

**Rockwood Weed & Seed
Steering Committee Minutes
Thursday, June 17, 2004; 5:00PM
Portland Lutheran School**

I. Welcome and Introductions **IN ATTENDANCE:** Kristen West, Chris McCormack, Chris Piekarski, Rich Pierce, May Cha, Angie Hayes, Gloria Wiggins, Patricia McClean, Brenda Butler, Maura White, Patti Swanson, Scott Hogan, Chris Wheeler

II. Approval of May Minutes

- Maura motioned, Gloria seconded. The May minutes are approved.

III. Updates Since the Last Meeting

- Pending application for AmeriCorps member; decisions will not be made until June 21st. (*Decisions have been made and the RWS proposal was denied. See email message for more details.*) Patti, Gloria, Maura and Mary Lou agreed to help with member recruitment, if necessary.
- County Budget 2004-2005 – The majority of the funds were restored to the various East County facilities. Our East County DA is still in place, the Rockwood Clinic will remain open, but have some alterations in the services provided. For more information regarding funds important to East County, contact Kristen at 503-988-5213.
- Rosa and Monse Updates – They (and Zulma) returned safely from the Weed and Seed Camp in Utah and had a blast. Their video was shown to the Board of County Commissioners on Thursday June, 17th. Unfortunately the girls were not able to make it to the presentation because they were traveling to camp.
- Faith Based Focus – Brenda, Jim Buck, Lorena Campbell and Kathy Minden are going to be gathering with faith-based partners to further discuss leveraging resources and taking advantage of the connection the faith partners have to our community.
- Chris Wheeler went to Buffalo, NY with Brenda and Rich for the W&S Law Enforcement Coordination Workshop. He had wished there would have been more police focused classes rather than so many classes going over statistics and graphs. There is only so much data you can process. In July he will be attending the National Gang Violence Conference.
- Gresham police officers are surprised that the gang related shootings happening in NE Portland have not struck Gresham with the same force. They say it is just a matter of time before it works its way to the Rockwood area.

- There is a reoccurring problem with the gangs in Rockwood. Little kids are being recruited by the ages of 14 or 15. They are usually the ones that do the vandalism and property crimes. The older members can usually keep them tamed, but as soon as the “ring leader” gets hauled to jail for a much more serious crime, the younger members run wild. If we could get some kind of juvenile holding facility in Rockwood, we would still run into the problem of staffing. The possibility of Rockwood Weed and Seed applying for a grant was brought up.
- Training for our area landlords was held in early June. They discussed nuisance ordinance, screening vs. eviction, gang issues and problem tenants. Gloria also mentioned an abandoned vehicle epidemic that we have in Rockwood. GPD’s Abandoned Vehicle Hotline -- **(503) 618-3081**

IV. Collaborators’ and Partners’ Reports, Updates, Reminders

- Rockwood International Marketplace – The next Marketplace will be on July 17-18. The August Market (21st-22nd) will be in conjunction with the 2004 Celebration of Cultures Festival on Saturday only. To help out with the festival contact Ken Onyima at 503-618-2521. The marketplace needs volunteers for Friday night to set up and also for Sunday night to clean up. If anyone would like to volunteer please contact Joan Pasco at 503-661-3981. **OTHERWISE, PLEASE COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US!**
- PAL Sports Camp – David Douglas HS 6/21-6/25 and the Youth Center opens for summer hours on Monday, June 28th (10am-5pm). PAL has some job openings, particularly related to the ChIF funding that they received in conjunction with Campfire USA and Centennial School District (Lynchview, Lynchwood & Centennial Middle). For more information, contact Maura at 503.823.0250 or visit www.palkids.org. August 16-20 is Role Model Week and the Youth Center is also celebrating their 10th Anniversary this year. PAL will be having special guests and role models come and talk with the kids.
- Gresham Redevelopment Commission – 6/24, 7pm, Council Chambers

V. Community Event Mania

- There are simply too many events for our big-hearted friend Brenda to be involved in them all. The Rockwood Weed and Seed Steering Committee has decided that there will be Weed and Seed representatives at these events and the representatives can bring feedback to the whole group. We need to be aware of everyone’s busy schedules and remember that Brenda’s presence is more valuable to us than simply volunteering to move tables and chairs. We need her brainstorming and planning on how to make Rockwood a better place. *We love all your hard work Brenda*

Please contact Brenda if you are interested in representing Rockwood Weed & Seed at any future events, such as:

- *The Marketplace
- *National Night Out
- *Back To School Fair
- *Freedom Jam
- *Gresham's Centennial Celebrations (or planning thereof)

VI. Executive Committee

- This meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8th @ 8:45am at GPD.

VII. Next Meeting Thursday, July 15, 5-7PM at Rockwood Library – Note location change. (The August meeting will also be held at the Rockwood Library.)

At July's meeting, we will focus on the process of Evaluation of our strategies, goals and objectives; Brian Renauer will visit. Also, a progress report is due July 30.

Be there or be square!!!

VIII. The P/I/T and LE/CP subcommittees gathered in their respective corners to discuss some pertinent issues.

Prevention/Intervention/Treatment	Law Enforcement/Community Policing
<i>Present: Patti, Gloria, May C. & Patricia H.</i>	<i>Present: Rich, Maura, Scott, Chris W., Chris P., Chris M. & Kristen.</i>
a. Review alcohol/drug resource card draft <i>DONE, feedback offered by members</i>	a. Special summer plans (Conference, et al)
b. ESL/SSL/Literacy – make plans for fall -- <i>DISCUSSED</i>	b. Explorers and under-age/alcohol stings – <i>May not be necessary.</i>
c. Teenage pregnancy issues – <i>Brenda plans to talk to staff at Helensview</i>	c. Review OT time sheets and consider adjustments – <i>DONE; Rich to amend.</i>
	d. Community event plans – <i>Gun drop plans undetermined. City of Gresham will hold National Night Out again; Rockwood plans undetermined.</i>