

## **Draft Minutes - Safe Takoma, Inc. Board**

December 23, 2008 - 4:30 p.m.

Offices of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

6856 Eastern Avenue, NW

### **Present**

Seth Grimes, President

Faith Wheeler, Vice President

Andy Kelemen, Treasurer

Sara Green, Secretary

Ronnie Miller, Operations Manager

### **Actions**

1. Mr. Grimes nominated Clemonce DuVall, the president of the Takoma Park Action Group, to the Board. She was accepted in a unanimous vote.
2. Mr. Grimes nominated all of Safe Takoma's current officers for reelection to the Board, in their current positions. They were elected in a unanimous vote.
3. In a unanimous vote, the group approved Mr. Kelemen's motion to adopt the minutes for the September 4, 2008 and November 6, 2008 Board meetings.

### **Discussions and Follow-Up**

1. Ms. Green agreed to complete and file the District of Columbia's "Two Year Report For Non-Profit Foreign and Domestic Corporations," due on January 15, 2009.
2. Mr. Grimes agreed to file the Internal Revenue Service's 990 Form, also due on January 15, 2009.
3. Ms. Miller gave a report on the Rites of Passage program she leads at the Takoma Recreation Center in the District of Columbia. There are five boys and five girls, 13-18 years old in the group, and the program is going well. They discuss a variety of topics each week, including relationships and setting goals.

Beginning a program at the Takoma Park, Maryland Recreation Center has been more difficult. The Director is proposing an early Spring start date, but Ms. Miller believes that the Director does not support the program.

The group endorsed Mr. Kelemen's suggestion that Safe Takoma ask the Takoma Park Police Department to sponsor the program and book space for it at the Recreation Center.

4. The group agreed to try to schedule another introductory Conflict Resolution training session in late January or February 2009.

Ms. Wheeler noted that Monika Megyesi wants to participate but does not feel ready to lead a session, and wants to work with Kathryn Liss. The group agreed to consult with both about how to divide the session into two weeks.

Ms. Miller noted that her ten teen participants want to attend. The remaining ten slots could be filled by adults.

5. Ms. Wheeler proposed an affiliation with Communities That Care, a Ward 4, DC group interested in tutoring, conflict resolution, addiction, and related issues. It currently does not have an IRS 501(c)(3) status and would like to work with Safe Takoma. The group agreed to the affiliation, to be based on a Memorandum of Understanding which would detail the relationship.

6. Mr. Grimes reported that there have been 110 responses to the Neighborhood Assessments Program. The City of Takoma Park Crime Analyst will help organize the information.

7. Ms. Miller reported her grant research. The Maryland State Community Crime Prevention Grant is for reimbursable expenses of up to \$3,000 and Ms. Miller plans to apply for this grant for whistles. She is researching other sources.

-- Submitted by Sara Green, Secretary