

Rockwood Weed & Seed Steering Committee
Thursday, February 17, 2005; 5:00pm
Gresham City Hall

I. Welcome ALL! Especially the GPD's/RWS's 'target zone team'

A few brief announcements...

Brenda

- Thursday, February 24, 2005 – 9:30am
 - ◆ Appear before the Board of County Commissioners
 - ◆ RWS's/County's NOTICE OF INTENT to apply for continued funding
 - ◆ Multnomah Building, First Floor Boardroom 100, 501 SE Hawthorne
- Thursday, March 31, 2005 – 11:00am
 - ◆ Kick-off Rally for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month (April)
 - ◆ Pioneer Courthouse Square
 - ◆ RWS partners are invited to attend – contact Brenda
- Friday & Saturday, April 29-30, 2005
 - ◆ Developing Community-Police Teams Training
 - ◆ See attachment.

II. RWS Stakeholders – you have a new audience!

ALL

- **Around the table – everyone gets a turn – take this opportunity to:**
 - ◆ Introduce yourself and who you represent
 - ◆ Tell us briefly what you and your colleagues do for Rockwood (2-3 minutes)
 - ◆ Be sure to share the highlights that would also apply to the work of the 'target zone team'

Brian Renauer	Portland State University	Evaluator for RWS -- crime data, progress report, evaluative project assistance.
Kristen West	Commissioner Roberts's Office	Commissioner's representative and minute-taker for RWS SC meetings.
Chris McCormack	MCDA's Office	Project Safe Neighborhoods Deputy District Attorney, focus on juvenile gun crimes.
Gayle Brooks	MCDA's Office	Community Court; job shares with Robyn Gregory
Detective Justin Pick	Gresham Police Department (GPD)	Investigator of property crimes, including auto theft.
Helen Estrada	Human Solutions, Inc. (HS)	Social Services Director; HS provides anti-poverty services in mid and east county. HS owns housing property in Rockwood. HS hopes to open a multi-service center in Rockwood.
Keith Biggs	Reynolds School District	Coordinator of Student and Family Services.

Virginia Warren	OR Employment Dept.	Dept. provides services to businesses and job seekers. Virginia provided two handouts. 1) A card presenting info on iMatchSkills and filing for unemployment insurance. 2) Portland Metro Labor Trends, February 2005. Visit www.qualityinfo.org . Virginia also mentioned that the Employment Department can assist businesses regarding the Work Opportunity Tax Credit. Visit http://egov.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/ES/BUS/2004-11-03incentive_programs.shtml
Ted Adams	Realtor, massage therapist and interested newcomer	Invited by Virginia Warren.
Kathie Minden	People for Parks/Community Volunteer/RWS Co-Chair	New playground equipment is available (and fun!) at Vance Park. Kathie provided copies of the Multnomah County 2005-2007 Citizen's Directory of Elected Officials for all. Visit http://lww-emco.tripod.com/ or call 503.665.4649.
Angeline Hayes	Community Volunteer	Live in Rockwood. Assist in many aspects as volunteers: community events, neighbor involvement and empowerment. Sit on Neighborhood Restoration Subcommittee.
Eugene Hayes	Community Volunteer	
Sgt. Rich Pierce	GPD	Admin Sgt. and RWS Liaison, formerly gang sergeant. Chair of RWS Law Enforcement/Community Policing Subcommittee.
Officer Jeff Miller	GPD	GHS School Resource Officer
Officer Matt Fagan	GPD	Gang Enforcement Team
Officer Jared McGowan	GPD	K-9 Unit
Officer Will Huffman	GPD	SWATeam (with emphasis on drug crimes)
Detective Teddi Anderson	GPD	Investigator with emphasis on domestic violence crimes.
Officer Dan Dalby	GPD	Emphasis on traffic crimes.
Officer Charles Skeahan	GPD	Newer officer, started with GPD 2 months ago.
Officer Anthony Smith	GPD	Night shift and Bike Patrol Unit.
Dina DiNucci	Community Volunteer	RWS Neighborhood Restoration Chair. Lives in Rockwood and assists with many aspects as a volunteer: community events, neighbor involvement and empowerment.
Gloria Wiggins	El Programa Hispano (EPH)	EPH provides services to Latino families throughout Mult. Co. Gloria provided a handout advertising a new service that El Programa offers to persons in risk of losing their home due to a mental health or drug or alcohol problem. Call for assistance or more information: 503.669.8350 x237.
Chris Piekarski	MCDA's Office	Neighborhood Deputy District Attorney for all of east county. Resource for GPD and reviews misdemeanors.
May Cha	MC Dept. of School and Community Partnerships	Regional Systems Specialist under School Aged Policy Framework service delivery system; Staff to East County Caring Community, Region 6.
Beth Faulhaber	Police Activities League (PAL)	PAL Youth Center Director. The Youth Center serves youth ages 8 through high school. They provide an after school drop-in program and are also open during school breaks and in the summertime. Attendance is currently between 100 and 140 daily. Also, join us for

