

Rochester Steering Committee Meeting November 16, 2007

Rochester Community Center

Aimee Danielson	Weed & Seed Coordinator	Gail Gosney Lauren Burdick	TCPAO BBBS
April Overlie	Boys & Girls Club	Holly Wayman	Resident/ Seed Chair
Bill Liddle	Weed & Seed Chair	Kate Greenquist	DOJ
Chris Mealy	TC Sherriff's Office	Marcee Stiltner	ROOF
Donna Smith	Resident/ Chair	Rachael Palmer	Rochester Library

Donna Opens Meeting at 10:00am

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

Corrections to the financial report wording

Motion to approve minutes with above corrections, April Overlie

Marcee Stiltner second. Motion passed.

Financial report – Gail Gosney

Gail distributes spreadsheet breaking down the Federal Grant budget

Sheriff's Office updated budget Detail

Chris Mealy discusses the changes to the original budget

The original budget was for equipment

Chris Mealy adjusted \$5,000 of the original \$9,300 for OT (overtime)

This will allow 60 hrs for Boys & Girls Club dances

The remaining \$3,000 will be OT for events down in Rochester (Approximately 40 hrs)

After deducting the tables the S.O. (Sheriff's Office) just purchased for Rochester events this leaves \$4300

Move to approve budget as proposed, April Overlie

Rachel Palmer Second. Motion passed.

Update on "Graduated Site" application process – Gail Gosney

Applications will be sent to Kate Greenquist in the USAO (United States Attorney's Office) the end of February and she will pass them to the Steering Committee. It is due back in 6-8 weeks

Discussion of contract for Weed & Seed evaluation – Gail Gosney

The PAO (Prosecuting Attorneys Office) is required by the county regulations to get three proposals for an evaluation of the Weed & Seed project. Gail Gosney has requested bids from Renee Doran, Bill Leon and Silvia McGee. Lauren Burdick said that Renee Doran evaluated BBBS and she did a good job.

Gail Gosney has requested three tasks from the evaluator:

1) Review two pieces of data, GRPA & healthy youth

2) Ask members of the Steering Committee "What in their opinion did they think Weed & Seed would accomplish and how does it compare to what has been accomplished? *

*Kate Greenquist suggested they should also be asked how they feel about the sustainability of Weed & Seed

3) Interview residents in the community through focus groups to ask them how they feel about Weed & Seed and what has changed and been accomplished in the Rochester area since 2001

Donna Smith, Kate Greenquist, Rachel Palmer, Holly Wayman, Marcee Stiltner, and Bill Liddle and will assist the Gail Gosney in choosing the evaluator

Seed Committee - Holly Wayman

Holly Wayman needs assistance with seeding

She is asking for individuals to provide one hour per month to help

Aimee Danielson will forward local residents contact information that have an interest in the Weed & Seed strategy to Holly Wayman

Holly Wayman will contact the residents to get a possible Ad-Hoc Committee together

Discussion of Drug Free Communities grant – Marcee Stiltner

Marcee Stiltner distributes a summary of the Drug Free Community grant.

This grant is not a replacement for Weed & Seed.

The goal is to impact the community's attitude toward drug use in order to reduce drug use. ROOF would like to apply for this grant. The RFP will be released in January.

A requirement is having a foundation for a drug free community; we will be able to use Weed & Seed as a reference. The community must already have a coalition in place that has been working on reducing drug use and abuse. Weed & Seed provides that foundation, but membership must be expanded to broader representation.

ROOF is requesting we include in the mission statement the reduction of drug use in the Rochester Community.

The Committee will review the original mission statement and will update it to emphasize drug reduction.

Motion to support ROOF Community Services and work side by side with the progression of the Drug Free environment. Holly Wayman

Rachel Palmer Second. Motion approved.

ROOF Community Services applied for a \$500 grant for a town hall meeting geared toward drug awareness.

Marcee Stiltner will keep us updated.

Motion to support ROOF Community Services, Kate Greenquist

Bill Liddle second, Motion passed.

Site Coordinator's report – Aimee Danielson

Discussed the next Steering Committee meeting falling on December 21st. The Steering committee decided to skip the December meeting as most individuals will not be able to attend.

Motion to skip the December Steering Committee meeting, Holly Wayman Marcee Stiltner Second, Motion Approved.

Discussed having an evening meeting in January to help more residents be able to attend the Steering Committee meeting. Group suggested the third Friday of January at 5:30pm. (Later revised and made one week later)

Weed Committee - Chris Mealy

The TCSO and the Chehalis Tribe Police worked together on an undercover operation at The Lucky Eagle Casino. They arrested a man who was a sex offender/ substance abuser in violation. He is now in prison.

Adjourned 11:15

Next Meeting will be on January 25th @ 5:30 pm at the Eagles Landing Hotel (across from the Lucky Eagle casino)

****Kate Greenquist in the USAO must abstain from any vote regarding the Federal Grant Budget.***