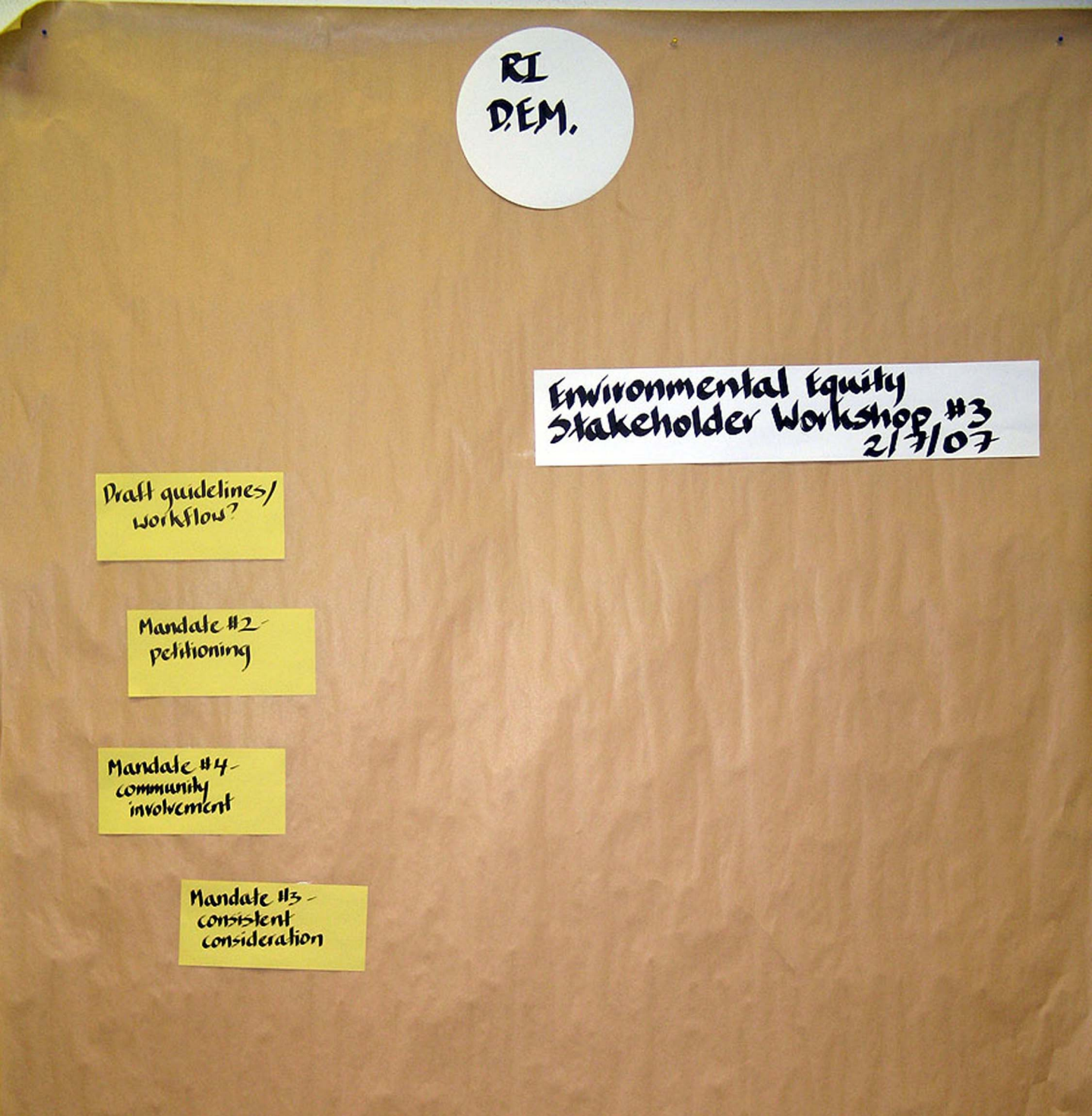
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DEM.
Environmental Equity
Stakeholder Workshop #3
2/7/07
Draft guidelines/
workflow?
Mandate #2 -
petitioning
Mandate #4 -
community
involvement
Mandate #3 -
consistent
consideration

Considering environmental justice in the review of investigation and remediation of contaminated properties
Draft workflow
insert "and equity" in strip
What are the actions to be taken?
Policy/ policies
Take extra steps to insure where there hasn't been justice, it'll now be equal
Environmental equity is a go-forward process to make sure there's equity
Envir. justice is a look back to correct past inequities
can't look forward w/out looking back
DEM staff training
Mapping, public awareness
Trained to make this workflow work
Creating public participation
facilitation, relationship building, treating public w/ respect
a need for cultural competence training
Process for public ed/ network bldg.
