



**Weed and Seed AID Team
8/17/09 Meeting
Minutes**

Attending: Eugenia Moore (Borough Council President), Winford Craig (Chair of AID Team, Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh), Owen McAfee (Chief-Wilkinsburg Fire Department), Rev. Richard A. Payne (Wilkinsburg Ministerial Association), Elaine Burns (PA Weed and Seed Site Liaison), Josie Bryant (St. James Outreach), Linda Law (Board Member WCDC), Reverend Glenda Parker (Mt Calvary Baptist Church), Whitney Parker (Mt. Calvary Baptist Church), Vanessa Spencer (GPA Mad Dads), George Spencer (GPA Mad Dads), Marcy Morse (PHDA, Inc.), Bea Webb (Boys & Girls Club), Roger Baker (A.N.D. S.T.E.P.), Lavell Gaines (A.N.D. S.T.E.P.), Chief Ophelia Coleman (Wilkinsburg Police Department), Ann Grieider (Wilkinsburg Community Ministries), Al Merritt (GPA Mad Dads & Hosanna House), Jean Paige (Children's Hospital Family Care Connection), Anthony Jackson, (Neighborhood Youth Outreach Program), Laura Meadows (Alpha & Omega Community Gardens), Debra Luster (Alpha & Omega Community Gardens), Bernadette Turner (Addison Behavioral Care, Inc.), Joyce Knight (Strength Incorporated), Leah Thomas (A Woman's Touch Fashions), Vanessa McCarthy Johnson (Borough Council), Harold Young (Jazz Workshop, Inc., Lisa Hart (Business Owner), Shelly Sly (Resident), Melanie Hall (Operations Manager, DPW and Code Enforcement), Bob Stein (Greater Pittsburgh Boys Scouts of America), Darla DiGiovanni (Two Steps Forward & Greater Pittsburgh Boys Scouts of America), Dr. Marty Seltman (Metro Family Practice), Joe Preston (PA House of Representatives), Gail Mitchell Hall (Weed and Seed Site Coordinator)

Call to Order

Winford Craig, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:07 p.m. in Room 420 of Hosanna House, Wilkinsburg PA.

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

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

Absent: Barbara Witherspoon

Introduction of all AID Team members.

Discussion:

Mr. Craig reminds the AID Team subcommittee members that reports are required.

Ms. Linda Law, Chair of Neighborhood Restoration subcommittee provided the AID Team with a report of the activities of the Neighborhood Restoration subcommittee meeting that was held on August 10th, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Next meeting is scheduled for September 14th, 2009 at the Hosanna House, room 420.

Ms. Bernadette Turner, Chair of Prevention/Intervention and Treatment subcommittee provided the AID Team with a report of the activities of the Prevention/Intervention and Treatment subcommittee meeting that was held on August 10th, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. Next meeting is scheduled for September 14th, 2009 at the Addison Behavioral Care, 905 West Street, Wilksburg.

Ms. Josie Bryant reminds the AID Team to uplift all parties at the table.

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 was held on August 17th, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. Next meeting is scheduled for September 21st, 2009 at the Hosanna House-room 420 *before regular monthly AID Team meeting.*

****Please note that there is not a unified reporting system in place for the AID Team subcommittees which will be clearly defined at the next AID Team meeting on September 21st, 2009 meeting.***

Mr. Craig suggests that a listing of telephone numbers be constructed for the distribution to the community in case of incidents that need to be address immediately.

Ms. Bryant comments on her concerns about the possible dismantling of the Wilksburg Police Department Special Operations Unit.

Representative Preston states that what has been done in six (6) months has not been done in five (5) years and that the AID Team should continue to coordinate itself. He mentions that the AID Team should soon contact the Chief Law Officer in Allegheny County to sit at the table.

Mr. Gary Baranowski provides a brief description of the Horticulture Department of Bidwell Training Center and welcomes the opportunity to work with the Wilksburg Community.

Marcy Morse provides an update on the status of WAMO and that WAMO will be sold.

Activities:

Weed and Seed 101 is presented to AID Team by PA Weed and Seed Site Liaison, Ms. Elaine Burns.

Collection taken by Ms. Gail Mitchell Hall for future lunches for AID Team members at AID Team meetings, \$103.00 was collected. Chief Coleman offers to provide lunch at our next AID Team meeting on September 21, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Suggested revisions to Subcommittee sections of the Revitalization Plan.
- Review/Evaluation Subcommittee needs to be created.
- Request made for Marla Marcinko to provide report to AID Team on September 21, 2009 regarding distribution of funds.

Mr. Craig asks if there are any questions and advised that the next AID Team meeting would meet on September 21, 2009.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Chief Coleman and second by Dr. Marty Seltman to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gail Mitchell Hall, Site Coordinator