



**Weed and Seed AID Team
2/22/2010
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Mayor John Thompson (Wilkinsburg), Marla Marcinko (Wilkinsburg Borough Manager), Gail Mitchell Hall (Site Coordinator-Wilkinsburg Weed and Seed), Sgt. Wayne McKeith (Wilkinsburg Weed and Seed Police Liaison), Tracey Evans (Rep. Joseph Preston Office and Borough Council), (Wilkinsburg Community Ministries), Trooper Brian Arrington (PA State Police), Josie Bryant (St. James Church and Wilkinsburg Resident), John Burwell (Family Care Connection Children's Hospital), Derek Butler (Earn), Charmaine Odom (U.S. District Court-Federal Probation), Fran Carter (Addison Behavioral Care, Inc.), Bernadette Turner (Addison Behavioral Care, Inc.), Rev. Richard A. Payne (Wilkinsburg Ministerial Association), George Spencer (GPA Mad Dads), Marcy Morse (PHDA, Inc.), Chief Owen McAfee (Wilkinsburg Fire Department), Greg Whitted (PHDA, Inc.), (Roger Baker (A.N.D. S.T.E.P.), Chief Ophelia Coleman (Wilkinsburg Police Department), Vanessa McCarthy Johnson (Borough Council, Wilkinsburg HOOPS, WPSD), Dr. Marty Seltman (Metro Family Practice), Ann Grieder (Wilkinsburg Community Ministries), Jennifer Matich (Wilkinsburg Community Ministries), Bea Webb (Boys & Girls Club), John Irwin (Wilkinsburg Chamber of Commerce), Kate Grannemann (Community Ambassador), Eunice Nelson (Wilkinsburg Resident), Kimberly Burke (Heaven's Rainbow, Inc.), Lindsey LaChele Banks (Hosanna House), Danielle Reed (U.S. Census Bureau), Nichole White (U.S. Census Bureau) Lazae LaSpina (WCDC-Design), Holly McIntosh (KEYS Americorps), Kimmy Wilk (KEYS Americorps),

Call to Order

Winford Craig, Chairperson, called meeting to order at approximately 12:02 p.m. in Room 420 of Hosanna House, Wilkinsburg PA.

Roll call was taken by Ms. Mitchell Hall to establish a quorum

In attendance: Trooper Brian Arrington, Ms. Josie Bryant, Chief Ophelia Coleman, Winford Craig, Chief Owen McAfee, Ms. Marcy Morse, Reverend Richard Payne, Dr. Marty Seltman, Mr. George Spencer, Mayor John Thompson.

Absent: Minister Linda Kirkland-Law called and reported that she had a flat tire. Ms. Barbara Witherspoon has been and will be attending intensive training downtown Pittsburgh.

Introduction of all present AID Team members.

Motion to approve meeting Minutes was made by Chief Ophelia Coleman and seconded by Mr. George Spencer. All voting members in attendance approved Minutes from October and November 2009 and January 2010 meeting(s).

Discussion:

Ms. Linda Kirkland-Law, Chair or Mr. Al Merritt, Co-Chair of Neighborhood Restoration subcommittee were not present to provide a subcommittee report.

Ms. Bernadette Turner, Chair of Prevention/Intervention and Treatment subcommittee provided the AID Team with a report of activities of the PIT subcommittee. Due to the weather conditions, February's subcommittee meeting did not meet. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2010 at 11:30 at Addison Behavioral Care, 905 West Street, Wilkinsburg.

George Spencer, Chair of Community Policing and Law Enforcement subcommittee provided the AID team with a report of the activities of the Law Enforcement and Community Policing subcommittee meeting that met on February 22, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. Next meeting scheduled for March 15, 2010 at the Hosanna House, Wilkinsburg- Room 420 *before regular monthly AID Team meeting.*

Sergeant Wayne McKenith, Wilkinsburg Weed and Seed Police Liaison announced that the Citizen's Police Academy will start Tuesday, March 2nd and will be conducted every Tuesday for the next 12 weeks from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Wilkinsburg Borough Building auditorium, 3rd floor.

Dr. Marty Seltman makes a motion to approve AID Team By-Laws, and Mayor John Thompson seconds.

Chief Ophelia Coleman reminds the AID Team that Robert's Rules of Order states that By-Laws must be read publicly three times.

After extensive discussion by AID Team, Mr. Winford Craig makes a motion to rescind the original action of approval of By-Laws, which was second by Reverend Richard Payne.

By-Laws were read aloud by Ms. Mitchell Hall for the first time as recommended and revisions were made per each section of By-Laws. AID Team By-Laws will be read aloud for the second time and revised by the AID Team at the next AID Team meeting scheduled to be held on March 15th, 2010.

Ms. Mitchell-Hall offered the Weed and Seed office for any/all subcommittees to meet. In the future, there may be a requirement that all subcommittee meetings meet at the same location.

High priority was placed on updating the current Revitalization Plan, establishing goals and objectives as needed.

Weed and Seed Directory forms need to be completed by any organization that wants to be included in Directory. Participation from all AID Team members is necessary in order to have a practical database.

Ms. Lazae LaSpina was introduced and gave a brief WCDC Design Presentation about an up and coming art project that would focus on the blight on Whitney Avenue and include "Board Up Art."

Wilkinsburg Community Ministry and KEYS Americorps gave brief overviews/updates about their programs and projects.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Weed & Seed Directory forms need to be completed and returned to Ms. Mitchell Hall as soon as possible.
- By-Laws will be read and revised a second time.

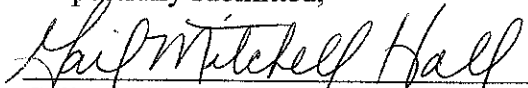
NEW BUSINESS:

- None

Mr. Craig asked if any questions and advised that the next AID Team meeting would meet on March 15, 2009.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Chief Coleman and seconded by Mr. George Spencer to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gail Mitchell Hall, Site Coordinator