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August Wilson Center Statement Concerning Town Hall Meeting

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Last year, the August Wilson Center for African American Culture formed a partnership with American Urban Radio Networks and their nationally syndicated program, *The Bev Smith Show*, to host four town hall meetings at the August Wilson Center. These meetings, broadcast live nationwide in front of a local audience, focus on the broad topic of the “Disappearing Black Community and How We Can Get it Back.” An open and honest dialogue on this subject is well within The Center’s mission and strategic thrust to work concentrically (from local to regional to national and international) and collaboratively to preserve, present, interpret celebrate and shape the art, culture and history of African Americans.

The first broadcast was on November 12, 2010. The second will take place on Friday, March 11, 2011. American Urban Radio Networks and *The Bev Smith Show* have complete editorial control over the program and its content. As such, they choose and invite the guests and panelists. The views and opinions expressed on *The Bev Smith Show* do not necessarily reflect those of the August Wilson Center for African American Culture.

About the August Wilson Center for African American Culture

Named for Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning playwright and Hill District native August Wilson, the August Wilson Center for African American Culture engages regional and national audiences in its mission of preserving, presenting, interpreting, celebrating and shaping the art, culture and history of African Americans in Western Pennsylvania and people of African descent throughout the world.

Located in Downtown Pittsburgh’s Cultural District, the multidisciplinary August Wilson Center is reflective of all aspects of African American culture. The Center’s striking, two-story, green building houses seven exhibition galleries, a 486-seat theater for performances in all disciplines, a cultivation center, a café and gift shop, and multipurpose spaces for community programs and events. The Center is among a select few African American cultural institutions presenting visual and performing arts, the humanities and educational programs in a state-of-the-art venue.

The August Wilson Center – At The Center Of It All!

More information is available on The Center’s website at AugustWilsonCenter.org and by calling 412.258.2700.