



Minutes Committee for Youth, Families and Community February 9, 2010

Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community held February 9, 2010 at the Tempe Public Library Connections Program Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present:

Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District
Bobbie Cassano, Tempe Community Council
Ilene Dode, Tempe Resident/EMPACT-SPC
Alan Anderson, Checkmate Chess Instruction/TIE Foundation
Lauren Johnson, Community Bridges
Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation
Barb Fries, Tempe Elementary School District
Norm Saba, Cardon Children's Medical Center
Tanya Aleman, Chicanos Por La Causa
Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools
Celeste Plumlee, Tempe Resident
Kristine Kassel, Benefits By Design
Chris Rogers, Tempe Resident

MEMBERS Absent:

Rebecca Bond, Tempe Connections
Luis Morales, Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.
Vic Cordts, Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley
Maria Holmes, Association for Supportive Childcare
Amanda Hamm, Kyrene School District
Kelley Lind, Cardon Children's Medical Center
Michael Valdez, Chicanos Por La Causa, Mano Coalition

City Staff Present:

Kim Bauman, Community Services – Social Services
Roni Alexander, Community Services – Social Services
Nancy Rodriguez, Municipal Court
Heather Penner, Tempe Police Department

Guests Present:

Ramses Esquer, Tempe Top Youth Leaders

Meeting convened at 4:00 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 January 12, 2010 Meeting

The minutes from January 12, 2010 were reviewed.

MOTION: Joe Spracale motioned to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Bobbie Cassano seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3- Tempe Large Parties, Gatherings or Events Ordinance

Heather Penner, Tempe Police Department provided an overview of Tempe's ordinance and the differences between this ordinance and a social host ordinance.

- 1) The ordinance addresses large parties, gatherings or events of five or more people in which there is a substantial disturbance to the quiet enjoyment of private or public property.
- 2) When the police are called out they issue a 90 day party notice warning. If the police are called back within the 90 days for a second or subsequent call a civil fee of up to \$2,000 can be assessed.
- 3) Tempe's ordinance is modeled after Tucson's ordinance but does not include Tucson's red violation sticker which is placed on the residence.
- 4) The Tempe Police Department typically receives about 20 calls per weekend night regarding loud parties. If underage drinking laws and other criminal laws are found to be violated the police will cite those violators under the criminal codes.
- 5) There are some loopholes with Tempe's current ordinance:
 - Some residents wait until the 90 days have expired and then have another loud party.
 - Some residents wait until the final days they are occupying the residence and then have a loud party. Since the civil penalty is assessed in the water bill the landlord often winds up with the bill. Consequently, many landlords are now including in their tenants contract that the tenants are liable for any civil penalties assessed by the City.
- 6) Tucson and other Arizona communities have recently passed social host ordinances, which would be a useful tool in effectively addressing underage alcohol use in Tempe.
- 7) The burden of proof required under social host ordinances is broader than current criminal statutes as the individual who is the host of the party can be charged with encouraging or allowing the alcohol on their property that was consumed by minors. Existing liquor laws, which Tempe enforces, requires proof that the violator directly provided the alcohol to underage consumers.
- 8) The social host ordinance does not have a 90 day violation clause that exists in Tempe's civil ordinance so repeat violators can be held accountable much quicker. In addition, if the social host ordinance includes criminal sanctions, such as a Class 1 misdemeanor, violators would be held accountable much quicker than under civil penalties as they would need to appear in Tempe Municipal Court for as criminal arraignment within 14 days of receiving the violation.

Discussion occurred among committee members on the social host ordinance and revisiting the possibility of having an ordinance in Tempe. There was consensus among members that since keg registration can only occur at the State level, and that the social host ordinance could be another tool to address underage alcohol use, that we explore the viability of pursuing a social host ordinance in Tempe.

Agenda Item 4 – Drug Free Communities Grant

Lynette Stonefeld provided an overview of the Drug Free Communities grant.

- 1) The grant award amount could be up to \$125,000 per year for five years and requires a 100% match.
- 2) The grant would fund coalition activities, which could include additional coalition coordinator hours, support staff such as an ASU intern, enforcement and environmental strategies, and town hall meetings geared towards parents with a panel of experts on underage drinking.
- 3) A list of sector representatives and commitment statements need to be completed for the grant. Committee sector representatives were given the statements to sign during the meeting.
- 4) The grant requires that Tempe's Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking and Drug Use have a vision statement and a mission statement. Draft statements were distributed to members and feedback was provided.

