

Safe Takoma

Report, January 2010

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Funds Expended

Washington DC, prior expenditures: \$64,080.86

Washington DC, January expenditures: \$35.00

Safe Silver Spring, prior expenditures: \$1,008.09

Safe Silver Spring, October expenditures: \$0.00

Funding Balances (January 31, 2010)

Washington DC funding balance: \$884.14

Takoma Park MD funding balance: \$0

Independent funding: \$2,160.83

Safe Silver Spring holding balance: \$796.91

Status

Safe Takoma undertook the following organizational steps in January 2010.

- Safe Takoma's board met on January 20, 2010.
- Pursued request for Washington DC FY10 funding with Lisa Brooks of the Washington DC Justice Grants Administration based on previously described programming.
- Safe Takoma officers Seth Grimes (president), Faith Wheeler (vice president), and Rasheda Abney (treasurer) met with MPD 4th District Acting Commander Kimberly Chisley-Missouri on Friday, January 29, 2010, at the MPD-4D headquarters. This was an introductory meeting.
 - We related a bit about our personal backgrounds and about Safe Takoma's founding, our Washington DC grants, and our past and most recent activities, especially in cooperation with Coolidge High School. We related our program plans, many of which are contingent on release of expected WDC FY10 funding, and also stressed our concerns about more routine matters such as foot patrols, coordination with the Takoma Park, Maryland Police Department, and neighborhood safety.
 - A/Commander Missouri grew up in part in Takoma and did a patrol stint here in an earlier part of her time with the MPD. Her most recent assignment, before coming to MPD-4D, was as Deputy Director of Youth Investigations Division. (Her background is described on-line at http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1239,q,545443,mpdcNav_GID,1537.asp)

- A/Cmdr Missouri was particularly interested in Safe Takoma's conflict resolution experience and plans, including at Coolidge, the Takoma Education Center, and the Takoma Rec Center. She is interested in having 4D part of a new WDC initiative for youth offenders; we discussed community conferencing, an approach that Safe Takoma members have experience with.
- She agreed to take part in a Takoma community meeting in February that would provide an opportunity for her and community members to get acquainted. Safe Takoma will arrange this. She has not yet met Takoma Park Police Chief Ronald Ricucci although arranging a meeting is on her list of things to do.
- Wrote and sent a letter of support regarding Coolidge Alumni Assoc. work with their summer program in support of a grant application of theirs.
- Continued to hold funds for Safe Silver Spring.
- Continued to pursue recruiting additional board members.

January 2010 Plans

- Organize a community meeting with MPD 4th District Commander Kimberly Chisley-Missouri.
- Issue W2 to former employee Ronnie Miller and 1099 forms to 2009 contractors.
- Complete and submit IRS form 990-EZ for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.
- Coordinate and hold monthly board meetings.
- Follow-up contact with people who signed up for whistles at the April 7 event.
- Pursue Washington DC FY10 funding. Implement programming when funding is received.
- Continue outreach efforts.
- Work on board member recruiting.
- Plan an advisory/programming meeting.
- Carry out regular planning, administrative, and reporting tasks.