

Rockwood Weed & Seed Steering Committee
Minutes-11/21/02

Attending: Beth Faulhaber, Chris McCormack, Lennea Cordray, Virginia Tribe, Lorena Campbell, Polly Burton, Maura White-Cioeta, Tory Mitchell, Rich Pierce, Barbara Kollmar, Jennifer Wynhausen, Kathy Minden, Robyn Gregory, Ivan Cortes, Gloria Wiggins, John Pettis, Paulette Keller, Dina Dinucci, Theresa Kuminski, Sharron Kelley, Diane Peterson, Heather Schraeder and Robert Hendricks.

Minutes: The October 17th, 2002 minutes were approved. Maura moved and Patti seconded for the approval of the minutes.

Membership Update: Carla Piluso is now Chief Piluso. Congratulations Carla! Vicki Thompson resigned. Chris McCormack is now representing the D.A.'s office.

There was some discussion on recruiting community members for the steering committee. Lorena proposed that the coordinator recruit community members.

Contract Update: Tory briefed the committee on the contract. Multnomah County has signed the contract and County Council will look at it one more time, then they will take it to Maura. Maura has had contact with the City of Gresham, because they will contract directly with PAL as well. Maura added that there is a new Employee at PAL, Aaron. Also, there are three finalists for the Coordinator job. Two of the finalists are Spanish Speakers. Maura anticipates that the start date for the Coordinator will be January 1st.

Weed & Seed Conferences and Travel Commitments: In regards to setting up travel policies, how do you make a selection of who goes to conferences, what are the expectations of attendees upon return? At the next meeting travel policies will be discussed once Maura organizes the budget. Maura proposed that youth that actually live in Rockwood be sent to the February National Youth Summit on Preventing Violence in Anaheim, CA. There is sufficient funding in the grant and the steering committee was in support of this idea.

Community Court and Steering Committee Contract: Robyn Gregory briefed all on the \$11,400 contract, which is part of Barbara's Kollmar's salary, personnel expenses and indirect costs. She was hired four weeks ago for the Gresham Community Court. Barbara works four days per week and a half of a day will be in Community Court. A new day will have to be chosen for Community Court, because Friday is closed. The contract is the same one that other Weed & Seed sites have signed, but Rockwood's is half of the other \$22,500 Weed & Seed Contracts. Judge Koch emailed Robyn to go ahead and keep planning and moving forth with the Gresham Community Court despite the economic outlook. There is an advisory committee that will meet every three weeks before it opens in January or February. Sharron will email the contract to everyone, make the necessary changes to the document and it will be ready for adoption at the next meeting.

Bylaws/Rules and Procedures Final Review: A few grammatical changes among other things were incorporated into the Operating Procedures, including the title change. The Steering Committee has to produce the Operating Procedures within ninety days of October 1st. Patti moved to accept the Operating Procedures, Maura seconded. The Operating Procedures were approved.

Weed and Seed Signs: John Pettis with the City of Gresham Planning Division contacted Harold Lasley the director of Multnomah County Transportation, who directed Dan Brown to erect the Rockwood Weed and Seed steel post signs on all of the major north, south, east and west streets surrounding the designated site.

Coordinator Training Plan: Maura explained that the training of the Coordinator will begin in January with the first two weeks dedicated to relationship building and meet and greets with important resources.

Lorena proposed that the Coordinator create a calendar of all Rockwood meetings and events. It would provide a service to the City of Gresham and a learning experience for the Coordinator.

Evaluation Planning Update: Brian has not been able to contact Marty Hammons to setup the baseline data in order to get started. Brian has plans to meet Mid-December with Marty and will be able to report back to the Steering Committee at the December Meeting.

Action Plan Prioritization and Update: Rockwood Weed and Seed Project began October 1, 2002 and Ends September 30, 2003. Robert Hendricks from the Executive office of Weed & Seed, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. was here for the discussion of the Action Plan. Note: all of the * on the Action Plan handout, which these minutes parallel, represent plans that have already been initiated or partially implemented.

- 1) This is a concept from Sheriff-elect Bernie Giusto. A coordination of all regional officers forming a gang unit consisting of 8-9 officers and this would be in addition to their normal duties. Possibility to combine with Serena's task force, but will it help us achieve our objectives?
- 2) Chief Piluso to define a zero tolerance policy.
- 3) What kind of crimes qualifies youth for diversion? Assault without a weapon, misdemeanors, shoplifting.
- 5) A biannual newsletter. A distribution of information on Domestic Violence translated into Russian and Spanish. Updating a resource guide with an outcome measurement of increased mutual trust between police and community. Robert suggested that we list a couple of providers with an intake sheet and use that as a tool to measure for immediate results.

7) Police Department

8) Implement Community Court

9) Tami

10) Kay Poetisch. Also, Ivan is doing some work for a Neighborhood Watch Program.

12) Weed and Seed Steering Committee and Gresham Police Department host community forums.

13) Bob Robison

14) Gresham Police Department

15) Incorporating this strategy to two other organizations.

17) Maura needs a timeline and benchmarks, and Sharron will get back to her.

18) There is a state block grant that we can apply for, but no appropriations are flowing until January 1st.

The Weed & Seed Steering Committee will finish the remaining portion of the 2002/2003 Action Plan at the next meeting.