

PEACE PROMOTION  
CA ENDOWMENT MOMENTUM TEAM  
MINUTES from October 1, 2009

At Price Charities, Room #610, at 5:34 pm, Co-Chairs Officer David Tos and Elia Ramirez initiated our momentum team meeting.

OPEN HOUSE OVERVIEW

An overview of the successful Open House on September 26<sup>th</sup> was shared on behalf of any team members unable to attend. The collage created by community members was created by their answering the question, "What does peace look like to you in City Heights?" Thank you to Sheri Easterly for bringing a myriad of magazines, markers, etc. in preparation to the collage opportunity.

Our Peace Promotion booth was staffed by several youth throughout the day and we graciously appreciate their support. The youth Authors excitedly shared their "Expressions from my Heart" poetry book. Mounted on three tri-fold poster boards, it was a showcase of their courage, tenacity, and heart.

Thanking everyone who participated, either at the event or behind the scenes, David Tos graciously expressed the sentiments of all on our team.

BRAINSTORMING IDEAS

Lynn Sharp Underwood offered an exceptional idea in which youth take back over their streets through modeling the House Meetings of the CA Endowment infrastructure. Youth could host meetings in their home on behalf of their neighbors and peers. Having a dialog on what they feel their street needs (graffiti painted over, etc.), each block or a few blocks could be the voice for all and part of the solution for many. Designed by youth, it would be an outstanding opportunity for community building and leadership training.

Price Charities, in the 1990's, had Adopt-A-Block. A youth driven program, it positively impacted the neighborhoods and reduced graffiti by 86%.

CA ENDOWMENT UPDATE

Diana Ross articulately shared the CA Endowment update and context towards planning. Ultimately, the ten year goal is systems change and advocacy. The end goal is to effectively, successfully, change our community through sustainability. With the Logic Model due in March 2010, the planning on behalf of our Peace Promotion Momentum Team is to be responsible for 1 of 4 outcomes through;

- **Overview**
- **Prioritize**
- **ID Systems**
- **Strategies**
- **Resources**
- **Capacities**

The **Overview** is when the CA Endowment coaches/facilitators come to assist our team.

The **Prioritize** facet will be an opportunity to prioritize the House Meeting information and our dialog with the tools available to assist us. The information shared from virtually 820 or more community residents through the House Meetings will be channeled through to each momentum team. This knowledge, along with our continuing dialog, will discern the next steps. At such time, we will begin to structure our Logic Model.

The **ID Systems** component is inclusive of educational, governmental, juvenile, probation, etc. that are governed by policies.

The **Strategies** will reflect community organizing, community building, block parties, leadership building opportunities through youth, families, community members, and businesses.

The **Resources** will be a detailed, informative overview of available resources within City Heights.

The **Capacities** will be the implementation of our design process through leadership training and advocacy.

Between November and March 2010, we will host 6 to 7 meetings in creation of the Logic Model. There will be facilitators coming from the CA Endowment who will coach us through the process.

Although the month of October will be relatively slow, we must plan ahead to stay on task for the duration until the completion of the Logic Model. All information relative to each team is available on the website, and all 14 communities information is available on the CA Endowment's (Facebook) type communication tool.

There are two aspects of effecting policy change through advocacy. With the "systems" in the middle, one aspect is the community organizing through youth block parties, house meeting leaders, etc. impacting a social movement. The other aspect is the traditional policy advocacy which includes organizations traveling to Sacramento to lobby, etc.

#### **To be invited as a potential stakeholder:**

Dialog ensued on the microcosm of stakeholders necessary to the success of our team. The following individuals will be invited to join as their voice is imperative. In parenthesis is the team member inviting the contact.

- Hoover High Principal, Vice-Principal (Travis Kemnitz)
- Monroe Clark Principal (Travis Kemnitz)
- Rosa Parks Elementary Principal (Elia Ramirez)
- SDUSD Chief of the Charter Schools, Dr. Rich Candsale (Dana Brown)
- SDUSD Chief of the High Schools, Nellie Meyer (Dana Brown)
- Crawford High Principl, MVAP, Diego Gutierrez (Dana Brown)
- Springfield College Director, Ray Galinda, (Marisa Ugarte)
- La Maetra, Sara Marcelia (Marisa Ugarte)
- Domestic Violence Providers
- Mental Health, Piedag, (Marisa Ugarte)
- Overwhelming Gangs & Beyond, Conrad Harris, (Dana Brown)

**To be invited as a potential stakeholder (cont'd):**

- Positive Gentlemen, Thomas Smith (Elia Ramirez)
- Child Welfare
- Probation
- School Police, Chief Don Braun, (Dana Brown)
- Head Start (Sheri Easterly)
- Cisco, O.G., (Dana Brown)
- TKF, Tariq Khamisa Foundation, (Linda Williams)

Any potential stakeholder not having an individual who offered to contact them, please be so kind as to initiate conversation should you have connections.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Our entire team was invited to the next Gang Commission meeting at which the TCE will be presenting. Located in the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the City Hall building downtown, the meeting starts at 5:30 pm

Our meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm by Co-Chair Elia Ramirez.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in Room 610, Price Charities.**

Minutes noted by: Dana Brown