

**Draft Draft Minutes Safe Takoma, Inc. Board Meeting
April 10, 2008
Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B
6856 Eastern Avenue, NW**

Present:

Seth Grimes, President
Faith Wheeler, Vice President
Andy Kelemen, Treasurer
Sara Green, Secretary

Votes:

1. The Board unanimously agreed to Mr. Grimes' motion to adopt the minutes from the March 6, 2008 Board Meeting, as corrected. The spelling of Mr. Peter Meleney's name is corrected and the address of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland Community Center is corrected to 7500 Maple Avenue.
2. The Board unanimously adopted Mr. Grimes' motion to appoint Mr. Peter Meleney and Mr. Wolfgang Mergner, both of the Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County, to the Safe Takoma Advisory Committee.

Reports:

1. Mr. Grimes reported that he received an email from Metropolitan Police Department 4th District Commander Linda Brown noting she would ask to extend the Safe Takoma's District of Columbia grant to September 30, 2009.

He also said that Safe Takoma leaders need to appear before the City of Takoma Park, Maryland City Council to discuss the Safe Takoma Work Plan and a Memorandum of Understanding with the City. STI should receive a \$25,000 check as its first payment, he said.

2. Mr. Kelemen said that a Montgomery College faculty member contacted him to say there are students who want to volunteer for Safe Takoma programs.
3. Mr. Grimes said he has contacted Mr. Larry Rubin, a neighbor who works for the Carpenters' Union, about offering pre-apprenticeship training to area youth as part of a Safe Takoma program.

Discussions:

1. The group discussed several ideas, including ways that Takoma, D.C. and Takoma Park, Maryland Orange Hats could walk together and interact in other ways.
2. The group also agreed to pursue asking "celebrity" walkers, including D.C. and Maryland elected officials such as Muriel Bowser, Phil Mendelson, Heather Mizeur, and Valerie Ervin (among others) to join the walks. Ms. Green and Mr. Mergner agreed to work on this.

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3. The group agreed to think about a possible program that would bring police and local businesses together for "safety assessments" of their premises.
4. Mr. Grimes proposed changing the STI Work Plan to begin the Youth Offenders Program in late 2008 instead of mid 2008. The goal is 10 D.C. and 10 Maryland participants.
5. Ms. Green said the Work Plan needs to define what "12 youth participants in peer mediation efforts" means as a goal.
6. The group agreed that new language in the Work Plan's introduction needs to state that STI's "ability to develop the programs depends on hiring a program manager." Also, in the fundraising section, the word "aim for" will be inserted in the language on fundraising goals.
7. Ms. Wheeler said she would like STI to "adopt" the residents of a half-way house in Washington, D.C.

--- Submitted By Sara Green, Secretary