

Rochester Steering Committee Meeting October 21, 2007

Rochester Community Center

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| Aimee Danielson | Coordinator | John Snaza | TC Sheriff |
| April Overlie | Boys & Girls Club | | Community Outreach |
| Bill Liddle | Resident | Laura Redford | Family Education & Support |
| Donna Smith | Resident/ Chair | | TC Parks |
| Gail Gosney | TCPAO | Margaret Huff | DEA |
| Ed Holm | TCPAO | Matt Duran | DOC |
| Erik Landaas | TC Dept of Health | Matt Frank | DEA |
| Erin Price-Smith | BBBS | Scott Gordon | ROOF |
| Holly Wayman | Resident/Seed Chair | Marcee Stiltner | Rochester Library |
| Karen Johnson | TOGETHER! | Rachael Palmer | TC Emergency Management |
| Kellie McNelly | ROOF | Vivian Eason | |
| Kate Greenquist | DOJ | | |

Kate Greenquist opens the Meeting at 10:10

Rochester Steering Committee, September 2007 meeting minutes

Corrections to Rachel Palmer's name and legislator paragraph.
Motion to approve minutes with above corrections by Bill Liddle.
April Overlie second. Motion passed.

Weed & Seed Chair

Resignation letter was received from Bill Liddle.
Appreciation was expressed to Bill Liddle for his hard work, and the committee accepted his resignation.

Discussion and Nomination of new Weed & Seed Chair

Marcee Stiltner nominated Donna Smith as a candidate for the Chair position due to her history and resident status. No other nominations were made. Donna accepted nomination. The group unanimously voted for Donna Smith as Chair.

Rochester Weed & Seed becoming a "Graduated Site"

Discussion on graduated site requirement:
Reporting every year to the CCDO (Community Capacity Development Office)
The PAO (Prosecuting Attorneys Office) agreed to do reporting for the community, as long as Ed Holm is in office.
The steering committee should meet periodically as a graduated site.

Gail Gosney motioned that we become a graduated site.
Erik Landaas seconded. Motion passed.

Gail Gosney discussed the Drug Free Community initiative as an option for continuing the work that has begun through Weed & Seed.
Safe Place is also looking at this community for DV (Domestic violence) intervention. This might tie in Safe place as possible steering committee partners in the future.

Erik Landaas suggested a committee to come up with a needs assessment in the Rochester area. Gail said it is prescribed. It would be nice to have as much data as possible.

Guest Speaker

Vivian Easton discussed Thurston County Emergency Management. They need to hire an Americorps person (salary of \$800 a month and full benefits) Emergency Management Certification Training is available for residents. She introduced the “Map Your Neighborhood” tool for residents to use.

Site Coordinators Report

Aimee is currently working on the Weed & Seed Newsletter, updating the website, and will assist the Boys & Girls Club with “Breakfast with Santa”.

Prosecuting Attorney’s Financial Report

Chehalis Grant –The intent provided summer services for Weed & Seed and Rochester Library.

Federal Budget

The PAO split the budget in half (August – December, January – July) for county purposes. Gail Gosney passed out a breakdown of what was spent as of September 30th.

Per our request, CCDO approved the use of the Sheriff’s Office equipment and library budget money to go toward overtime for the Sheriff’s Office to provide training for the Rochester community.

Kate recommends all agencies bill monthly to the PAO. CCDO may not think the agencies need the money and can take it back if it is not being spent promptly.

Seed Report

Tree lighting with the Boys & Girls club

Welcome Wagon basket – Holly Wayman ask for an Ad-Hoc Committee.

Donna Smith volunteered

Gail Gosney suggested that we focus on the 14-18 yr olds for the seeding.

Aimee will put a sign up link on the website.

Weed Report

Chris Mealy is absent

Guest Speaker

John Snaza (TCSO) is the new Community Outreach Deputy. Community outreach will provide block watches, drug training, and a resource website for Thurston County. The community outreach will also provide iris scans for different events in the county. John Snaza will attend future Weed & Seed meetings. In January a full time Deputy will be hired to go to the schools and do training.

Next meeting is going to be January 18, 2008 at 5:30pm

Located at the Rochester Community Center