

PEACE PROMOTION
CA ENDOWMENT MOMENTUM TEAM
MINUTES from September 9, 2009

Beginning our meeting at Price Charities, Room #640, at 4:15 pm, following introductions, Co-Chairs Officer David Tos and Elia Ramirez coordinated an effective, efficient meeting in preparation for our upcoming Open House on Saturday, September 26th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

What is our Resident Engagement Vision and Implementation thereof?

Ryan Berry shared Dr. Monk's suggestion of a "Soap Box". Engaging residents through an opportunity to share what they feel needs to be changed in their community, we can encourage youth and adults visiting our booth to voice their thoughts, they could have a vehicle to offer their perspective. Diego graciously offered to build the "Soap Box".

The on-going theme of the dialog that ensued was, **"From Violence to Peace....What does peace look like to you in City Heights?"** Varied opportunities for residents to engage in answering that question are as follows: Our booth will be U-Shaped within a 10 x 20 perimeter.

- The Cycles of Peace designed by Sheila Mitra-Sarkar through circles evolved to a peace sign encompassing Home, Community, and School. This will be hung at our booth to showcase our Peace Promotion theme and educate the correlation between these facets.
- Butcher paper will be taped onto one of the booth tables with available markers so residents can answer our theme question in artwork and/or written expression.
- A box will be available for team members to note one-on-one conversations with residents for compilation following the event.
- Sheri Easterly suggested bringing muslin squares and allowing residents/youth/children to use fabric markers and express their thoughts via artwork. These squares could become a long lasting quilt.
- Kathy Myers offered to bring a quilt as a visual on behalf of their artwork.
- David McCain suggested creating a Vision Board and bringing magazines they could use to do so.
- Linda Williams suggested having a poster board noting what youth have previously suggested as solutions through their voice. A white board would be available to encompass new ideas from the residents.
- Sign-Up Sheets will be available in five languages; English, Spanish, Burmese, Somali, Vietnamese Jenn Cordero graciously offered to create a Sign-Up Sheet in Burmese. Kathy Myers graciously offered to create Sign-Up Sheets in Somali and Spanish.
- Flyers available to distribute noting our next community meeting will be available in five languages for those uncomfortable with putting their contact information on a Sign-Up Sheet.
- Tape around our booth will note: Anti-Violence Zone
- "PEACE" written in the five languages on poster boards will be hung around our booth. (create at language.com)
- Pastor Jesus Sandoval suggested an acronym for P.E.A.C.E. on sheets in which residents could create their own meanings and significance.

The Sign-Up Sheets will depict columns for their Name/Email/Cell #/Address/Phone #

Volunteer Opportunity Commitments for Open House

SET-UP 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Officer David Tos, Elia Ramirez, Sheri Easterly, Pastor Sandoval, Dana Brown

(Ensures our booth is set-up before the 10:00 am event begins. This team also sets-up 8 laptops in our area and ensures they are connected to the power outlet.)

ENTERTAINMENT (We need to confirm the roles. Will they be providing the entertainment, or monitoring the entertainment?) Potentially, the volunteers that can provide entertainment are; Linda Williams, David McCain, Paige Newman

LANGUAGE DOCENTS

Pastor Jesus Sandoval will bring two Spanish speaking translators.

BOOTH DURING EVENT 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Any available Peace Promotion team members available are tremendously appreciated assisting throughout the day's event.

POST EVENT/BREAK DOWN 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Help clean the park and pack up materials. Thank you to Sara Vaz and Saima.

ENGAGING RESIDENTS FOLLOWING THE EVENT

Next Meeting: October 1st, Thursday, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Compiling the dialog from the Soap Box, information discerned from the butcher paper and communication via Peace Promotion team member's one-on-one conversations, we will create an overview in preparation for the October 1st meeting. This information will drive the direction of our team forward as we plan our next steps.

Officer David Tos adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm