

Commission on Children & Families

March 20, 2007

5:30 p.m.—ESD Conference Room

Minutes

Member's Present: Lois Allen, Dave Lee, Bruce Justis, Barbara Matthews, Sandi Smick, Les Esparza, Stiles Gunn, Dan Forbess, Shirley Petersen and Joe Laurance

Member's Absent: Bonnie Ford

Other's Present: Sam Moore, Marlene Petersen, John Ayer, Max Kimmel, Steve Schenewerk, Jerry Waybrant and Debby Burkholder

Staff Present: Gillian Wesenberg, Debbie Wheeler, Gail Phillips and Linda Witt

Lois called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Introductions were made.

Minutes: Lois asked Commission members to review minutes from the February 20, 2007 meeting. Sandi Smick made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Les Esparza seconded the motion and it carried.

Chair's Report:

- Lois reported that she and Gillian met with Susan Morgan and Bruce Hanna in Salem and were able to spend some time speaking with them on Children and Family issues.
- **Comprehensive Plan** – The Douglas County CCF is assigned lead responsibility to bring together community members and representatives of public safety, social services, and education agencies to develop a coordinated, comprehensive plan for children of all ages and families. Oregon law directs that this coordinated, comprehensive plan address the strengths, needs, and assets of all children, families, and communities, including those at highest risk. Completed plans are due to the State Commission on January 14, 2008. On March 13, 2007, the Executive Committee met and recommended the timeline process be sent to the Commission members for approval. Lois asked the Commission members to approve of the process. Les Esparza moved to accept the timeline process as prepared by the staff, Sandi seconded the motion and it carried.

Director's Report:

- Gillian gave a brief update on the legislative process;
- **DCEPC** is trying for a federal grant to address mental health issues in children;
- **Meth Task Force** is seeking funds to hire a staff person.

Joe Laurance reported on a program in the Winston area involving two young adults, who are former methamphetamine users. They spoke with Middle School students about methamphetamine use. He stated the event was a success.

Youth Advisory Board Update – Stiles Gunn reported the dance to raise funds for “Adopt a Child” will not be held on the date previously reported. A new date, presently unknown, will be set. He also reported the YAB is seeking volunteer activities for its members. Suggested activities include working in a retirement home and assisting with the food pantry.

Winston Area Community Partnership: Steve Schenewerk, Winston Area Community Partnership (*Winston Wakes Up*), gave a power point presentation. Timeline and history of the partnership:

- The partnership was spurred in 1999 by the death of two teenagers.
- 2000 – Area residents began meeting
- 2001-2002 – PARC was hired to do a community/city survey. It was decided the community needed a senior center.
- 2001-04 – Received a three year grant from Catholic Health initiatives
- 2004-present – New Fire Station constructed and in use; medical clinic constructed and in operation; beautification process began; and Douglas High School athletic facilities upgraded.
- 2004-present – Skate/bike park construction to begin 2008.
- 2005-present - \$360,000 raised by community to construct community center/library. Ford Family Foundation will give approximately \$2 million towards the project. Construction will begin May 2007.

Goals of WACP”

- Increase community services and programs to include opportunities for seniors, youth, families, education and social services;
- Promote Winston area;
- Encourage, collaborate and facilitate sustainable partnerships in the Winston Community; and
- Sustain WACP organization.

Future Plans:

- Beautify community;
- Increase capacity for public parks;
- Provide youth-centered programs;
- Stabilize long-term funding for WACP; and
- Continue efforts at community building.

Other: Marlene Petersen reported Senator Wyden met with 18 students from the community. He listened to what they had to say and was impressed.

Truth, Lies and Videos is scheduled for Friday evening, April 20, 2007.

Barbara Matthews reported that Glendale has started an after-school program.

Adjournment: Lois adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Witt
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