Talking Points

1. Good morning and welcome to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

2. I hope you enjoyed the tour.

3. Part of our vision at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago is to further the public interest by fostering a sound economy and a stable financial system.

4. The work you do—encouraging economic development and re-development at the community level—plays an important part in fostering a sound economy.

5. This sustained effort on your part is very important and is especially noteworthy because the Economic Development Corporation of Park Ridge is a not-for-profit volunteer organization.

6. We at the Fed work with local bank and community organizations through our Consumer and Community Affairs Department. Our staff is here today to talk with you about our role in that economic development.

7. I hope that today's tour and roundtable discussion is helpful in your work. Thank you for coming today.

8. I would now like to turn the podium over to Owen Hayes who will introduce our speakers.