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CITY OF DUBUQUE SAFE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR SESSION

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Carnegie-Stout Public Library Board Room

Committee Members Present: Chairperson Amanda Elkins; Committee Members Doug Stillings, Ann Ernst, Anthony Allen, Diane Callahan, Susan Stork.

Committee Members Absent: Jonathan Cheatham, Rachel Daack, Mary Rae Bragg

Staff Members Present: Jerelyn O'Connor, Mark Dalsing

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Elkins at 6:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE: Staff verified that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Iowa Open Meetings Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ann Ernst, seconded by Doug Stillings to approve the minutes of January 11, 2012, as submitted. All in favor.

ACTION ITEMS

Status of Section 8 HUD Audit – David Harris
No update available.

Update on Additional Trash Containers – Jerelyn O'Connor
Sixty additional litter and recycling receptacles will be placed at various locations throughout the downtown commercial and neighborhood areas. A committee representing Public Works, Planning Services, Leisure Services, City Manager's Office and Dubuque Main Street is working on a final recommendation for placement of those receptacles. Ann Ernst suggested placement on 16th Street alongside the Maria House, and asked if there has been any thought on increasing fines for littering. Mark Dalsing replied that there has been no discussion about increasing littering fines.

Noise Enforcement Update – Mark Dalsing
Mark indicated a significant increase in the enforcement of the noise ordinance and that a media release will go out soon advising the public of the stepped up enforcement.

Mark distributed a chart of police statistics on traffic enforcement and the number of warning citations and loud exhaust/loud music enforcement.

Substance Abuse Statistics – Mark Dalsing

Mark provided a chart showing all arrests with drug and alcohol violations as well as the statistics for Juveniles. Doug asked about the recent uptick on meth. Mark explained the theory is that there is a ten year cycle – persons convicted of meth 10 years ago are now being released from prison. He added that the new method of manufacturing meth is highly volatile. Substance abuse is tied to many other crimes – domestics, robbery, etc. In the high schools they are seeing primarily prescription drugs and marijuana.

Juvenile Curfew Update – Mark Dalsing

Jonathan Cheatham had asked for information on truancy. Mark shared statistics from the DCSD on informal attendance contracts, formal mediations, and county attorney's office referrals. Anthony Allen noted that many of the truancy issues are resolved through mediation.

Mark also addressed parental responsibility. Fifteen families have been notified. Two families are in the court system with municipal infractions.

Draft letter to Dubuque Community School District

Amanda reported that Rachel Daack has had some discussions with the school district and requested that discussion be tabled until the May meeting when Rachel will be present.

"I'm a DBQer" Series

Diane stated that she's been in contact with both the Dubuque Advertiser and the Golden View. Both papers are happy to provide space but are not willing to write the articles. Mark suggested contacting local colleges for help with writing.

Anthony suggested the article for The Golden View be approached from the sense or perspective of the individual. He suggested that perhaps the ICC team could provide some tips.

Susan is willing to contact NICC to see if a writing class would be interested in taking this on. Amanda suggested we start with the SCAC members who write an article from our own point of view.

Doug stated that the purpose of the articles was to help people understand that people of different cultures are also Dubuquers.

Anthony suggested approaching someone from the Black Men Coalition to help write an article.

Amanda has also been in contact with Bryce Parks at Dubuque365.

Susan will talk to faculty and will put together the framework and will email that to the committee. The committee will come up with suggestions for individuals to interview.

Other business

It was suggested that committee members make note of groups or organizations they have spoken to so we have that information for future reports to the City Council. Ann spoke to PEO and Amanda spoke to US Bank and Leadership Dubuque

May meeting agenda items

- HUD Audit Status
- I'm a Dubuquer
- Updates from Mark Dalsing
- Update on DCSD contact

Mark Dalsing talked about a police recruitment event scheduled for April 14. They will have mini interviews to gauge an applicant's interpersonal skills. Contact Andre Lessears if interested in participating in the community member mini interviews.

ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE:

On May 1 the Dubuque Dispute Resolution Center (DDRC) and Human Rights staff will hold a focus group at the Multicultural Family Center from 11:30 – 1:00. Thom Determan and Hiram Melendez from the DDRC will facilitate.

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC:

Joe Noll shared information on the Downtown Neighborhood's 365 Impact Award for Music in Jackson Park. Doug added that this area is targeted by DB & T's Community Development Group.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Diane and seconded by Susan. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Larson

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Adopted