

**RWS Steering Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 19, 2004**  
**Rockwood Library**

- I. Introductions/In Attendance:  
Beth Faulhaber, Kristen West, Gene Hayes, Angeline Hayes, Mary Lou Begert, Chris McCormack, Brenda Butler, Virginia Warren, Kathy Minden, Ivan Cortes, Jack Bilderback, Chris Piekarski, Scott Hogan, Rich Pierce, Alicia Lopez, Sarada Boland, Laura Adania, Kelly Caldwell, Catherine Rotchford, Cheryl Houston, Sari Toplin, May Cha, Gloria Wiggins, Andrée Tremoulet, Helen Estrada, Maura White-Cioeta, Gayle Brooks.
- II. Approval of January Minutes
- Maura motioned, Chris M. seconded, minutes approved
- III. Collaborators' Reports and Announcements
- Coordinator's report (Brenda)
    - Jul-Dec '03 Progress Report was sent to EOWS and receipt is confirmed.
    - If anyone has any questions regarding Loaves and Fishes adding a senior meal site to the Rockwood area, contact Brenda. (It could possibly turn into a multi-purpose co-location for various services.)
    - Congratulations to Kathie Minden on the Heart of the Community award!
    - Patti Swanson and Brenda will travel to Dallas, Texas for the Continuation Application & Power of Prevention Conference.
    - Foro Popular/Community Forum – The forum was held at Rockwood Landing Apartments. There were about 15 people that showed up; 30 including service providers. It wasn't big, but there were some very good questions asked. The skit received a good response.
  - School-Aged Policy Framework update (May) – Contractors (one being Metropolitan Family Service) have been identified and they are sub-contracting with Human Solutions, Mt. Hood Community College and El Programa Hispano for Region 6. March 1<sup>st</sup> is the implementation date.
  - Gresham Community Court – Gayle Brooks is Robyn Gregory's job-share partner. Welcome to the RWS family, Gayle! Harry has been sick lately, so the process for the Emergency Services Funds has been moving a little slower than we hoped, but as soon as he is back we are going to get things moving again.
- IV. Committee Reports/Discussion
- A. Neighborhood Restoration
- Rock Soup is on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Kaiser Permanente between Stark and Burnside.
  - Urban Renewal Update (Andrée) – We are currently trying to get organized and basically set this up like a business. We are sending out the flyers and we have MCTV televising at the meetings (everyone is welcome). December's meeting was basically informational and January's meeting the committee got briefed from folks that have set up other Urban Renewals in the past. The next meeting is on February 26<sup>th</sup>

where the commission will decide what they would like to see from the committee with regard to the 8 goals set for Urban Renewal.

\*Advisory and Budget Committees are being formed. Contact the City if you are interested in participating in the Advisory Committee.

\*Come to the March 24<sup>th</sup> “Early Projects for Rockwood-West Gresham Urban Renewal” workshop and share some fantastic ideas you have for our community.

\*The February 2004 U.R. Newsletter was distributed:

[http://www.ci.gresham.or.us/departments/cedd/cr/rockwood/pdf/rockwood\\_renewal\\_2-04.pdf](http://www.ci.gresham.or.us/departments/cedd/cr/rockwood/pdf/rockwood_renewal_2-04.pdf)

\*FAQs about U.R. was also distributed:

<http://www.ci.gresham.or.us/departments/cedd/cr/rockwood/faqs.htm>

#### B. Law Enforcement (Rich)

- The subcommittee met in early February and discussed strategies to ‘reduce violent gang activity’. We will be formalizing the removal of the word “gang” from this strategy.
- The amount of gun crimes has spiked considerably, which is very concerning.
- RWS purchased 8 new bikes for bike officers! We are working on getting them rain jackets also. They will offer a proactive enforcement soon.
- The new trespassing law is going over well; possible reduction of person crimes.
- The power point presentations at the local high schools have had a positive impact. Unit will continue to provide them to CPAC, BOEC’s new 911 dispatchers, etc.
- The Car Prowl Project is being implemented by Community Safety Spec.

#### C. Prevention/Intervention/Treatment (Gloria & Brenda)

- We are going to have a back to school fair again.
- We can always use help with promoting the ESL and SSL classes being offered in the area.
- Some other ideas for this program are:
  - develop brochures to educate about drugs and alcohol (similar to ‘love shouldn’t hurt’), apply some focus on DUII issues
  - educate more about current services (i.e. teen clinic)
  - focus some efforts towards youth, rather than adults for a more positive outcome
  - educate more on laws and consequences of actions
  - understand the crime statistics

#### D. Executive Committee (Maura and Kathie)

- More collaboration will continue with Project Safe Neighborhoods
- RWS will include PAL on the list for receiving additional indirect costs for provision of financial administration assistance, etc.

#### V. New Business

##### A. Service Projects/Opportunity Fund – Sari Toplin requested some feedback related to community building ideas on how to spend the mini-grant allotment of \$600.

- Community Dinner – pot luck style in the early summer at Vance Park
- Clean Up – which leads to one central place (i.e. end at the library to celebrate).
- incorporate with Dia de Los Ninos? -- cake walk

- Combine Potluck with Rock Soup?
- incorporate with Rockwood Makes Me Want to Go M.A.D.
- Use Rock Soup to promote potluck? (potluck alleviates issues with regulations)
- Be in touch with EC Interfaith Caregivers for partnership

B. Neighborhood Partnership Fund – Kelly Caldwell offered information related to the efforts to identify winnable goals and create organized group to focus on housing issues in East Multnomah County.

- Attend ‘Speak Up, Speak Out’ – How to Make Change for Yourself and Others. 7pm, 3/15 @ the Rockwood Grange
- The next East Multnomah County Housing Advocates (EMCHA) meeting is scheduled for: 3-4:30 pm on Tues. March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Human Solutions’ building, Aging & Disability Services Conference Room.

C. Rockwood N’Hood Health Access Center may have to close on July 1<sup>st</sup> due to loss of funding.

- Currently they provide preventative health services such as immunizations, breast and cervical cancer screening, HIV and STD testing and counseling.
- They don’t do “sick” care.
- They work with the Wallace Medical Center and the National College of Naturopathic Medicine who provides “sick” care for uninsured patients in the evenings.
- There is a good possibility that the RNHA staff could be relocated to MC East Building to provide same services. Other providers may also transfer with them.
- If partners are interested in contacting the Commissioner’s office for advocacy purposes, please contact Brenda.
- Need to set-up referral system from the Center to their new location will be necessary. Consider linking to shuttle services provided by churches.

#### VI. Upcoming Events

- Celebration of Literacy & Dr. Seuss’s Birthday (Kathie)
- Human Solutions 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert and Auction 3/6/04
- Centennial Lions invite you to their gathering 3/16/04 (Jack)
- PAL 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Youth Investment Breakfast 3/17/04
- Regional W&S meeting with USAO 3/19/04
- Safe Haven Spring Break Update March 22-26, 2004
- REAL HOPE, faith based gathering 4/20/2004 (Kathie)

#### VI. Other Business or Additions

- Miguel Tellez has been invited to present at the 2004 Nat’l MEChA Conference in Corvallis in March. RWS may offer support for travel costs (one room for one night for two presenters).
- The Executive Committee will gather 3/11 at 8:30am at the GPD.

VIII. Next RWS SC Meeting: Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2004 from 5pm to 7pm at the Portland Lutheran School Library.