

NORTH COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes –August 3, 2010

Attendees:

Members: John White, Jane Helms, Avery Slyker, Lisa Mansell, Sharon Gilberg, Amy McAuley, and Sue Vale.

Guests: Jo Ann Nesbitt and Linda Steele, Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Family Center; Deputy Charles Skipper, PCSO/applicant; Cherin Stover, Sanderlin Neighborhood Family Center; Rosa Rodriguez, Pinellas Public Library Cooperative/applicant; Michelle Money, Life Skills Center, N. Pinellas.

JWB Representatives: Martha Lenderman, Board member; Danielle H. Ricciardi, Delquanda S. Turner, Joanna Maniscalco, staff.

General Business:

- Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. by John White, Chairperson
- June 3rd meeting minutes reviewed/approved.

Discussion Topics:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Family Center Overview (Jo Ann Nesbitt):

- Jo Ann Nesbitt provided an overview of the NFC activities, programs are growing;
- The goal is to be as multi-cultural as possible;
- The NFC is bringing tennis back (through a grant);
- Seeking grants;
- Possible move of the Center discussed;
- Put together a Parent Advisory Group (core group of 15-20 attend the meetings);
- Many new activities for children and families
- First year as a VITA site- successful;
- Looking at needs- bringing in more workshops, seminars, etc. for parents and parents and children together;
- Senior meals/social program on-site.
- Tour provided of the Center.

Discussion: Connections & Children's Initiative:

- Danielle provided a number of handouts relevant to the community and an update work that has been done (demographic data, plan developed with the United Way);
- Amy discussed the asset mapping that was done with leadership of the NCCC in the N. Greenwood Community- focusing on youth services (agencies and faith based) to help understand gaps/needs, get information out- being used by the NFC.
- Danielle provided an update on the NG Leadership Committee that was formed as a result of the NG Community Plan and how this fits into neighborhood planning. A Leadership Institute has been formed and will be providing a series of trainings for youth and adults at the NFC, starting in September.
- Council discussion with NFC staff on how to support efforts, stay in communication, etc.

JWB Updates:

- Danielle provided an overview on Children's Initiative planning and that a trip to the Paramore Kidz Zone in Orlando is being planned for late-September and will include some key people from

Clearwater as well as Tarpon Springs. NCCC members Amy McAuley (Clearwater), John White (Chair/Clearwater) and Sharon Gilberg (Tarpon Springs) are interested in attending.

- Martha Lenderman, JWB member, provided an update on the Children's Movement and a rally being held on September 20th – strongly encouraged Council members to attend and help get the momentum going/word out. Ms. Lenderman also encouraged Council members to attend the TRIM hearings in September.

Liaison Updates

- Hispanic Leadership Council- Susan Guise is out of town, but provided her update to Danielle via e-mail – this was shared at the meeting. Susan was present for focus groups that JWB conducted at the HOC to understand literacy needs/interests from parents in order to plan for the AmeriCorps grant- well done, and good information. Susan (along with other members) participated the conference held at Suncoast Hospice entitled “Embracing Our Changing Community promoting Understanding and Collaboration”, addressing the issues based on active involvement of the community that can lead to successful outcomes in schools, neighborhood programs and the community
- Foster Care- Sharon Gilberg: Junior League of Clearwater/Dunedin is moving forward to purchase a site for the foster care project.
- N. Greenwood- Amy McAuley: Amy continues to attend the mayor's meeting and others to work on issues in the community (report provided above). Danielle mentioned the N. Greenwood Health Fair/Back-to-School event (info sent via e-mail).
- Safety Harbor- Danielle discussed the NFC's back-to-school event and fundraiser (info sent via email).
- Dunedin- Avery will be attending the Social Services Committee next week.
- Union Academy/Tarpon Springs- Sharon Gilberg: Health Fair/Back-to-school event being held today at CAP NFC (Beverly Craft in attendance).

Other Updates

- John encouraged members to go online to learn more about Paramore Kidz Zone in Orlando- some good application for our cities in Pinellas County.
- Jane attended the 14th Annual FI Neighborhood Conference held in St. Petersburg this summer- great information.
- Martha Lenderman, Board member, encouraged Council members to attend the TRIM meetings at JWB (Sept. 9th & Sept. 15th at 5:30 pm)- Danielle will send dates/information. JWB budget will rely on fund balance for FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12.

Action Taken:

June meeting minutes approved

Responsible Party(s)

Avery Slyker and Lisa Mansell

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Jane Helms

Next Meeting Date: NCCC: September 2, 2010, Union Academy/CAP NFC