



*Purposes to Keep in Mind Before and Throughout the Quality of Life Workshop*

- Define metrics for neighborhood QOL based on human rights and fulfilling basic and higher order well-being scientifically, holistically and in collaboration with residents
- Determine, based on measuring each metric, what the resources and assets of the neighborhood are, how they compare and contrast with meeting each, and identify what is lacking
- Describe what the neighborhood would require to achieve a high quality of life
- Identify what social and financial capital would be required to achieve this and where would we look to find real-world and persuasive scholarly work to assist in achieving a high quality of life for the neighborhood
- Specify how City/Regional Planning, University of Memphis and the Evolution Institute, Inc can contribute to the neighborhood achieving a high quality of life.

*Suggested outcomes from the University of Memphis*

Short Term

- Production of a series of high quality papers/presentations illustrating how public policies and programs designed to encourage more vibrant, just, and democratic communities can be enhanced by an evolutionary theory enriched approach to quality of life scholarship
- Introduction of a Q of L framework, enriched by evolutionary theory, into the planning, design, and development framework of Memphis' (and perhaps other communities) approach to privately, philanthropically, and federally-funded community transformation efforts such as HUD's Sustainable, Promise, and Choice Communities Programs
- Incorporation of new scholars into the evolutionary theory/quality of life field of scholarship

Long Term

- Publication of two or more high-quality special issues on evolutionary theory enriched quality of life approaches to community transformation
- Development of a model approach to bottom-up, bottom-sideways community transformation based upon an evolutionary theory enriched approach to quality of life scholarship that serious local activists and progressive elected officials could embrace in their fight to build the just city
- Establishment of an active exchange network involving residents, institutional leaders, elected officials, and scholars promoting transformational change in East Tampa, Memphis, and Binghamton
- Pursuit of third-party funding to support demonstration projects based upon evolutionary enriched QOL scholarship that can expand employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for low-income urbanites with the fewest economic opportunities
- Formulate and implement a media strategy aimed at introducing evolutionary-inspired QOL literature into mainstream economic and political discourse.