		Spring Break at PAL, March 21 – 25.
Meredith Horgan	PAL	intern for PAL (focusing on Teen Scene). Univ of Portland student.
Maura White-Cioeta	PAL/RWS Co-Chair	PAL Executive Director.
Brenda Butler	Rockwood Weed & Seed	Site Coordinator for RWS.

- **Brief review of the surveys' preliminary results (See attachment.)**

You can find these results on the website: www.weedandseedoregon.org; Click on 'Rockwood'. Click on 'Meetings & Minutes'. Click on 'complete list of minutes'. On the right hand side, find a box that shows: 'Citizen Survey Preliminary Results'.

III. View 'Voice for Change' – The BUZZ on FOX 12 – Dina DiNucci and Brenda were interviewed by FOX 12 about the community access phone line.

IV. Plans for 2005-2006 Application – Special Emphasis

ALL

- **Resulting from a conversation at the January Steering Committee meeting, it was necessary to vote on ONE of THREE options to support a Special Emphasis Initiative that would cost approximately \$15,000 during FY2005-06. – See end of minutes for information on the options.**
 - ◆ 'Talking It Out' and 'Parent Project'
 - ◆ Enhancement of **MAD – Making A Difference** in Rockwood
 - ◆ Supplement current Project Safe Neighborhoods' efforts

V. RWS Steering Committee Process Evaluation

Brian Renauer

- Please listen to/read instructions carefully.
- YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT AND MOST APPRECIATED!
- If you did not attend the February meeting and/or did not receive a request to complete the survey via mail, please contact Brenda if you would like to complete one.

VI. Next Rockwood Weed & Seed Steering Committee Meeting

- THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2005 – CANCELLED – Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2005 – ALDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NAME:

PLANNING 2005-2006 SPECIAL EMPHASIS APPLICATION

Please review and note (in each box) a 1, 2, or 3 in order of your preference.

Talking It Out and Parent Project

Executive Summary: Apply RWS goals and objectives to area youth and their families in order to reduce the youth's likelihood of engaging in criminal activity and increase the likelihood of the youth becoming more productive citizens in our community. The ultimate goal is to create a safer, more livable community. Create and implement a program (like diversion) for youth and their parents and families to engage in to avoid additional criminal mischief-type activity, decrease the school drop-out rate and increase the involvement of parents and families in the lives of our youth.

Rationale: This project applies to the initiative: Prevention Specialty Program: Conflict Resolution. Per USDOJ, this initiative should focus on teaching both youths and adults the skills to settle disputes peacefully and provide mediation and problem-solving services for area residents. Initiatives to be funded should teach ways to constructively work through differences and to design mechanisms to resolve both personal and group problems.

The expected results are better parenting, improved parent-teen relationships in the Rockwood area through increased parent knowledge of developmental assets and the connection between the lack of them and higher risk behavior in youth, drugs and alcohol abuse, natural and logical consequences, decision-making, family mediation and basic conflict resolution. Furthermore, the youth will be diverted from criminal mischief and make a choice to stay in school and out of trouble. If the juvenile crime counts and arrests and school referrals for negative behavior decrease by the end of project implementation for the youth who participated in the projects, we can determine success. We can determine success if 75% of the enrolled participants successfully complete the courses and any follow-up activities.

