



**Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 27, 2008**

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order – Vice-Chair, Marian Young-Barrera

II. Introductions

In Attendance: Kristine Jaros, Haris Alibasic, James Farris, Olivia Destrades-Mendoza, Pamela Benjamin, Greg Alcala, Jim Wojczynski, Tim Doyle, Alice Menninga, Sandy Latham, Marian Barrera-Young, Aaron Rider

III. Guest Speaker – Anneshia Freeman, Street Outreach Program

IV. January Meeting Minutes Approval

Minor changes submitted by Haris Alibasic. Committee reviewed. Motion carried: Benjamin/Alibasic

V. Reports

a. Budget Report – Kristine Jaros

- 2006 grant: progress report was accepted and the process is closed
- 2007 grant: Budget Adjustment GAN was submitted on 2/15, no response yet; working on contracts in compliance with CCDO
- 2008 grant: resubmitted on 2/15 with 25% budget reduction, no response yet.

b. Weed Report – James Farris

- crime maps for January 2008 were shared. Statistics are as follows: 5 robberies, 2 curfew violations, 13 domestic calls, 1 domestic response
- no 2007 Weed & Seed funds were used yet
- a camera is being utilized in the area and meeting expectations
- GRPD planning curfew sweep over Spring Break
- Discussion on recent Eastown explosion. Acknowledged need for disaster/crisis response plan within the community (Pamela Benjamin working on this, Marian and Sandra working on it as well)

c. Seed Report – Marian Young-Barrera

- 2 meetings regarding the Juvenile Summit have been held. Neighborhood Association of Michigan has agreed to provide \$500 toward food for the Juvenile Summit and Baxter’s NNO.



- Youth Summit will take place sometime in August (no specific date is set yet – likely to be 2nd or 4th week). The location is yet to be determined. Possibly at 1st Christian Reformed Church; Committee considering a t-shirt design contest; probation officer to design questions to ask youth and determine what would bring youth to the meeting; there are various participants and things are moving along
- Kristine Jaros: Domestic Violence conference: the first meeting will be Tuesday, March 18 at 12pm (Diversity Counseling and Therapy Center – 744 Burton SE) Anyone interested in attending can contact Kristine Jaros.

d. Site Coordinator – Kristine Jaros

- Question of meeting within the community more often; possible locations for Steering Committee meetings discussed: Mosaic Life Church, Urban Ministries, Baxter Community Center, many churches.
 - o Doyle: will the meetings be permanently elsewhere; past problems with moving Steering Committee meetings around
 - o Farris: there is a need to be seen/available within the community; Steering Committee turnout has been restored
 - o Jaros: An Annual Community Meeting could include presentations from partners and take place within the community with a push for resident involvement.
 - o Doyle/Farris: most Steering Committee business does not require community to be in attendance; potential partners should put effort into coming to SC meetings; annual meeting is appropriate for community involvement/engagement
 - o Farris: possibility of getting bus to have Steering Committee visit all of the funded locations and still have the Annual Community Meeting within the community (general support for this)
 - o This issue to be further discussed at next Steering Committee meeting
- Open spot on Steering Committee meeting for MANA
 - o Jaros: could be filled by resident or a business, not necessarily a representative of the neighborhood association
 - o General support in having local business represented
 - o Farris: Urban Ministries as first choice, followed by Urban League (with general support). Kristine to seek representation by next meeting.

VI. Announcements / Updates

a. Next Meeting: Wed., March 26th 12-2pm (GVSU)

VII. Adjournment