



Minutes Committee for Youth, Families and Community January 12, 2010

Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community held January 12, 2010 at the Tempe Public Library Connections Program Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present:

Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District
Bobbie Cassano, Tempe Community Council
Ilene Dode, Tempe Resident/EMPACT-SPC
Alan Anderson, Checkmate Chess Instruction/TIE Foundation
Nejra Sumic, Community Bridges
Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation
Barb Fries, Tempe Elementary School District
Norm Saba, Cardon Children's Medical Center
Tanya Aleman, Chicanos Por La Causa
Maria Holmes, Association for Supportive Childcare
Lori Walk (for Amanda Hamm), Kyrene School District
Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools
Celeste Plumlee, Tempe Resident
Kelley Lind, Cardon Children's Medical Center
Michael Valdez, Chicanos Por La Causa, Mano Coalition

MEMBERS Absent:

Rebecca Bond, Tempe Connections
Rae Godson, Tempe Resident
Luis Morales, Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.
Vic Cordts, Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley

City Staff Present:

Kim Bauman, Community Services – Social Services
Tim Cox, Community Services - Social Services
Roni Alexander, Community Services – Social Services
Nancy Rodriguez, Municipal Court

Guests Present:

Alisha Hurst
Judi Hurst
Ana Martin

Meeting convened at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 1- Call Meeting to Order and Introductions

Ilene Dode called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

Agenda Item 2- Minutes from December 8, 2009 Meeting

The minutes from December 8, 2009 were reviewed.

MOTION: **Nancy Rodriguez** motioned to approve the minutes.

SECOND: **Joe Spracale** seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3- Introduction of Logo Contest Winners and Presentation of Awards

Bobbie Cassano introduced the Committee's Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking & Drug Use logo contest first place and second place winners. Their awards were presented by **Ilene Dode, Chair** and **Barb Fries, Vice Chair**.

- **Ana Martin**, a 10th grade student at New School for the Arts was the 2nd place winner and received a digital camera.
- **Alisha Hurst**, a 12th grade student at Corona del Sol High School had the winning logo. She received an iPod Nano 8GB and an iTunes gift card.

Committee members commended Ana and Alisha for their outstanding logo designs. A press release will occur in the near future.

Agenda Item 4 - Coalition Functioning Instrument Survey

- 1) **Bobbie Cassano** had committee members complete the coalition functioning instrument, which is one of the evaluation measures that needs to be completed for the City's Magellan Prevention grant.
- 2) **Bobbie** also explained to members that we are required to administer Community Readiness Assessment (CRA) to 3-6 representatives in a number of sectors in our community in February 2010. She passed out a list of the sectors and requested committee members help identify possible individuals to take the CRA.

Agenda Item 5- Subcommittee Updates

- 1) **Nancy Rodriguez** provided the following update on the marketing subcommittee.
 - There were 18 youth with 20 entries for the logo contest. For the next two contests only one entry per youth will be allowed. Two Harkins movie passes were given to the five non-winning finalists and the other 11 youth received \$5 McDonalds gift cards.
 - The committee met today and reviewed the flyers for the t-shirt design and video contests. The t-shirt contest is open to 6th-12th grade youth and the video contest is open to 9th-12th grade youth. Youth must live in Tempe and/or attend school within the City of Tempe. The deadline to submit entries is April 2nd. The T-shirt design winner will receive a \$500 gift card to Arizona Mills Mall and the 2nd place winner a \$250 gift card to the same mall. The video contest winner will receive a 2 night family stay in a suite at the Arizona Grand Resort.
 - After discussions with some of the peer leaders the coalition's name has been revised to "Tempe's Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking and Drug Use".

- 2) **Bobbie Cassano** notified committee members that the Data Collection Subcommittee will need to meet soon to plan the community mapping project. She will contact individuals interested in being involved in this subcommittee with possible meeting days/times.

