

**Minutes
City of Union City
Youth Violence Prevention & Intervention Advisory Committee
Wednesday, April 15, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Ruggieri Senior Center
Dining Room
33997 Alvarado-Niles Road
Union City, California**

- I. **ADVISORY BODY – Youth Violence Prevention/Measure UU Funds/CalGRIP Grant**
- II. **INTRODUCTION – Emily Duncan, Human Relations Commission Chairperson**

Attendees:

Rick Gonzales, Sheriff's Dept.
Ray Kelly, Sheriff's Dept.
Tony Acosta
Patricia Abadesco
Jill Stavosky
Emily Duncan
Victor Diaz, Diaz Consulting Services
Mayor Green
Gertrude Gregorio
Diane Gates-Anderson
Karen Yifru
Danielle London, District Attorney's Office (Prosecutor)
Kevin Finnerty
Richard Valle
Kevin Harper
Susan Peinado, ACAP
Jerico Abanico, FAA

- III. **PROGRAM UPDATE – Tony Acosta, Deputy City Manager**

Mayor Green: June 11th is the last day of school
Therefore, June 15th is the target date to have people hired and in place.
Richard Valle and Mayor Green should sit in on some meetings.
No turf wars inside or out

Tony Acosta: Now 3 efforts:
Council working committee – 2-3 months
CalGRIP Advisory Board – 18 months
Youth Violence Advisory Committee – 8 years

- A. Introduction of Interim Program Manager Patricia Abadesco**

Patricia Abadesco is to be the Interim Program Manager
1995 – Family Therapist
1999 – Start Union City Family Crisis Counsel

- B. Receipt of CalGRIP Grant**

- C. CalGRIP/Measure UU Budget Coordination**

Implementation steps:

- Asking Stewart Wakeling for proposal for strategic planning and program implementation
- City notified of successful CalGRIP grant application 2 weeks ago - \$314,000
- Measure UU funds are available July 1, 2009 - \$500,000
 - Next fiscal year: \$700,000 total Measure UU & CalGRIP funds
 - Following fiscal year: \$600,000 (CalGRIP grant ends December 31, 2010)
 - Following fiscal year: \$500,000 (Base Measure UU allocation)

Will look for other grants

- CalGRIP requires advisory board
- County Ed is the only group not currently represented and an attendee has not yet been designated.
- Draft budget has not been completed, but will be sent out in the next few days.
- Berkeley Center for Criminal Justice – Staff will meet May 13th to discuss data analysis segment.
- Final job descriptions have been completed and passed out.
- The proposed budget will go to City Council on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 – will come to this committee prior to final adoption in June

D. Program Job Descriptions and Recruitment/Hiring Process

Recruitment for positions will begin now.

- a. Initial screening will be done by Tony Acosta, Patricia Abadesco & Jill Stavosky – down to 10 applications.
- b. Applicants to be interviewed by two panels: Technical panel with City staff and technical experts; Community Panel with HRC and community representatives
- c. The interviews will generate an eligibility list.
- d. The final interviews will be completed by May 30, 2009.
- e. Training will be at least one week in duration (key for Street Outreach Workers).

E. YVIP Advisory Committee/CalGRIP Advisory Board

- 1. Responsibilities**
- 2. Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting will be:

Wednesday, May 6th, 7 p.m.
Union City Sports Center
31224 Union City Blvd.

3. Brown Act Requirements

Brown Act – This committee's meetings are subject to the Brown Act.

IV. PROJECT CEASEFIRE PRESENTATION – Stewart Wakeling

Stewart Wakeling – Government office located in Stockton, CA and Lovell, MA

- Company was started in the early 1990's in Boston, MA.
- The homicide rate is a measure of the effectiveness but the number of gang members may have been the same. The goal is to reduce violence, not the number of gang members.

How is this done?

- Meetings are held with targeted youth and stake holders
- The message that is sent from these meetings: we know who you are and we will help you. Violence must stop now. Immediate referrals to support are available.

How to get people to attend the meetings?

- Target those on probation – conditional
- Make a case – the individual must attend the meetings or will be placed under arrest.
- Street outreach.

Regarding street outreach – who is to perform?

- Someone who is diverse, someone who really connects and cares for offenders

Communicate to community that something different in the City

- Faith leaders
- Youth outreach workers speak
 - 1) Interrupters – diffuse gang breakouts
 - 2) Connectors – connect to opportunities
 - 3) Speakers – speak and explain and ask for support from local groups
 - 4) Jackets

How are outreach workers found?

Find one individual who really wants to give back to the community and connects with the core target group.

Some suggestions of individuals to approach:

- 1) Victor Diaz
- 2) Danielle London

Kevin Grant from Oakland would be happy to consult and support the group.

The key outreach worker should be a member of this community.

Can we get outreach worker on board by June 1st? Stewart says would be difficult.

How soon after the workers are on the street before measurable results are achieved?
A few weeks to nine months, depending on support and the situation.

In Boston, Stewart did call-ins before street outreach workers were brought on board to get immediate results.

- 1) Did quick and dirty data analysis
- 2) Call ins were based on this analysis
- 3) Street outreach workers being hired in parallel

V. ADJOURNMENT