

Safe Takoma board meeting

November 24, 2009 at the Old Takoma Business Association office

Attending: Faith, Seth, Rasheda, Holly and guest Dave Borden

Introductions

Dave introduced himself: In Takoma Park for 4 years, DC area for 14+ years. Professionally run a non-profit, StopTheDrugWar.org, also a member of the PSCAC. Then Holly, Rasheda, Faith including background on Coolidge High School.

Discussion of year-ahead workplan

Faith: In order to obtain Washington DC funding for FY10, we would need to present a workplan – either a program or a series of activities. Would like to write something tomorrow for Lisa Brooks. April testimony to DC council judiciary committee (copies distributed by Faith) is a starting point.

Conflict Resolution

Regarding conflict resolution, Coolidge is very excited about moving forward so hold full workshop. Options are 1) Full workshop, 2) abbreviated workshop, 3) visiting classes, last at no cost. We'd put in 3 rounds at \$8,000 each.

Community Conferencing

Holly: Would like to bring community conferencing to DC. At CRCMC work with 12-18, does 40 conferences/year with Pete & Holly working part-time and a pool of volunteer facilitators. To bring 2 or 3 days training here would cost around \$2,000 (plus food). Apprenticeship follows -- 2 observed conferences, 3 mentored facilitations. Each conference is time intensive, at least 10 hours total. Estimate at \$40/hour. For non-school-employee volunteer facilitators, look at \$125-\$150 honorarium. Budget for food as well: \$20 X 32 conferences = \$640.

Seth: Would put in funding request to Takoma Park, MD. There's interest in expanding programming at Takoma Park Middle School from the school and PTA, who'd partner with us on a request.

Dialogue Circles

Holly: CRCMC will start doing dialogue circles at TPMS, if not next week, soon. Will ask Pete Meleney for details tomorrow. We could promote two six-week dialogue circle sessions with two keepers: 5 hours X 6 weeks X 2 persons X \$40 X 2 circles = \$4,800. Maybe put in funding request for 1. But would be more appropriate for Safe Takoma to fund community conferencing. Could also do 15 rapid-response conferences for \$3,000. Need to make sure TPMS would send cases.

Seth: So Safe Takoma will aim to set up a meeting in the next couple of weeks with assistant principal and PTSA members to discuss what we'll seek funding for.

Faith: Would put in for 2 dialogue circles at the Takoma Educational Center and 2 at Coolidge. Funding request is \$9,600.

Holly: Will send description of dialogue circles.

Youth Programming

Rites of Passage: would contract to Ronnie. Budget 4 hours X 8 weeks X \$40/hour X 2 programs (= \$2,560) + space rental at 8 weeks X \$50 X 2 (= \$800) + 8 X \$80 X 2 (\$1,280) food, total \$4,640.

Employment Readiness: Do 2 eight-weeks, same price.

Rasheda: UDC has free trade-training programs. Will look into.

Operating Expenses

Insurance \$900, post office box, filing fees, program assistant for 5 hours/week at \$20/hour X 39 weeks, meeting space 4 X \$50, copying & supplies \$800.

Takoma Educational Center: should meet to discuss. Faith will arrange and introduce Holly and Rasheda.

Seth: All of this, according to Safe Takoma's bylaws, should go into an annual budget effective October 1. We hadn't done one because the funding (revenue) picture was unclear and programming depends on revenue.

Neighborhood programming

Seth: Crime-public safety meeting will take place at the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening, December 8, starting at 7:30 pm. Chief Ron Ricucci will participate and expressed a preference that neighborhood associations sponsor. Seth will recruit, also OTBA and the church. It made sense to focus just on Takoma Park, MD because the meeting would have a broad audience of folks who aren't close to the Metro station and because of urgency. We should consider organizing a similar meeting for Takoma DC.

Seth: Regarding another whistle event at the Metro station, MPD (Chante Brodie and Lt. Turner) didn't respond to outreach e-mail and we didn't follow up. At this point, we would wait until March or later.

Meeting adjourned