

Rockwood Weed and Seed Steering Committee
Thursday, July 21, 2005; 5:00pm
Rockwood Library

I. **Welcome and Introductions** IN ATTENDANCE: Kathie Minden, Angie Hayes, Gene Hayes, Dina DiNucci, Rich Pierce, Cheryl Houston, Brenda Butler, Tricia Harding, Gloria Wiggins, Stephen Young, Mary Lou Begert, Kristen West, Brenda Brady, Patrick Johnson, Michele Johnson, Maura White-Cioeta, Alice Galloway, Brian Renauer, Erika Silver, Roger Meyer, Chris Piekarski, Chris McCormack, Charles Skeahan, Nathan Teske, Rebecca Ocken.

II. **Approval of June 2005 Minutes:** Maura motioned, Chris seconded. June RWS minutes were approved.

III. **Wraparound Oregon and a Youth Court Coordination Project**

Alice Galloway spoke about Wraparound Oregon which is a community management team made up of Multnomah County leaders representing families, child welfare, juvenile justice, youth corrections, education, mental health and many more agencies. Their goal is to develop a better way to respond to and serve children with complex mental health needs and their families. They plan to accomplish these goals with these objectives:

- Create integrated services and resources for children who are involved in multiple systems.
- Increase intensive, community based services aimed at keeping children in their own homes, in their own schools and out of trouble.
- Increase capacity to serve children in their own homes or permanent placements.
- Collect data to inform decision-making in all system improvement arenas.

This program aims to serve high need, multi-system children. There is a pilot project started where 25 delinquent or dependent Medicaid eligible youth between the ages of 6-17 who reside in Multnomah County will be selected. This population has many needs, problems and co-occurring conditions. Most children in this population have extensive histories including sexual and physical abuse and profound neglect that has impacted their development in most major areas.

The goal is to better focus the money that is available to help these kids. Instead of spending \$900,000 on 3 kids by transferring them from program to program, Wraparound Oregon plans to look at spending this money more efficiently and examining the needs of the child.

For more information, contact Alice Galloway at 503-692-6133 or email her at galloway@northwest.com. For a press release related to the \$500,000 matching grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to fund Wraparound Oregon project (New public-private partnership creates innovative solution to serve highest need children), visit our website. http://www.weedandseedoregon.org/rockwood/index_r.html

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is developing a Court Coordination Program. The intent and purpose of this pilot project is to see if leveraging the authority of juvenile and family courts can facilitate the coordination of services for youth who require the attention of several agencies. Portland (Mult Co 4th Circuit Court) was chosen as one of four funded pilot sites.

IV. Discussion of RWS Survey Results

A. The Citizen Survey

- This survey showed that the 7-11 store on 188th and Burnside is a huge area of concern to many people. Rich strongly urged the owner to get a security guard. The owner said he was working to get one started Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.
- Rich also talked to the officer for Tri-Met about getting some support at the 188th stop. He was going to get back to Rich with some ideas.
- Not many folks knew about the after school programs that are available.
- There is a high number of folks who responded who have lived in their homes for less than a year. This high turnover might be due to people trying to get the best deal by moving around, but a lot of time they stay in the community.
- People are not aware that RWS exists. We need to get the message out. We need to use things like billboards.
- We also need to address the issues and get feedback later on the changes that folks may or may have seen.
- This survey could be valuable to other folks too such as the Urban Renewal group and others.
- Results can be reviewed on RWS' website.

B. The Process Evaluation

- We said citizen involvement is important but the top priorities were to focus on gangs. Why? The questions were worded differently; therefore thought processes were not geared that way.
- This evaluation will be good because at the end of the 5 years of Rockwood Weed and Seeds term, D.C. will want a full evaluation/report of our work.
- Results can be reviewed on RWS' website.

V. 'Branding' Rockwood and a Market Analysis

- Rebecca Ocken came to present the Market Analysis for the Rockwood Town Center (triangle). She gave a slide show presentation describing the Strategic Improvements, Design Process, and Design Themes.
- There were three "Brands" that were possibilities for Rockwood.
 - Cultural Marketplace
 - A Stake in the Future
 - A Convergence of Place and Possibility
- Attendees had the opportunity to give feedback on the information presented.
- To place your vote, go to the city's website:
http://www.ci.gresham.or.us/survey/rockwood_branding/take_the_survey.asp

VI. Announcements

- Community Fair at Mt. Hood Community College on Saturday, July 23rd
- Free Ice Cream Social in Gresham City Park on Sunday, July 24th from 2-5pm
- National Night Out on Aug 2nd from 6-8:30pm at Red Sunset Park (Hogan & 23rd)
- The Talking It Out program has had eight families sign up for the next English session. The next session is in Spanish and will be held Aug 8th through Sep 15th. *(As of 8/8, it will be postponed to start in September)*
- Human Solutions has put down earnest money to acquire the Oregon Flea Market building on the south side of the triangle. Purchase will close 10/31/05, if all goes well. It will be the Rockwood International Building, a multi-service center.
- There are two new support group serving women (domestic violence). For more information contact Miriam Demezas at 503.548.0200 (Human Solutions) or Brenda Butler at 503.816.1530.
- Aug 12th is Role Model Day at PAL from 2pm – 6pm. The kids put on a talent show; all are welcome to attend.
- Some of our PAL kids went to DC and met with several of our politicians. See a photo on this webpage:
<http://blumenauer.house.gov/Newsroom/PhotoGallery.aspx?GalleryID=61>
- The ‘feds’ have taken the funding away for the National Youth Sports Program. That is the free camp that PAL offers at PSU serving 250 kids and giving them dental and medical check ups. Maura figures it will cost about \$66,000 to keep it running this year. Contact her at PAL if you have any ideas on how to help.
- August 20th -- Gresham Sister City Association presents the 15th Annual “Celebration of Cultures” 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Main City Park in Downtown Gresham. Come join the festivities: Food, Live Music and Much More! Volunteers needed too! For more info contact Ken Onyima at 503-618-2521 or onyima@ci.gresham.or.us.

VII. REMINDERS

- **THERE WILL BE NO RWS MEETING IN AUGUST.**
- **September meeting starts our new TUESDAY meeting days**
- **Next meeting Tuesday, September 20th from 5-7pm; location TBA**