MOTION: Joe Spracale motioned to approve the vision statement "Tempe is a community where youth have the support and resources they need to make positive choices."

SECOND: Heather Penner seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Motion was approved.

MOTION: Joe Spracale motioned to approve the mission statement "The mission of Tempe's Coalition is to help our youth reach their full potential by reducing underage drinking and drug use within our city."

SECOND: Randy Lazar seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 5-Community Readiness Assessment (CRA)

Bobbie Cassano announced that some of the committee members have received this survey to complete. In addition other individuals have been contacted to complete the survey. We need to have the surveys completed and submitted to Magellan by the end of this month.

Agenda Item 6- Subcommittee Updates

- 1) **Nancy Rodriguez** provided the following update on the marketing subcommittee.
 - Warner Wrangler and azcentral.com articles on the logo contest winners were distributed to members. These articles have been placed on the coalition website located at www.tempe.gov/coalition. The coalition also received a thank you letter from the logo winner Alisha Hurst.
 - The t-shirt contest and video contests are underway. The t-shirt contest is open to 6th-12th grade youth and the video contest is open to 9th-12th grade youth. Youth must live in Tempe and/or attend school within the City of Tempe. The deadline to submit entries is April 2nd.
 - The marketing subcommittee will meet on April 13th to narrow down the t-shirt contest entries and will use the same group of youth judges to make the final selection. The video contest will be judged by youth, two adults who have expertise in media, and a member of the marketing subcommittee. The winners of the contests will be announced at a May Tempe City Council meeting.
- 2) **Bobbie Cassano** provided an update on the data collection subcommittee:
 - The subcommittee proposes implementing the community mapping project as a pilot project this year. The geographic area that would be mapped is Rural to Price and University to Broadway.

- Tempe Top Youth Leaders, police explorers and possibly Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission members would undertake the initial project. The hope is to expand the number of youth groups involved in the project when we beginning mapping other parts of the City next fiscal year.
- **Kim Bauman** will contact Magellan to see if they will approve a pilot project this year as they have provided funding for the project.

Agenda Item 7– Communities For Kids Update

Lynette Stonefeld announced that the Don't Wait to Educate parenting series will begin in Spanish at Aguilar and Hudson Elementary Schools next week and will also be provided at Compadre High School to teen parents this spring. They have started planning the Fall 2010 calendar and hope to provide the series at two to four sites.

Agenda Item 8 – Other Grant and Program Updates

1) **Kim Bauman** provided the following updates:

- State funding for prevention contracts was cut by 37% beginning in January 2010. Fortunately, Magellan absorbed the majority of the cuts. We have received a reduction in funding of \$17,077 for the remainder of this year's contract. Magellan will be taking a hard look at what they are able to fund next year and the coalition will have input into this.
 - The Empowering Teens and Parents Program, funded under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, has been able to expand its scope to serve youth and parents from surrounding communities. The program has received a number of referrals and will begin shortly.
- 2) **Lynette Stonefeld** announced Tempe Community Council is still attempting to move forward to revise the SACA grant funding. The plan is to target best practices to reduce underage drinking and drug use, allow funding to be used year-round rather than just summer, and rather than have a number of \$3,000 to have less awards that fund up to \$10,000. Making these revisions would provide greater impact with the existing funds.

Agenda Item 9 – Announcements

- **Kim Bauman** announced the Courage Awards and Tempe Top Teens Recognition Dinner will be held on Monday, April 5th at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel. The planning committee is in the process of selecting eleven Courage Awards recipients.
- **Kim Bauman** announced the February dates of the Tempe Budget Community Forums.
- **Randy Lazar** announced the Arizona Youth Survey has been administered to all the high schools in the Tempe Union High School District. **Barb Fries** announced efforts are underway to administer the survey in the Tempe Elementary School middle schools.

Agenda Item 10– Future Agenda Items

- Cardon Children's Center presentation
- Please contact Kim Bauman or Bobbie Cassano for future agenda items.

The committee's next meeting will be on **March 9, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Kim Bauman

Ilene Dode, Chair