



Meeting Minutes Steering Committee Meeting 9-18-07

I. Introductions and community share:

Roger Meyer provided information on the West Gresham Neighborhood Association: committee format will allow groups to work on issues such as housing, safety, development parks and natural areas, as well as alternative education services.

Glenna Hayes shared information on the Center for Family Success – upcoming Open House on *September 26th* with a Rummage Sale planned for *October 6th 2007*.

Kathy Minden with People for Parks talked about the success of the children's Butterfly Garden this summer and the tours for groups. There are currently two after school programs with Reynolds and they currently have a new Americorp staff.

Aaron Rivera of Human Solutions provided information on the clothing store training programs and the Living Solutions employment services.

Virginia Warren provided the monthly calendar for the Oregon Employment Division programs. There are several new classes and support services for job seekers – resume writing, job search etc.

Ricardo Rivera and Gloria Wiggins of El Programa Hispano provided information on youth programs; Esperanza Juvenil – a new program for teens in recovery and the Latino gang outreach services that Ricardo is working with are undertaking a video project to assist in helping people to understanding some of the underlying issues surrounding youth gang involvement.

Mini grant project: El Programa took possession of the video camera owned by Rockwood Weed and Seed as part of the Mini Grant programs.

Additionally – Elprograma is continuing the work of the Safety Promoters program with a 3 week training in October at Holy Redeemer parish in Portland with another training planned for February in Gresham.

* Of note: Central City Concern will be undertaking outreach to the homeless two times per week via ST Henries in Gresham.

Brenda Butler, Community Safety Specialist with Gresham Police provided a brief update on the activities undertaken to insure the safety of citizens in the 162 and Burnside area.

II. Approval of July Minutes – All moved and approved

III. Mini Grant Reports:

Almost all of the reports are in for the mini grants. Only one is outstanding and has been promised. Four successful projects were fully funded and the camera and signage for Vance Park were to be provided out of other line-items.

IV. Committee Reports:

The Law Enforcement committee will continue in to the first of the year to expend Police resources that are being carried over. Brenda provided update on Burnside issues.



Prevention Intervention:

Greater Gresham Area Prevention Partnership

www.ggapp.org

OUTREACH - MISSION INCLUDE ALL- Meets 1st Thursday – Heidi's Noon

is Marketing and advertising are key components for every community effort. The GGAPP logos are done and the website is up. Local articles have appeared in the Outlook and Oregonian. It's time to grow our efforts and expand our voice! New materials need to be designed about GGAPP; we need billboards and community television spots.

How to help:

1. Creative, computer savvy and ready to take on a fun project? We need a campaign slogan and billboard for 08.
2. Can you sing? Do you write, act or paint? GGAPP needs creativity and energy for a short video production working with youth.
3. We have a presentation – do you have a group that needs a speaker? Call us and we'll come and talk to you! Book clubs, Mom's clubs, and Dad's clubs – we are ready to grow!!

YOUTH / SCHOOLS Meets at PAL Center, 3rd Thursday 10:00 a.m.

GGAPP to support [Lights on After School, held October 18th](#), the events are part of the national effort to show youth and parents the value of supervised and supported 'out of school' time.

[At PAL Youth Center](#) we would like to show support for kids and families with a Family Photo - *together a family can weather hardship and hold strong against substance abuse*. Information booths, give-away items and drug prevention messages will be a part of local efforts.

SUN Schools and GGAPP will partner in the coming months to provide FREE skill development, parenting /leadership workshops. Open to parents who want to be leaders at home and in their community. Guiding Good Choices and/or Make Parenting a Pleasure slated for Alder, Davis, Dexter, Clear Creek, Lynch View and Harold Oliver Intermediate.

How to help:

1. Parents take the trainings; assist with local Positive Parent Teams for GGAPP linking to local schools and community agencies.
2. Photographer is needed to share talents to provide families with family photos. Some funding available to cover costs.
3. Parents needed to manage information booths at Back to School and Lights Out events.

FAITH TEAM – Meeting is Third Tuesday of the month – 11:30

This dynamic non-denominational faith based group is sharing their values not religion. They are planning a presentation for local faith communities and groups. The ten minute presentation will outline how faith communities can be a pro-active part of the larger GGAPP coalition; promote healthy family activities, provide resources and link to community efforts. This team is spreading their message – FAITH is a key prevention strategy!!

