

Neighborhood ♦ Recovery ♦ Community ♦ Development ♦ Corporation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REV. WILLIAM A. LAWSON
Pastor Emeritus
Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church
President

ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS JOSEPH A. FIORENZA
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Vice-President and Treasurer

SHARON M. OWENS
CenterPoint Energy
Corporate Secretary

JAMES M. HINTON
Camden Property Trust

DREW K. MASTERSON
First Southwest Company

T. DEON WARNER, Esq.
WarnerHicks, LLP

ARCHBISHOP DANIEL DINARDO
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

PAUL D. CHARLES
Executive Director

NRCDC was created to address, through positive and affirmative steps, the needs of the community. Through its efforts, independently or through collaborations, NRCDC is working in the areas of housing development, community revitalization, economic development and education.

NRCDC was founded in 1990 by Rev. William A. Lawson and Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza who had partnered to found the "Campaign For The Homeless". The two, who had always been proponents of affordable and decent housing in the inner city and fair treatment of the poor and downtrodden, while looking for a vehicle to empower these constituents founded NRCDC.

Since its founding, NRCDC has been involved in the provision of the 192 unit NUBIA Square Apartment complex. NUBIA is the result of a massive revitalization and rehabilitation effort centered in the Third Ward area of Houston. The former Pierre Apartments wrestled with its share of drugs and violence, as well as its dilapidated state. Now NUBIA is a thriving community of people who see themselves as a large family.

NRCDC, through a joint venture called the Renaissance Cooperative, has developed the Renaissance Center. The Renaissance Center, a 90,000 square foot retail center anchored by a grocery store, is the first of its type in Texas, developed by a community-based organization. Since its completion, over 350 people are employed on site, and the grocery store has experienced phenomenal performance. This project also represents the collaboration of many facets of Houston's for-profit and not-for-profit business communities.

The NRCDC is preparing to develop single-family, for-sale, affordable housing in addition to multifamily, commercial, economic and business development projects.

The mission of NRCDC and its board members; Rev. Lawson, Archbishop Emeritus Fiorenza, Sharon Michael, James M. Hinton, Drew Masterson, Deon Warner, Archbishop DiNardo and Executive Director Paul Charles, continues to be providing opportunities for development; housing, business and economic enterprise, improved public education, improved quality of life, increased community investment, and community and social services. At the base of all that we do is the empowerment of the communities we serve.