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Creating Opportunities...



Convenes with Community Economic "Voices" to Discuss Opportunities of Engagement Kingdom Community, Inc., a HUD approved housing counseling agency in Chicago's Austin community, and is led by **Apostle Dr. John Abercrombie**, pastor of Zoe Life Ministries International, 5151 W. Madison Street, convened community and economic development advocates representing 12 organizations from the South and Westsides of the city, to discuss engagement opportunities with **JeNyce Boolton**, (right) community relationship manager for US Bank.

Dennis D. Muhammad, CEO of MDC Community and Economic Development, a general contractor and community and workforce development advocate, stated, "I was excited about the meeting today and the possibilities as we plan to create jobs through redevelopment, and need a committed lending partner to help us expand our brand, as a partner with us, telling a shared story of what impact looks like."

Vanessa D. Taliferro of AD-V Business Consulting, Inc., facilitated the event with the Monroe Foundation. Participating in the convening event were:

- People Empowering People
- Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action
- The North Lawndale Employment Network
- The West Cook Regional Homeownership Center
- The Black Star Project, PODER,
- Genesis Housing Development Corporation
- Sustainable Options for Urban Living (S.O.U.L.)
- MDC Community and Economic Development
- Opportunity Communities, Inc.

