



Newtown CHAT Meeting Agenda
North County Library
January 25, 2011

Present: Beverly Phelps, Katie Leonard-Lasch, Diane Ramseyer

Welcome and Introductions - Beverly Phelps served as chair for this meeting, in April Glasco's absence. Gathered persons commented that the severe weather conditions were likely impeding attendance.

Action Items

Community Walk - Thelma Upshaw was to present her interest in helping resume the community walks, including weigh-ins (as in Project:WIN). However, she was called to an Amaryllis Park special meeting, and will present in February.

Updates:

Photo Journalism Project with Ringling - Beverly shared the following update from Amy Lovejoy of SCLO - The 'My World Project', a collaborative effort between CHAT, SCLO, and Ringling College incorporates photojournalism, life skills, self-examination and self-expression, computer design work, and a final exhibition and achievement ceremony. The nine 12 to 18 year olds were initially provided with cameras (thank you CHAT) to begin looking at their world from a different point of view. They took photos of themselves, friends, family, and their environs at Whittaker Park, in the neighborhood near the Robert L. Taylor Community Center, and near to Ringling College.

Two brainstorming sessions followed with Ringling College student volunteers and a design was developed based on their world view and hopes for the future. The participants then had two sessions in a Ringling computer lab, re-interpreting their ideas electronically and gaining skills in basic Photoshop. The final designs are currently being processed by the Ringling volunteers and an achievement ceremony is scheduled for February 20th where the finished t-shirts will be displayed.

Katie shared information on a project done in another community which used groups of two - one being from the community and the second from outside the community. The pairs took photos both singularly, and as a team of the community, providing their thoughts of the photos. One of the outcomes was that the community members often related the photo to how it affected him/her - usually in health terms. For example, one gentleman photographed the local store windows which have bars on them. He related that he remembered shopping there as he grew up, but when the bars were put on, it began to affect him and created such a stressful response, that he avoids going there. Additionally, Diane shared information about a project done with teens, who "tagged" locations in the community through GPS and photographs - both healthy and unhealthy examples. These tags were presented on a map and used to help identify possible future projects. These could be other activities the CHAT could utilize to compliment the "My World Project".

PACE-EH Subcommittee - Katie Leonard-Lasch provided the update for the new PACE-EH Subcommittee. The following meeting summary from January 19th was shared with the group.

Katie gave introduction to PACE-EH and what would be expected of the steering committee. The steering committee will establish the issues as well as rank and prioritize the issues. The steering committee will also be defining the goals and objectives of the assessment. The definition of the assessment area was discussed. Katie mentioned that boundaries could possibly be Tamiami Trail (41), Myrtle St., Tuttle Ave., and 12th St.

The group reviewed the existing issues that were previously compiled and agreed that the committee should focus on three areas; crime prevention/police visibility, lighting, and property maintenance.

Lighting: Officer Keusch mentioned that he is currently in the process of doing a “data dump” on lighting conditions off the MLK corridor. Once complete this data can be used by the steering committee to focus on areas of concern alongside with the City of Sarasota.

Property Maintenance: The group discussed property maintenance and its relationship to environmental health. The main concern is those individuals who cannot keep up their property due to physical disability, age or impairment. The group would like to address this need by later finding a specific house on the code enforcement list to help to repair in hopes of making home ADA compliant.

Next PACE-EH Meeting will be Wednesday, February 16th at 10:15 am at the North Sarasota Library. Alison Albee, Environmental Specialist with the City of Sarasota has been invited to discuss the lighting issues/concerns and how PACE-EH can work with the City. Additionally, the committee will define the goals of the assessment, discuss lighting with Allison Albee and begin to analyze issues with a systems framework. All were encouraged to invite other community members and groups to upcoming steering committee meetings.

Tasks for next PACE-EH meeting:

Katie: Contact Alison Albee; Look up local resources for property maintenance Assistance; find city lighting code; bring pictures of different lighting styles.

Curtis: Code enforcement list – homeowner in need of assistance

Officer Keusch: Lighting data findings (if available): share with group next meeting

Alton: Share information with the group “Enough is Enough” and invite members from the group to next steering committee meeting.

After Katie’s update, the suggestion was made for her to contact Suncoast Center for Independent Living. This organization may have some assistance funding to help the committee with property improvements for disabled or senior adults who are not physically able to address the issues, or need home adaptations improve mobility.

Announcements

Healthy Start Coalition has received a grant from the CP Foundation for a “Safe Sleep” program based on the “Back-to-Sleep” campaign to help reduce SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome). The Sarasota Community Foundation is also helping with the program by providing cribs for parents who complete the 6 week program.

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