Agenda Item 6 – Tempe Impact Education Foundation and Summer Chess Academy

- 1) **Joe Spracale** provided an overview of the Tempe Impact Education (TIE) Foundation.
- The TIE Foundation was established in 1990 to assist Tempe Elementary School District (TESD) students and their families who are in need. The Foundation is staffed solely by volunteers.
 - The Connecting with Kids project provides TIESD students with clothing, shoes, hygiene items, medical/dental assistance and basic assistance. Shortly before the holidays an article on the needs of the Connecting with Kids Store was in the S. Tempe Warner Wrangler paper. While TD#3 is not located in S. Tempe the response by residents from this area was overwhelming. The store has been filled with clothing, money and toiletries.
 - The TIE Foundation also supports activities and programs that disadvantaged students may not have the opportunity to participate in.
- 2) **Alan Anderson** provided an overview on the Summer Chess Academy.
- The academy receives the support of the TIE Foundation, It's mission is consistent with the TIE Foundation's of providing exceptional educational opportunities to TIESD students.
 - The academy is in its fourth year. It is an all day, two-week program and is the only not-for-profit summer chess camp of its kind in the United States.
 - 65% of TIESD students are on free or reduced lunch. Private-pay after-school chess programs and summer chess camps are not affordable to these students.
 - The Summer Chess Academy is funded through tax-deductible donations from individuals and businesses. TIESD students are admitted to the academy at no cost. Out-of-district students usually make a tax deductible donation or are sponsored by individuals or businesses.
 - The academy features national-caliber chess instruction, administrative staff consisting of certified TIESD teachers, physical education, and healthy snacks. Participants also receive an academy shirt, chess set, board, and bag.
 - The 2009 academy was featured on Channel 8's (KAET) Horizon's program and may be viewed online at www.azpbs.org/horison/keyresults.php under July 15, 2009.
 - Alan credits the success of the Summer Chess Academy to the support he has received from the TIE Foundation. He is very grateful to Joe Spracale and Ralph Lingerfelt of the TIE Foundation for the advice and support they have provided.
 - In addition to the summer chess academy the only free after-school chess program is TIESD is currently offered at Meyer Elementary School. Alan hopes to expand the program to other TIESD schools.

Agenda Item 7 – Other Grant and Program Updates

- 1) **Lynette Stonefeld** provided the following updates:
- Tempe Community Council is working on revising how the SACA grant awards are structured. Currently the grants are for \$3,000 and are only for summer projects. The hope is to more effectively utilize these funds by raising the SACA grant limits to \$10,000 - \$15,000 and by not limiting the proposals to just summer programs. Fewer grants would be awarded but there would be a greater impact in our community.

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- The federal Drug Free Communities grant application should be released in February 2010. The Coalition is exploring the possibility of writing for this grant which would support and expand its activities. Both Community Bridges in Mesa and Chicanos Por La Causa in Phoenix are recipients of this grant and we would look to them for guidance in completing our application.

Agenda Item 8– Communities for Kids Update

Lynette Stonefeld reported the next “Don’t Wait to Education” series will be held at Hudson, Carminati, and Aguilar Elementary Schools and at Compadre High School.

Agenda Item 9 – Announcements

- **Celeste Plume** announced the Arizona Wind Symphony will be holding a concert tomorrow evening, 7:30 p.m. at the Tempe Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$5.00. She encouraged members to attend the concert.
- **Lori Walk** announced the Kryene Family Resource Center will have a grand opening on February 2nd at 4 p.m.
- **Kim Bauman** announced the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Commission’s thirtieth annual Youth Town Hall will be held on February 11th. This year’s topics are “Teen Stress/Coping,” “Racism & Stereotypes,” and “Teen Dating Violence.” Committee members have been sent invitations to participate in the event.

Agenda Item 10– Future Agenda Items

- Loud Party Ordinance Presentation
- Please contact Kim Bauman or Bobbie Cassano for future agenda items.

The committee’s next meeting will be on **February 9, 2010, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Prepared by: Kim Bauman

Ilene Dode, Chair