How to help:

1. Contact the team to have a presentation at your Bible study, men's group or alter guild.
2. Join the team to assist with presentations; pass out information, manage sign-ups and other tasks.
3. Come to the faith team meeting and be a part of planning the presentations and next efforts.

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE – Next Meeting TBA

WorkDrugFreeOregon is the Oregon state-wide business plan initiative that is a program of the Oregon Nurses foundation, designed to implement Drug Free Workforce policies in partnership with local business. Their efforts link to GGAPP via the initiative's fourth goal to *Elevate Importance of Student Job Readiness*. GGAPP will be working to provide education programs from employers in the local schools about drug free work place issues because;

- 80% of binge and heavy alcohol users are employed.
- 60% of Oregon employers identify substance abuse as a concern
- One in 20 job applicants fail a drug screen.
- Student use remains high but few schools address impact of drugs on jobs/careers

How to help:

1. If you know a business owner who would like to be a part of this new team let us know.
2. If you would like to have a presentation at your local school contact GGAPP.
3. Join the team to assist with presentations; pass out information, manage sign-ups and other tasks.

COMMUNITY PEER COURT – Meets at Rockwood Office 4-5 p.m. third Thursday

A small team has formed to work with local law enforcement and district attorney's office to develop a peer court program for East Multnomah County. Peer courts provide adjudication to non-violent local crime issues such as graffiti, vandalism, and alcohol and marijuana possession. Statistics show that youth who participate in a peer court are less likely to re-offend. The team plans visits to a regional peer court to observe the process. Federal funding is available to local municipalities; schools and social services need to be involved. It is anticipated that this team will work 2-3 months on project design, planning, local presentations and then begin to seek funding early in 2008.

How to help:

1. If you know an attorney who would like to assist with the court's design and implementation.
2. Gather information for a data base on agencies that would be willing to supervise youth as they complete their community services such as lawn maintenance, painting and other activities.
3. Assist in gathering technical information with the team; local youth crime data, information on regional peer courts for presentations, youth programs that could link to and support a peer court system.

Business Coalition:

September 28th A Day Out of the Office – And in the Park brought to you by Rockwood Business Coalition and partners from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm @ Vance Park – 1300 SE 182nd Avenue (near Park Place Coffee). **FREE BBQ Lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.** Speakers & Topics Include: Mayor Bemis; Urban Renewal; Small Business Admin; Our HubZone; State Enterprise Zone and much more. For more information go to www.rockwoodbusinesscoalition.org or call **503-618-2899**. The group will continue to meet the first Wednesday of the month in Rockwood – typically meetings are scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Weed & Seed PROGRAM UPDATES

Computer Center:

Efforts continue to provide access to the center to community members. There are currently appointments scheduled for the “Back Taxes” programs of the VITA Tax Aide Center. It is anticipated that Human Solutions, PAL and GGAPP programs will be able to provide over-site to the open center hours in the near future. Living Solutions job training clients will also be able to utilize the center. **VITA Tax Aide center** will open in February of 2008 to complete the second year of the project.

The Back to School Fair outcomes and final report were shared with the group. There was a brief discussion of how the project / program would be continued in to the future. A large notebook has been put together with all of the program planning elements in place to allow a group or a team of agencies to host the fair again next year. The book includes all the logistical, technical and financial elements needed for putting on the fair.

Sarah Broderick announced her last day with Rockwood Weed and Seed. She is moving into the Volunteer Coordinator’s position with CashOregon – a non profit that provides tax services.

Natalie Mitchell will be working with Rockwood Weed and Seed until September 28th – her last day.

Final Discussion:

The meeting ended with a discussion of the group’s perspectives on two questions:

- Where are we going?
- Where have we been?

The answers to the discussion will be included in the final presentation to the Gresham Redevelopment Commission in October. The meeting date is October 18th it is anticipated that at that meeting awards will be provided to those nominated by members of the community. The group also voiced the desire to meet quarterly in the future – Rockwood Weed and Seed will provide an email list.

Executive Meeting

A meeting of the executive team is planned for late October. At that time the group will review Rockwood Weed and Seed assets, unfinished projects, final bills and other business of the Rockwood Weed and Seed project – please let us know if you have any items for that agenda.