plan, property owners received another letter explaining the major components of the Fargo Plan and inviting them to attend an open house to discuss the Renaissance Zone process and outcomes. The open houses were also advertised in the business section of *The Forum*. The open houses were held in City Hall on September 7 and September 9. (See documentation in Exhibit A, Appendix F)

The City Commission held a public hearing on the Renaissance Zone Plan at their regular meeting on September 20, 1999. (See documentation in Exhibit B, Appendix F) There were no questions from the public at the hearing. The Plan was approved by the City Commission on November 1, 1999. (Minutes and Agenda in Exhibit B, Appendix F - Resolution included in Exhibit C, Appendix F)

Letters of Support. The community is committed to making the Renaissance Zone a success. Public and private sector community leaders have voiced their support of the process and of the plan. Appendix G contains a number of letters showing this community support.