

**Rockwood Weed & Seed Steering Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 20, 2003**

**I. Welcome and Introductions.** Attending: Beth Faulhaber, Kristen West, Mary Lou Begert, Chris McCormack, Patti Swanson, Dina DiNucci, Brenda Butler, Gloria Wiggins, Kathy Minden, Chris Piekarski, Rich Pierce, Bob Robison, Maura White, Cheryl Houston, May Cha, Miguel Tellez, Virginia Warren, Alicia Lopez, Deborah Bilbrew, Tammie Jones, Paulette Keller, Pat Kunert, Maria Avila, Martin Gonzalez.

**II. Approval of October 2003 Steering Committee Minutes**  
Patti motioned, Bob seconded.

**III. Urban Renewal Celebration!**

- Pat on the back to you all, especially Dina DiNucci, Co-Campaign Manager, and Kathy Minden, consistently active participant in Rockwood efforts. Thank you for your commitment to the cause and the community.
- Note from Sharron Kelley: *“Hurray! I, too, want to congratulate all of you for this tremendous achievement! Cheers! --Sharron”*
- Brenda shared summary from Andrée Tremoulet, City of Gresham
  - Know & remember that Rockwood Weed & Seed is a valued resource for the City, especially in terms of Urban Renewal. Infrastructure vs. People.
  - Finalizing election results and legal steps.
  - Getting the “machine” going: hiring 2 FTE – Senior Planner & Admin Asst. If you know anyone who would be a good candidate, contact Andrée
  - See FAQ sheet and/or website. Sign up for Renewal Newsletter. Contact Brenda to find out more.
  - Rockwood Action Plan Implementation Committee (RAPIC) and the Gresham Redevelopment Commission (City Council) are now laying the groundwork.

**IV. Comprehensive Prevention Program Update**

-Miguel Tellez of the Morrison Center wants to focus on alcohol and drug prevention and comprehension; no longer solely focusing on rehabilitation. RWS has money that we could put toward a youth prevention comprehension project. Currently only 3% of the county’s money goes towards prevention. The money that is received is usually divided up between prevention and treatment.

-The goal is to enable the community to help themselves. They want to see youth invested in the community. Miguel has been working with El Programa Hispano and also has connections with the Asian Family Center and the Russian community.

-RWS will probably purchase the equipment necessary for the project (i.e. projector for Power Point Presentations). With the equipment under RWS ownership, it will be available to all partners for similar project implementation. Contact Brenda for more information.

**V. Special Emphasis '03-'04 – Support to Gresham Community Court**

-There is a new Community Court Social Services Case Manager-Harry Massett. He took over Steve Cooper’s position.

-Tammie Jones is the new Community Service Placement Specialist. She has come up with a top ten list on Gresham Community Court Placements. Tammie provided a report mentioning the agencies at which offenders are completing their service and # of

people that are currently at the sites. This program is for adults only. Some of these placements have even landed jobs for some folks.

- Thank you to the agencies for helping these partnerships to be successful.
- Tammie is going to further her education which leaves some big shoes to fill.
- They are interviewing a current PAL part-time employee for her position.
- C.R.I.M.E.S. – Robyn would like to know of what information about our

community's crimes would we like to be informed?

- Did the crime take place in Rockwood and was it a Rockwood resident?-Maura
- Types of crimes - Bob
- What are the crime demographics (i.e. sex, age, ethnicity)?-Gloria
- Is there gang affiliation?-Chris

-The Emergency Services Fund is at \$13,000 for 26 referrals

-We want to help them out so, e.g., if they can't afford their medication which is causing them to commit crimes, then we can help them.

## **VI. Collaborators' Reports/Announcements**

### ❖ Crime Update from Rich and Chris

-There are more domestic disturbances due to the cold weather. People drink and get into trouble.

-There is a Project Safe Neighborhood Federal Grant to prosecute juvenile gun crimes in Rockwood. With this grant we are trying to educate people about the dangers and we have already put out approximately 160 surveys in the Rockwood area. (Chris)

-Right now all the Multnomah County juvenile crimes go to one county worker.

-There is a new Safety Advocate for Domestic Violence at El Programa Hispano who starts work on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

- ❖ Alicia & Maria talked about their projects as Community Health Workers with the Latino Network.
- ❖ The School Aged Policy Framework will be deployed/implemented starting no later than March 2004.
- ❖ PAL Youth Center – we have a new Safe Haven Coordinator/Assistant YC Director – Mike Jezewski.
- ❖ Eastwind Center – will continue to offer at least Gang Outreach services as well as the Get A Clue program.
- ❖ Gresham N'hood D.A. – Chris Piekarski informed everyone that if legal assistance is needed, don't hesitate to call him – 618-2242.

## **VII. Past and Future Events and Happenings**

-Eastside Teen Clinic opened on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> for teens 12-19 yrs. who are underinsured or uninsured.

-Winter Wonderland Walk on December 6<sup>th</sup> in Vance Park @ 5:00PM. There will be lights, hot chocolate, cookies and good holiday fun!

-Winter Fair at the Rockwood Library will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Events will start at 1:00PM and last until 5:30PM. It will be a great afternoon of storytelling, music, dance, crafts and food. It is a celebration of the Rockwood Communities ethnic origins and traditions of Russia, Mexico, Africa, Asia and the United States.

-Las Posadas 2003 will begin December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM at the Riviera Gardens; Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> - Rockwood Landing & Rockwood Station; Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - Barberry Village; Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Fair Acres & Mesa Villa. For more information about Las Posadas call Nathan at El Programa Hispano at 503-669-8350, ext. 233.

-The 2<sup>nd</sup> 2003 (7/1-12/31) Progress Report is due January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Brenda will be in touch with all of you for assistance during the second week in December.

If an RWS partner is partner is interested in attending one of the following conferences on our behalf, please contact Brenda:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Partners for Smart Growth: Jan 22-24, 2004 Portland, OR
- CADCA's National Leadership Forum XIV: Jan 20-23, 2004 Washington DC
- 15<sup>th</sup> National Youth Crime Prevention Conference & Int'l Forum: Feb. 14-17, '04 Arlington, VA

**VIII. The Steering Committee Meeting for Thursday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> IS CANCELLED.**

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING IS SET FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2004; LOCATION TBA.**