Budget Overview: \$15,790 needed to fund 2 instructors for six courses of six weeks each (Maximum # of attendees = 72 families), child care for younger family members, bus tickets, class materials and supplies and light refreshments.

Enhancement of MAD – Making A Difference in Rockwood

Executive Summary: Apply RWS goals and objectives by addressing efforts that have an impact on a larger portion of the population and in turn, have RWS make a far-reaching effort within Rockwood. Implement a specific "push" with the goal of 4 (quarterly) efforts for the upcoming year. Money would be expended to facilitate and coordinate these efforts and build community involvement to participate. It would be very similar to the MAD effort where community volunteers would be asked to gather to take on a specific task. Time is ripe for such an activity as the Rockwood hotline will be a resource for community volunteers to sign up, and announcement of activities to be shared with the public. Community involvement in Rockwood's issues will be the key to sustaining and building the efforts of the W&S within its last few years.

Rationale: This project applies to the initiative: Neighborhood Restoration. Per USDOJ, this initiative seeks to assist Weed and Seed communities to find viable avenues to help "fix broken windows" and ensure sustainable Weed and Seed activities for the long term. The projects will be prioritized to the community needs at the time, and will be able to address community needs at a given time. Currently each sub-focus has ongoing activities that work towards long term issues and keep at them. Special emphasis dollars, in this case, would do just that -

provide a "SPECIAL EMPHASIS" or strong push on a needed issue for one quick immediate impact. The community need at the time can direct the activity. For example, if you notice halfway through the year something MUST be done to address racial activity going on within the community, that could be the priority outreach for the next special emphasis activity and dollars could be allocated accordingly. It offers the ability to allocate the dollars to the priority outreach on a timely basis and focusing on community outreach to get there. It also enables RWS to be a visible presence to the larger community, and thus provide a positive outlook to the greater community.

Budget Overview: \$15,000 needed to fund a graffiti clean-up campaign (paint, supplies, photo and advertising opportunities), a neighborhood pride and Adopt-A-Block campaign (providing and/or posting neighborhood banners on lightposts), develop a shopping campaign (an incentive program to encourage people to shop at Rockwood businesses) and a 'spring clean-up' and revitalization celebration event (clean-up supplies and plant-like gifts for all participants to assist in the beautification) and perhaps an intern to assist in the implementation of these projects. This project also calls for extensive leveraging of resources with area businesses.

Supplement current Project Safe Neighborhoods' efforts

Executive Summary: The Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) grant currently requires that a prosecutor be assigned for the vertical prosecution of juvenile gun crimes. A Multnomah County District Attorney holds the caseload for all juvenile felony and misdemeanor gun violations in Multnomah County. The grant further requires that the MCDA's Office collaborates with El Programa Hispano for the development and implementation for community exchanges and youth focus groups.

Rationale: This project applies to the initiative: Gun Law Enforcement. Per USDOJ, this initiative seeks to reduce crime and violence involving guns in Weed and Seed sites and is designed to complement DOJ's initiative for gun law enforcement, PSN. Programs in this area include: 1) seizing illegal weapons; and 2) educating residents about gun crime and violence. The program provides police officers in designated areas to focus exclusively on the seizure of illegal firearms. Between July 1st and December 31st 2005, the PSN prosecutor reviewed 49 juvenile gun related cases. 35 cases have been resolved by way of either plea or trial during this time period. 1 case was dismissed. There are currently 18 pending cases awaiting adjudication. 8 cases were rejected upon review for either follow-up investigation or for lack of evidence as a whole. During the reporting period, the prosecutor spoke at 8 community gatherings and a total of 258 people attended the gatherings.

Budget Overview: \$15,750 available to supplement the funds to provide a District Attorney of Multnomah County to continue focus on Project Safe Neighborhoods.