A possibility of staff and community training
and sometimes do it together
Needs assessment to determine what has to be done
Keep the same trainers and keep it continuous
and available on demand
Fact sheet on DEM involvement
eg., on avg., 350 sites being remediated
Presence of at environmental fairs
DOH, Am. Lung Assoc present at fairs
Presence at environmental fairs
Educate community so they have the right "ask" for DEM
People outside the system think the best way to get inside is to kick the door down
Make clear the spectrum of environmental issues
and make it public
including response mechanisms
Connect the issues
if you do "a", then "b" could happen
Learn how to become a champion
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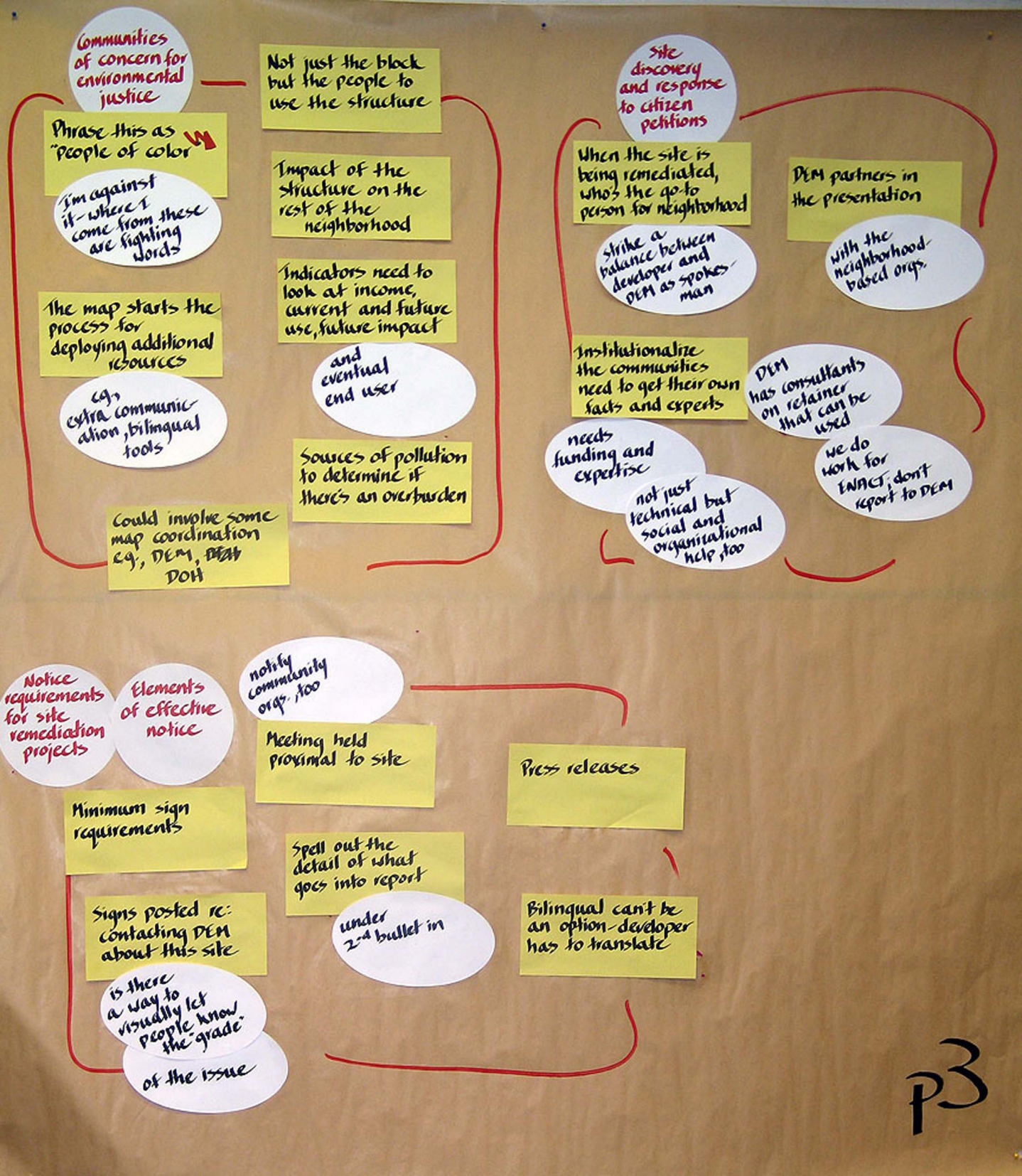
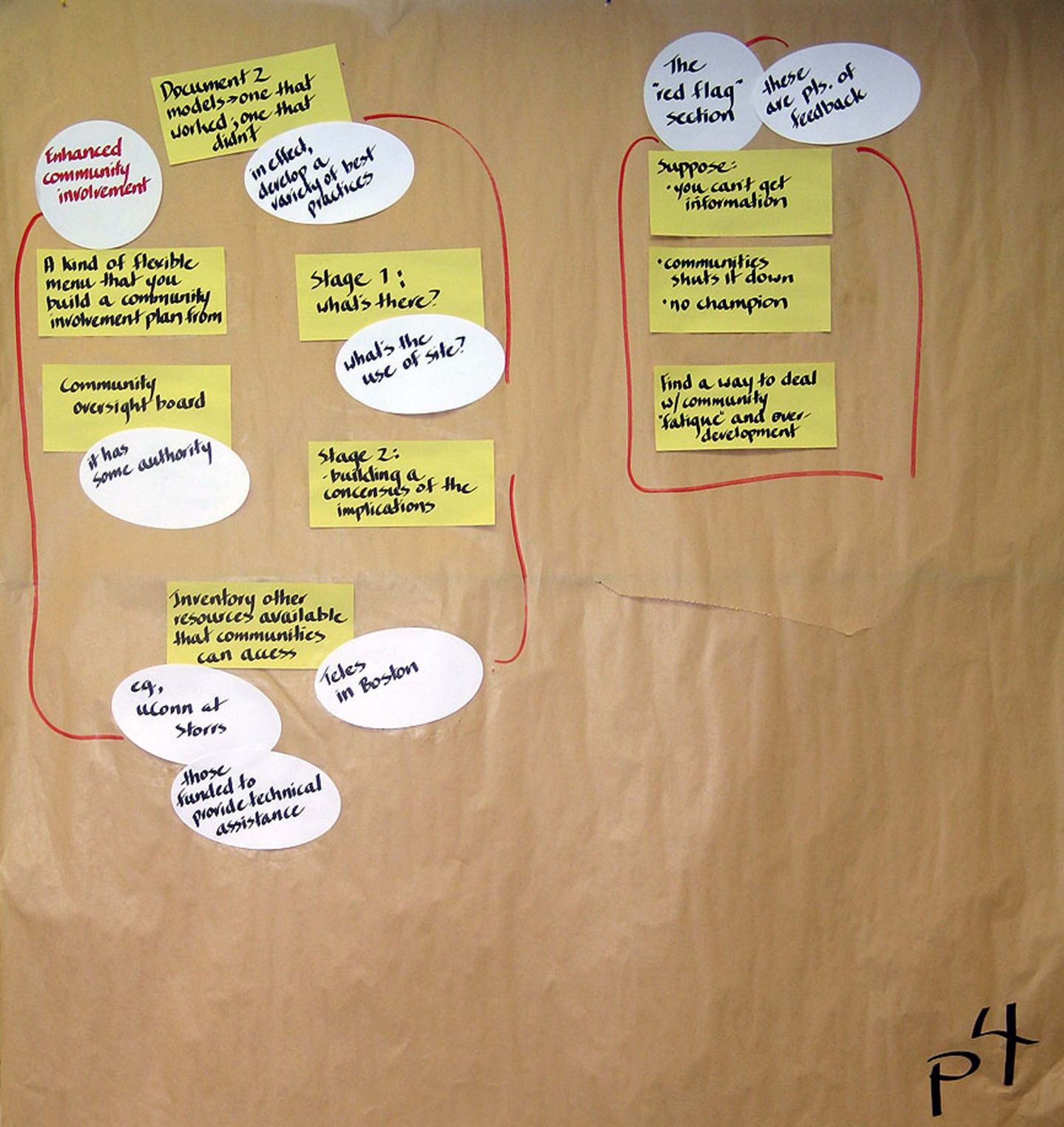

Communities of concern for environmental justice
Not just the block but the people to use the structure
Phrase this as "people of color"
I'm against it- where I come from these are fighting words
Impact of the structure on the rest of the neighborhood
Indicators need to look at income, current and future use, future impact
and eventual end user
The map starts the process for deploying additional resources
eg, extra communication, bilingual tools
Sources of pollution to determine if there's an overburden
Could involve some map coordination eg, DEM, DEP, DOH
Site discovery and response to citizen petitions
When the site is being remediated, who's the go-to person for neighborhood
DEM partners in the presentation
strike a balance between developer and DEM as spokesman
with the neighborhood-based orgs.
Institutionalize the communities need to get their own facts and experts
DEM has consultants on retainer that can be used
needs funding and expertise
we do work for ENACT, don't report to DEM
not just technical but social and organizational help, too
Notice requirements for site remediation projects
Elements of effective notice
notify community orgs, too
Meeting held proximal to site
Press releases
Minimum sign requirements
Spell out the detail of what goes into report
under 2-a bullet in
Signs posted re: contacting DEM about this site
Bilingual can't be an option- developer has to translate
is there a way to visually let people know the grade
of the issue
p3


Enhanced community involvement
Document 2 models → one that worked; one that didn't
in effect, develop a variety of best practices
A kind of flexible menu that you build a community involvement plan from
Stage 1: what's there?
what's the use of site?
Community oversight board
it has some authority
Stage 2: - building a concensus of the implications
Inventory other resources available that communities can access
eg, UConn at Storrs
those funded to provide technical assistance
Tefes in Boston
The "red flag" section
these are pts. of feedback
Suppose:
· you can't get information
· communities shuts it down
· no champion
Find a way to deal w/ community "fatigue" and over-development
p4