

*Open Letter*

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sense of involvement we can get in establishing what we want to happen can give us many of the same feelings of creativity, motivation, and community ownership. Ritualizing the decision-making process to include everyone in a community can become an accepted mode of procedure, just as important as zoning ordinances.

The more we feel that we own our city, that it is our home and we are accountable for it because it reflects us, the more we become a part of its life. Alienation and withdrawal are the results of powerlessness; the more we give over (or have taken from us) involvement in decisions central to our lives, the more we become frustrated and apart.

## **This Place of Ours**

Few of us any longer can actually participate in the building of our cathedrals. But the

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*A Way to Make Good Things Happen*

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DEALING CREATIVELY WITH COMMUNITY CHANGE

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