

*PEACE PROMOTION  
PA & NONPROFIT MOMENTUM TEAM  
MINUTES from August 19, 2009*

Beginning our meeting at Price Charities, Room #640, at 4:15 pm, Diana Ross shared how great our Momentum Team has been in creating a sense of community, engaging attendees in designing a vision, and moving forward successfully with our goals.

Co-Chairs Officer David Tos and Elia Ramirez coordinated an excellent meeting with the following results. Elia shared an overview from the recent Coordinators Meeting on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. The other MT's were impressed with our Triangle of Peace depicting the role of Home, School, and Community and creating peace within Mid-City. She mentioned how the implementation of more effective, efficient communication between the MT's was discussed. Plus, the fact that we are in a one year planning stage allows opportunity for all ideas to have merit.

Elia shared that the following Momentum teams and Resource teams were present. The Momentum teams were Food Justice, Health Access for All, School Attendance, Peace Promotion and the Built Environment. The Resource teams represented were: legal, technological, youth conflict resolution, evaluation and research, and marketing and communication.

**What different Agencies work within Mid-City and want to assist our community and youth?**

Officer Tos led the discussion to elicit information on different agencies and programs that could assist the youth in the community.

- Anti-Violence Task Force
- Positive Gentlemen
- Overcoming Gangs & Beyond
- Gang Commission
- Tariq Khamisa Foundation
- SAY San Diego
- Somali Family Service (East African Youth Organization)
- National Conflict Resolution
- Mid-City CAN Resources Team
- AJA Project
- Head Start (Parent Orientation)
- Interactions for Peace
- SDSU, College of Education, Child & Family Development
- YMCA
- Planned Parenthood
- Center for Community Solutions
- Reality Changers
- Red Lotus Society
- Transcendance
- Urban Corps
- Americorps
- SD Workforce Partnership
- Latino Youth Council

### **Youth are interested in the following options/variety to have available...**

- Music
- Studio with dancing, rapping
- Art, painting
- Skatepark
- Photography
- Job skills/employment opportunities
- Entertainment Center
- Recreation Center
- Sports
- Dad's Club(s)
- Restorative Practice
- Utilize ANNEX to its' capacity
- Community Gardening

### **Youth feel a Rally (led by youth) is a great idea to get the word out to bring in more youth**

- Youth Voice Summit, "Voices for Change", Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Monroe Clark
- Suggest local schools host events with food, give-away (like backpacks), workshops, etc.
- Encouraging youth to participate in community activities and clean-ups

### **Ideas which were brainstormed...**

Peace Squad (wrap around services for families in which organizations go to homes)

Map of City Heights with definitive assets per neighborhoods to educate our community

Create a one page sheet of an overview of each MT to educate each other on our collective cause

Create a directory w/programs and contact names for youth to have accessibility to available programs of interest

Elia (graciously) will create a Calendar of upcoming events for our team

The marketing flyer is complete and will be shared with all of the MT's

**TCE online community forum....** Waiting for TCE to come up with their Master Plan for all the MT's to be able to share with each other

A newsletter of what is going on with Mid-City

Schools graphic arts departments assisting with our endeavors

CA Endowment newsletter

Mid-City CAN; email events to Diana Ross and she will disperse to all

**Dr. Monk mentioned that Mid-City CAN has an expansive list of resources which we can build on.**

Farmers Market booth (mentioned that it is not well attended)

"City Heights Youth Council"; one representative from all youth groups and school clubs in Mid-City collectively effecting change on behalf of their peers

Organize a directory based upon available resources within City Heights for the Triangle of Peace (home/school/community)

### **What keeps youth successful?**

- Staying in school
- Education
- Friends
- After school programs
- Motivation
- Parents
- Positive role models

### **What motivates them?**

- Parents
- Positive influence
- Positive role models
- Gain something for being involved (value)
- Positive synergy

### **The Solution(s).... EDUCATION, CONNECTION, ROLE MODELING, MENTORING**

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Officer David Tos at 5:45 pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
Price Charities, Room #640