

Safe Takoma

Report, August–September 2009

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Funds Expended

Washington DC, prior expenditures: \$55,194.79

Washington DC, August expenditures: \$5,090.00

Washington DC, September expenditures: \$4,992.60

Takoma Park MD, prior expenditures: \$50,075.16

Takoma Park MD, August expenditures (refund): \$24,964.84

Funding Balances (September 30, 2009)

Washington DC funding balance: \$7,401.71

Takoma Park MD funding balance: \$0

Independent funding: \$2,260.83

Safe Silver Spring holding balance: \$916.91

Status

Safe Takoma undertook the following organizational steps in August and September 2009.

- Board meetings held August 13 and September 11.
- Terminated workers compensation policy with Zurich WC.
- Terminated Maryland Nonprofits membership – we didn't use services enough.
- Andy Kelemen has resign his board position and as treasurer effective September 30, 2009.
- Rasheda Abney and Holly Maassarani were elected to the board and Rasheda as treasurer.
- Pursued request for Washington DC FY10 funding.
- Continued to hold funds for Safe Silver Spring.
- Continued to pursue recruiting additional board members.
- Closed out accounting for Takoma Park, MD funds and refunded \$24,964.84 in unspent grant funds to the City of Takoma Park.
- Washington DC grant monitor Commander Linda Brown agreed to extend the period of performance of the grant to March 31, 2010. No additional funding is involved. This extension will primarily support planned MPD-focused conflict-resolution training, which could not be scheduled before the end of the grant period without an extension.

Safe Takoma programming for August and September included:

- **Youth programming** – Discussed peer mediation/mentoring/youth programming with Takoma Park Middle School Assistant Principal Kareem Bond. Reached out to the TPMS PTA, and on behalf of the Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County, Safe Takoma advisor Pete Meleney and board member Holly Maassarani to see about submitting a joint funding proposal to support expansion of existing CRCMC programming at TPMS.
- **Youth programming** – Fielded an inquiry from Terrence Payton, who's in charge of after-school care at the Takoma Educational Center (i.e., elementary school) and would like to start a program for their 6th – 8th graders of conflict resolution / peer mediation skills and maybe do something for parents, too.
- **Neighborhood safety programming:** Delivered PSCAC safety fliers with the PEN Newsletter in the Philadelphia-Eastern Neighborhood. The newsletter itself included public-safety content, which Safe Takoma agreed to sponsor, courtesy of Editor Wolfgang Mergner.
- **Conflict Resolution Training** – Delivered conflict resolution leadership programming August 10-14 for junior counselors in the **Coolidge Slam Dunk youth camp**. Training was delivered by Monika Megyesi and Tarek Maassarani, working on contract, with two junior counselors who had participated in July CR training acting as assistant facilitators. Worked with Frank Jones of the Coolidge High School Alumni Association to arrange the sessions.
- **Conflict Resolution Training – MPD** – continued to plan September conflict-resolution program for Metropolitan Police Department sworn officers and civilian staff, working with Ms Sharon Vaughan-Roach, although the session was cancelled due to low enrollment. It will be rescheduled for November.

October 2009 Plans

- Coordinate and hold monthly board meeting, scheduled for October 7.
- Attend Coolidge High School Alumni Association breakfast, Saturday October 10.
- Follow-up on youth programming initiatives at Takoma Park Middle School and the Takoma Educational Center.
- Resurrect community-conferencing programming plans, newly to be spearheaded by board member Holly Maassarani.
- Organize a safety-whistle event at the Takoma Metro station for late October.
- Plan November conflict-resolution program for Metropolitan Police Department sworn officers and civilian staff, working with Ms Sharon Vaughan-Roach. Target dates are November 7-11 with a go-ahead decision date, based on 9 or more enrollment, of October 24.
- Continue outreach efforts.
- Work on board member recruiting.
- Starting planning an advisory/programming meeting, possibly in November.
- Carry out regular planning, administrative, and reporting tasks.