Minutes
Committee for Youth, Families and Community
September 14, 2010

Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community held September 14, 2010 at the Tempe Transit Center Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present:
Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District
Bobbie Cassano, Tempe Community Council
Lauren Johnson, Community Bridges
Barb Fries, Tempe Elementary School District
Kelley Lind, Cardon Children’s Medical Center
Amanda Hamm, Kyrene School District
Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools
Sean Donovan, Tempe Chamber of Commerce
Celeste Plumlee, Tempe Resident
Vic Cordts, Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley
Ilene Dode, Tempe Resident/EMPACT-SPC
Norm Saba, Cardon Children’s Medical Center
Mark Wertsching, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department

MEMBERS Absent:
Maria Holmes, Association for Supportive Childcare
Alan Anderson, Checkmate Chess Instruction
Charmaine Trujillo, Mountain Park Health Center
Luis Morales, Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.
Chad Diegle, Desert Cross Lutheran Church
Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation
Vicki Kringen, The Centers for Habilitation

City Staff Present:
Kim Bauman, Community Services-Social Services
Roni Alexander, Community Services – Social Services
Nancy Rodriguez, Municipal Court
Fran Santos, Tempe Police Department
Tricia Andrews-Gilman, Community Services – Social Services

Guests Present:
Sheran Mattson, Mattson Resource Development

Meeting convened at 3:10 p.m.
Agenda Item 1 - Call Meeting to Order and Introductions
Ilene Dode called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

Agenda Item 2 - Minutes from August 10, 2010 Meeting
The minutes from August 10, 2010 were reviewed.
MOTION: Amanda Hamm motioned to approve the minutes.
SECOND: Randy Lazar seconded the motion.
COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 - 2010 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant
1) Kim Bauman, City of Tempe provided an overview of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG).
   • The City of Tempe is eligible for $28,727 between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2012.
   • As in the past, the Town of Gilbert contributed their block grant allotment in the amount of $3,290 which they would like to use to purchase curriculum materials and supplies to support their Adolescent Life Skills Fundamental Program.
   • Notification of the City’s grant eligibility was not sent directly to Kim and there was a delay in receiving notification. As a consequence, this item was not able to be placed on the Committee’s August meeting agenda to receive approval of the City’s plan prior to submitting the grant application that was due on September 10th.
   • A plan was submitted to continue the Empowering Teens and Parents (ETAP) Program which is currently funded by the City’s 2008 and 2009 JABG grants.
   • The 2010 funding would allow the program to continue to operate between October 1, 2011 and September 30, 2012.
   • The program would continue to provide 2 series of parents groups and boys groups and in addition would add two series of girls groups.
2) Mark Werschting, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department notified the committee that their department remains supportive of the program and there is a need for groups for parents and their teens.

MOTION: Nancy Rodriguez, Tempe Municipal Court motioned to approve utilizing the City of Tempe’s 2010-12 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds to continue the Empowering Teens and Parents Program.
SECOND: Bobbie Cassano, Tempe Community Council seconded the motion.
COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 4 – Town Hall Update
Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District and Bobbie Cassano provided the following update:
1) The Town Hall on Underage Drinking will be held on Monday, October 4, 2010 7-8:30 p.m. in Tempe Council Chambers. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.
2) The Town Hall is for adults and will focus on underage drinking between the ages of 12 and 18.
3) We anticipate having 140-150 people attend and will have an overfill room. Pre-registration is being encouraged.
4) The Town Hall will include presentations by Community Bridges, Not My Kid, a high school prevention counselor, and the Tempe Police Department. A question and answer session with the panel will follow the presentations.

5) Committee members have solicited a number of donations from businesses which will be used as incentives in a drawing to encourage participants to complete the Community Norms Survey.

6) Sheets were passed around to committee members to sign up to assist the evening of the event.

7) Prior to the Town Hall vendors will be in front of the Council Chambers to provide information to attendees. Vendors will include Parks and Recreation, the Boys & Girls Club, Tempe Youth Leadership, and All Stars/Peer Leaders.

8) Each participant will receive a bag that includes a “Talking To Your Teen About Alcohol” pamphlet and other informational materials.

9) Flyers were given to each committee member who were requested to give them to ten people they know and encourage them to attend the Town Hall.

10) A press release has gone out and the Town Hall has been noted in the East Valley Tribune. The hope is that the Arizona Republic will highlight the Town Hall in its Tempe Community section.

11) T-shirts with the winning youth design were distributed to committee members who were requested to wear their shirts at the event unless they are presenters.

Agenda Item 5 - Announcements
1) Sean Donovan, Tempe Chamber of Commerce announced they are hosting a Health and Wellness Fair on Friday, September 17th from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Tempe YMCA.

2) Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities in School announced the coalition’s Drug Free Community grant was not funded. Three coalitions in Arizona received funding: ICAN located in Chandler, Touchstone located in the West Valley, and the Fountain Hills coalition. We should receive feedback in October regarding our application.

Agenda Item 6-Coalition Building Workshop
Bobbie Cassano introduced coalition building workshop facilitator Sheran Mattson, Mattson Resource Development. Members spent the duration of the meeting participating in coalition building exercises.

The committee’s next meeting will be on October 12, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Tempe Public Library Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Kim Bauman

Ilene Dode, Chair