

MINUTES
CITY OF UNION CITY
Union City Youth Violence Prevention & Intervention Advisory Committee Meeting
held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2009
Union City Sports Center
31224 Union City Blvd.
Union City, California

I. ADVISORY BODY – Youth Violence Prevention/Measure UU Funds/CalGRIP Grant

The meeting commenced at 7:03 p.m.

II. WELCOME – Emily Duncan, Chairperson/Human Relations Commission

Human Relations Commission Chairperson Emily Duncan introduced the group.

III. INTRODUCTIONS AND MEETING OBJECTIVES – Emily Duncan

IV. PROGRAM UPDATE – Tony Acosta

Director Acosta reported that the Department is working to fill the new positions.

A. Hiring Process Update – Patricia Abadesco

The Case Manager, Youth Coordinator and Spanish Speaking Counselor positions have been hired. On July 1, 2009, interviews were conducted for the position of Lead Outreach Worker. New employees will start working the week of July 13th. The Spanish Speaking Counselor will begin the week of July 20th. Ms. Abadesco reported on the office locations for the new Staff. There will be more interviews in the coming weeks. Kevin Grant feels that our salaries are good and are actually better than are currently offered in the City of Oakland.

B. Consultant Selection Process

1. Crime Data Analysis – Public Health Institute – Tony Acosta

A proposal is being put together for review by the City. In the future this will be handled through the office of the City Attorney. It is hoped that the City will be in contract with the Berkeley Center in the next few weeks.

2. Strategic Planning and Program Implementation – Re: S. Wakeling

The City has entered into a contract with Stewart Wakeling. Focus groups will be utilized as well as working groups.

3. Street Outreach Worker Training and Orientation – Re: K. Grant

The City is finalizing a contract with Kevin Grant for outreach training. The two individuals who will be hired have much experience in outreach.

C. Budget Review – Tony Acosta

- **Adopted FY2009/2010 Budget**

Director Acosta provided information on the City budget. The City is in the process of implementing a new finance system.

D. CalGRIP Grant Status

Director Acosta reported that a contract from the State should be received in the next week or two. The City will apply for additional grants to continue the funding for this program.

Ms. Abadesco and Director Acosta discussed the interaction with the new Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention program and the schools. There will be three interns working with the group.

E. Resource Center Office Status – Patricia Abadesco

Ms. Abadesco reported on the two new office sites which are the Alvarado Resource Center and the Decoto Resource Center.

Chairperson Duncan asked about the possibility of members of the Advisory Committee sitting in on the training of the new Staff. Ms. Abadesco feels that Kevin Grant would be open to that.

F. Next steps

The new staff will be at the next meeting – August 5, 2009.

Kevin Harper, New Haven Unified School District, is auditing the City of Richmond's CalGRIP grant and shared some of the details of that program.

There was some discussion about the "uniform" that will be used by staff which is not actually a uniform but possibly a particular color jacket, possibly white.

Capt. Finnerty recommended that the names of the new hires be given to the Union City Police Dept. and to this Committee prior to the first day on the job.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.