

1st of 4- Meetings set forth in trying to resolve differences and for everyone in the community to participate in the process of building BAC – steps toward building an institution

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- Introduction by 24 attendees.
- A brief introduction of BAC Operating Structure was shared. Further mentioned in the Website: <http://bachouston.org> where most of the information is available, including BAC Operating Structure (BACOS).
- Hasan Rahman mentioned that in his conscious he would like to give his full effort to build a community center for all Houstonians and all Bangladeshis regardless of their affiliation and welcome everyone for community dialogues.
- The BACOS is a living document and the Organization Structure for the guidance of the Center, which is currently in the formative state until the completion of the main auditorium. This document is the bylaws of the BAC and donor-members elect the governing body of the BAC. It is a project of BAH and the current land being bought by BAH – giving full autonomous authority to BACOS in conducting the business of BAC affairs.
- BASGH members came as an organization to discuss ways of building Bangladesh American Center as the only Bangladeshi-American community center, representing the whole community in Houston.
- Mutual respect between the 2-organizations to move forward; let's forget the ill feelings and try to resolve in building the Center.
- BASGH's proposal: An independent BAC with another 501©
- BAC's proposal: BAC can accommodate 2-positions in EB such that a partnership can be established with BASGH to build a Common Center. The BAC autonomous status was emphasized. BAC donor members are the ultimate decision makers regardless of their affiliation with any organization.
- An independent BAC with another 501© is not in the scope of the BAC EB. An independent BAC with another 501© is an issue of the Community and BAC donor members and the BAC EB do not have the jurisdiction to entertain the ownership discussion.
- Next meeting have open discussion and leave the process open to continue for the 3 more meetings.
- Next Aug 18th 2010