

## CENTRAL FRESNO STEERING COMMITTEE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

### MINUTES FOR APRIL 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by Delia Garcia in the conference room at Youth for Christ. Marian read the minutes, Roz made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Eugene seconded and the minutes were approved.

Delia announced the termination of Carol Scroggins as Site Coordinator. The recommendation is to hire Mike Wells as Site Coordinator. A question was asked does Kim Stafford approve and the answer was Yes. Jackie asked what Mike's background is. He came to Fresno in 2002 from Venezuela worked as a teacher with the housing authority, mentoring children of inmates. His wife is from Venezuela and they have three children. He is bilingual with his wife's help. Eugene made a motion to hire Mike as Site Coordinator, Fred seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Mike has been serving as the Seed Chairman and the position needs a replacement. Connie was asked if she would like the position and she replied she is unable to do it at this time.

Yvonne reported no more draw downs and checks were issued for rent, Carol, Insurance for the office for 12 months.

Eleanor Richards, Evaluator thanked everyone for being available and cooperative. She is using January 2008 as baseline of crime activity and the clock begins for our Weed and Seed Steering Committee on October 1, 2008 to reverse crime activity. As evaluator she needs to show what has been accomplished with numbers in the target area. Since the Police areas have changed, she will have to show figures from the Central and Southwest Areas, Eleanor will do a breakdown. The first quarter beginning October 1, 2008 has been reported with the figures not available. The second quarter will need figures to show progress and we are back on track. Eleanor will need to see sign in sheets and figures for events and activities. She will count which side they are working on (weed or seed) and will document the events with pictures and figures to complete. Eleanor's e-mail is [eleanor.richards@gmail.com](mailto:eleanor.richards@gmail.com). Eleanor's expenses for services as shown in budget are \$2,333.00, Eugene made a motion to pay this to Eleanor, Roz second and the motion was approved.

The approximate amount of \$3,000.00 is requested for Site Coordinator office equipment, computer, printer, and supplies. This is a third of the budgeted amount. Sgt. Edwards asked that the amount be stated as budgeted or less. Jackie suggested the checks should be payable to the vendors. Sgt. Edwards made a motion to pay the amount, Jackie seconded and the motion was approved.

Mike announced the plan for the Executive committee to meet the first Wednesday of each month, the General Steering Committee plan to meet every other month as only six per year are required. The committees for the Weed and Seed sides should meet each month. Connie asked for lists of who is on each of the Weed and Seed committees

Events on the April Calendar are:

April 11<sup>th</sup> Community Day at Ted C Wills Center – 10 am

April 18<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Green Hope Veterans Earth Day Picnic & Art Show  
At Roeding Park 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

April 25<sup>th</sup> Lowell Elementary

Connie asked if a voting member resigns, do you need documentation for backup? Can the Seeding Chairman be a paid member? That is not in the Budget. Since Mike is the Seed Chairman and now Site Coordinator he is looking for someone to be chairman of the Seed Committee. Roz asked if it is possible an intern from Fresno State could help with the Seed Committee? Jackie suggested Work Force may have interns in their programs over the summer that

may be able to help.

The meeting was adjourned to the Open House of the Central Fresno Weed and Seed Committee Office in the building of Youth For Christ at 9:52AM.

Respectively Submitted by Marian Weber