

Rockwood Weed and Seed Steering Committee
Thursday, September 20, 2005; 5:00pm
Rockwood Grange

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** IN ATTENDANCE: Nathan Teske, Maria Avila, Beth Faulhaber, Maura White, Erika Silver, Kathy Minden, Chris Piekarski, Chris McCormack, Dan Dalby, Rich Pierce, Kristen West, Brenda Brady, Gloria Wiggins, Brenda Butler
- II. **Approval of July 2005 Minutes:** Chris motioned, Gloria seconded. July RWS minutes were approved.
- III. **Brief Partner Announcements**
- Nathan and Gloria told us about all the news from El Programa Hispano. There will be/was a Latino Youth Forum on September 28 from 4-6PM at Park Rose High School discussing teen pregnancy, prevention programs, teen parenting needs, etc.
 - Also El Programa received a grant to have a person lead an Adult Financial Literacy Class. The grant paid for the person to go to Las Vegas for their training. The class will be held twice in Spanish in the Rockwood area.
 - Buyers beware – a client came into El Programa recently and had been conned into buying a false diamond for \$1500. Rich thinks we need to get this information out to local apartment managers for distribution to their tenants.
 - Maria shared that they are starting a new program in Rockwood Called De Corazon a Corazon (From Heart to Heart). This program is put together by the American Heart Association and the Latino Network to provide information on how to better take care of your heart and cardio health.
 - Beth asked everyone to please join PAL for the 2nd Annual PAL Youth Center Spaghetti Dinner & Fundraiser on Thursday, October 20, 2005 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Gresham Armory (544 NE Division). Tickets are \$10 each or \$40 for a family of five. Children six and under eat free. Doors open and silent auction begins at 5:30pm. Spaghetti dinner catered by Olive Garden will begin at 6pm. The first silent section closes at 6:30pm, the second section closes at 7:10pm. There are great items to bid on including a week in Mazatlan, YMCA memberships, wine basket, Nike apparel and shoes, Adidas clothing, rounds of golf, hockey tickets, hotel getaways, sports memorabilia, three days/two nights in Hawaii and much more! All proceeds of the fundraiser will go directly to support youth programs at the PAL Youth Center located at 424 NE 172nd, Portland, OR 97230. For more information or to reserve your tickets please call PAL at 503-823-0250 or e-mail Deborah Monk at deborah@palkids.org.
 - Human Solutions started a new domestic violence group called “CRAFT” Creating Realistic Actions For Transition. CRAFT is a free, innovative group to help women who have lived through domestic violence stay safe and improve their situations. The groups meet in Gresham twice a week and offer free child care during the meetings as well as access to computer training, housing, and employment support. For more information, contact Human Solutions at 503-548-0216.

- Kathie updated us on the latest park victories. Gardeners are moving to the east end of Davis Park to start a community garden there.
- Chris Piekarski reminded us about the drug free zone being set up in Rockwood. The City Council will have the first reading of the ordinance soon. Brenda let everyone know that the new Weed and Seed funding is available to pay for the “Drug Free Zone” signs for the area. The new zone will be from Glisan to Yamhill and 182nd to 191st Streets.
- Rich made sure everyone was aware of the gang shooting that took place across the street in the Oregon Flea Market parking lot which struck a bystander in the leg. The woman will be ok. Also he followed up on the 7-11 security issue on 190th and Stark. The corporate office called him and said they did not plan on hiring any more security for the store.
- Brenda from Mt. Hood Community College let everyone know that school was starting and orientation was the last week in September. Also MHCC is offering a new program to adults who have not received a high school degree and would like to get their diploma instead of their GED. For more information about the program contact the college.
- The final English ‘Talking it Out’ class starts in mid October.
- RWS has funds set aside again for our community mini-grants. Contact Brenda or visit our website for a copy of the guidelines and application.

IV. Conferences

- 2005 CCDO National Conference in LA in August. Maura went to sessions on sustainability. There was an idea of creating a Booster Club – derived from the Steering Committee. They will be doing that the Youth Center. Dan thought that the conference didn’t bring a lot of new information but it did offer some good ideas. He learned about some programs in El Paso and New Haven, CT that we may be able to apply here. Brenda came away with some new program ideas – just for some small projects such as “House Calls”.
- National Crime Prevention Council Conference in Washington DC October 8th – 12th. Maura motioned to send Sgt. Rich Pierce and Capt. Tim Gerkman to the conference. Chris seconded. The motion passed. For one of the attendees, it was approved to use some 2004-2005 (Other Costs) Community Policing printing costs.
- RWS decided that we would send two participants to the ‘Home for Good’ Re-entry conference this year. The suggestion of sending two people from Human Solutions was brought up by Maura and seconded by Rich. The motion passed.

V. Debrief on the Back to School Fair

- The back to school fair which was held on September 10th was a huge success! Thank you to all for your support! There were 535 ‘passports’ in the raffle so at least that many people there. We had about 50 student recipients more than we did last year, totally close to 400 kids. Contact Brenda for full report.

VI. Our Grant Was RENEWED!!! \$224,911 for Rockwood

- Great work Brenda and the RWS team who worked so hard on the grant renewal! We appreciate your work.
- Brenda distributed a handout that included the 2005-2006 Program Summary. For copies, please ask.
- Sub-committee meetings are underway. If you would like to be on one of the sub-committees, contact Brenda.
 - Law Enforcement/Community Policing Committee: Rich, Maura, Beth, Chris M., Chris P., Pat, and Trish – MET ON TUESDAY, 10/4.
 - Prevention/Intervention/Treatment Committee: Gloria, Erika, Mike, Ivan – POSTPONED MEETING.
 - It was suggested that someone from MFS sit on the committee.
 - How about the Academy of Alternatives?
 - Neighborhood Restoration:
 - Dina DiNucci has submitted her resignation letter as Chair of the Subcommittee. A card was passed around to send her well wishes. Although sad about our loss, Nathan Teske offered that he would be willing to serve as Chair. It was approved. Other members of the committee: Angie, Eugene, Kathie, Michele.
– The subcommittee MET ON TUESDAY, 10/4.
- New Special Emphasis for 2005-2006:
 - We are going to continue funding the Community Court project.
 - Our proposal to fund Rockwood Makes Me Wanna Go M.A.D. (Make A Difference) was also granted.
 - Objectives
 - Rockwood Business Incentive Program
 - Enhance outreach and establish a ‘joint venture’ with the City
 - Reduce the number of methamphetamine labs and drug houses
 - Need to:
 - Hire Outreach Coordinator

VII. Next Steering Committee Meeting – Tuesday, October 18th, 2005 from 5-7PM at ALDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.