



**Weed and Seed AID Team
03/15/10
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Mayor John Thompson (Wilkinsburg), Gail Mitchell Hall (Site Coordinator-Wilkinsburg Weed and Seed), Winford Craig (Chair of AID Team, Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh), Elaine Burns (PA Weed and Seed Site Liaison), Owen McAfee (Chief-Wilkinsburg Fire Department), Bernadette Turner (Addison Behavioral Care, Inc.), Fran Carter (Addison Behavioral Care, Inc.), Rev. Richard A. Payne (Wilkinsburg Ministerial Association), Margaret Self, (Self Inc.), Sgt. Wayne McKenith (Wilkinsburg Police Department), George Spencer (GPA Mad Dads), Greg Whitted (PHDA, Inc.), Roger Baker (A.N.D. S.T.E.P.), Chief Ophelia Coleman (Wilkinsburg Police Department), Ann Grieder (Wilkinsburg Community Ministries), LaChele Banks (Hosanna House), Tracey Evans (Borough Council & Rep. Joseph Preston office), John Irwin (Wilkinsburg Chamber of Commerce), Trooper Brian Arrington (PA State Police), Kate Grannemann (Weed and Seed Community Ambassador), Lonnie Silver (Gwen's Girls), Lazae LaSpina (WCDC-Design), Eunice Nelson (Wilkinsburg Resident), John Burwell (Family Care Connection), Laura Meadows (Alpha & Omega Community Gardens), Minister Linda Kirkland-Law (Wilkinsburg Sun), Dr. Marty Seltman (Metro Family Practice), Kicole Watson (Abraxas), Nancy Shelton (Hosanna House, Inc.), James Tierney (Allegheny County District Attorney Office), Velma Parker (Wilkinsburg School District), Ted Johnson (U.S. Probation)

Call to Order:

Mr. Winford Craig, Chair, called meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. in Room 420 of Hosanna House, Wilkinsburg. Mr. Craig stated meeting is being recorded.

Wilkinsburg Weed & Seed Initiative Mission Statement is read by Dr. Seltman.

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

In attendance: Trooper Brian Arrington, Chief Ophelia Coleman, Chief Owen McAfee, Minister Linda Kirkland-Law, Rev. Richard Payne, Mr. George Spencer, Mayor John Thompson, Dr. Marty Seltman, Mr. Winford Craig.

Absent: Ms. Josie Bryant, Ms. Marcy Morse-Sick, Ms. Barbara Witherspoon-County Training

Introduction of all AID Team Members.

Discussion:

Reports were given by:

- Prevention, Intervention and Treatment-Bernadette Turner
- Neighborhood Restoration- Minister Linda Kirkland-Law
- Law Enforcement and Community Policing-Trooper Arrington

March 2010 AID Team Subcommittee Reports can be requested by contacting Site Coordinator or Chair of that Subcommittee.

Mr. Baker congratulates the Neighborhood Restoration team for their clean-up efforts in the Wilkinsburg Community.

Ms. Turner states that she had contacted her Co-Chair Ms. Witherspoon and was informed that she is attending an intensive training in Allegheny County.

Mr. Spencer states that the Public Safety Forum will be held on March 18th, 2010 on the 2nd Floor of the Wilkinsburg Borough Building.

Sgt. McKenith reminds everyone that the Citizen Police Academy is in full effect for Spring 2010, in third week and not to late to register to participate. He states that the second half of program is dedicated to the Wilkinsburg Fire Department and that there is a Youth Academy will be held in the Summer of 2010.

Chief McAfee comments on the Wilkinsburg Fire Department curriculum of the Citizen Police Academy.

Ms. Burns encourages everyone to participate in the Citizen Police Academy.

Mr. Spencer makes motion to approve February 22, 201 Meeting Minutes and seconded by Chief Coleman. AID Team Voting Members approve February 22, 2010 Minutes.

Minister Law requests that February 22, 2010 Minutes reflect that she has an excused absence for the February 22, 2010 meeting.

Ms. Mitchell Hall comments on the importance of everyone completing a Wilkinsburg DataBase/Directory form in order to be included in the Wilkinsburg Directory.

Ms. Burns comments on the status of PA Weed and Seed funding and Funding Announcements. She states that there will be two funding announcements. One will be ARRA funding for the Site Coordinator and Police Liaison salaries. The second Announcement ARRA/JAG funds are to support Law Enforcement and Community Policing efforts in the community. Requires AID Team approval along with Law Enforcement/Community Policing subcommittee support and grant applications will be due April 30, 2010.

Second Reading of By-Laws is read by Ms. Mitchell Hall and revised accordingly.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Wilkinsburg Weed and Seed Directory
- Update Wilkinsburg Revitalization Plan.

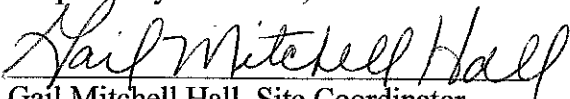
NEW BUSINESS:

- Wilkinsburg Weed and Seed Initiative By-Laws – 3rd Reading

Mr. Craig asks if there are any questions and announces date of next meeting April 19th, 2010.

Being no further business, motion was made by Chief Coleman and seconded by Reverend Payne to adjourn AID Team meeting at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gail Mitchell Hall, Site Coordinator