



Grand Rapids – Central City

Weed & Seed

A Department of Justice Program

"Weeding out Crime and Seeding with Community Development"

You Are Invited!

Weed & Seed Monthly Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2009 11am – 1pm
Wealthy Theatre Annex – Front Studio – 1110 Wealthy SE

Community residents and stakeholders are invited and encouraged to attend Weed and Seed meetings, as the decisions made directly impact the Weed and Seed Service Area.

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order / Introductions – Chair, Pamela Benjamin
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) October meeting minute approval
- 4) New Business:
 - i) Strategic Plan and Site Graduation Update
 - ii) Marketing Report
 - iii) Communities Mobilizing for Change Alcohol Project Update
 - iv) Fiscal Report
 - v) Weed Report
 - vi) Seed Report
 - vii) Site Director's Report
- 5) Announcements / Updates – Next Meeting, December 17, 2009
- 6) Public Comment
- 7) Adjournment

Our Priority: We must be consistent, effective and known in our work, location, staff and leadership. We prioritize supporting organizations in the Weed & Seed Community.

Our Mission: Grand Rapids Weed & Seed facilitates partnerships and communication among residents, businesses and other stakeholders to: combat crime, reduce drugs, improve safety, maximize access to basic needs, gather resources for community members and support economic development.

Our Goals:

1. Reduce the incidence of juvenile crime
2. Reduce the number of narcotics related crimes
3. Reduce the number of gun violence crimes and other forms of aggravated assault
4. Maintain proactive problem solving as a community policing strategy
5. Maintain permanent assignment of police officers and city staff to neighborhoods
6. Create and maintain safe haven sites for community residents
7. Reduce the incidences of domestic violence
8. Expand and augment existing job readiness programs within the neighborhood and match neighborhood unemployed to training programs that meet the workforce needs
9. Create decent, safe, affordable housing to attract homeowners