

LB GRIP Advisory Council Meeting

June 8, 2009
5:30 pm -7:30 pm
Minutes

Location: Center for Working Families, 1900 Atlantic Ave.

Attendance: Sue Baker, Hattie Bass, Dr. Ami Carpenter, Brent Fremming, Anita Gibbins, Lt. Ty Hatfield, Dr. Lydia Hollie, Nancy Ke, Dr. Farah Khaleghi, Brenda, Knepper, Patricia Lee, James Lewis, Megan McDonnell, Chris Popperwell, Lillian Parker, Kelly Parker, Claudette Powers, Jessica Quintana, Brian Reese, Karen Reside, Hillary Rivers, Marc Rothenberg, Jim Ruggirello, Matt Saldana, Dr. James Saucedo, Jud Schoendorf, Autrilla Scott, Jerlene Tatum, Claire Vermillion, Charles Wade, Monica Andrews, Jason Fraley, Teresa Gomez, Angela Reynolds, Lupe Velasco, Cecile Walters, Elizabeth Black, Tim Patlon, Stacy Christensen, Marian Adams, Quentin Brown, Ted Hollister

1. Welcome and Introductions: meeting was called to order by Monica Andrews; Introductions were done; At start of meeting 25 Advisory Council (AC) members were present. A quorum was met.
2. Marc Rothenberg stated that waiver forms previously filled out and submitted were not needed; the previously completed forms were passed around to be pulled by each member and discarded.
3. **Action Item:** Approval of Minutes from the last meeting on April 13th, 2009.
 - a. Motion passed unanimously; Minutes - approved
4. **Action Item:** Approve the LB GRIP Advisory Committee By-Laws
 - a. Marc and Angela mentioned that the City Attorney indicated our previous quorum of 1/3 is not valid and cannot be a quorum; a quorum has to be 50%+1.
 - b. Motion passed unanimously; By-Laws – approved
5. **Chair Remarks:** Lydia Hollie reviewed the agenda, recapped the formation of the Task Force and its coming from the HRC; formation of funding sources Weed & Seed and now GRIP. GRIP continues with original objectives as defined by the Task Force. GRIP brochures have been created and ordered. Sub-committees will fill important roll in the GRIP AC.
6. **LB GRIP Staff Report:** Teresa Gomez stated that the financial report from the last meeting remained unchanged, no financial documents were distributed. Reminder that Discretionary funds as discussed at the last meeting, have a protocol for organizations applying for and receiving the \$300. Organization fills out an application and submits to GRIP Staff, Application is sent to all AC members for

review prior to the next meeting; organization representative is invited to address the AC members and answer questions, then AC members vote to approve or not.

7. **Action Item:** Consider application for Discretionary Funds from Hashaway Church. Charles Wade spoke to the AC members and described the program of providing after school activities, including sports, visits to recreational activities and group discussions regarding life goals and reinforcing positive behaviors.
 - a. Motion passed unanimously to provide them the Discretionary funds.
8. Monica gave a summary report of recent Police/Youth Dialogues, many youth attending the various sessions were from the Weed & Seed Target areas; Male Academy had an end of year event, GRIP will have a table/booth for the Juneteenth event, need volunteers, volunteer sign-up was passed around. GRIP brochure was passed around; copies will be available at the Juneteenth event.
9. **Elections:** Protocol for elections was discussed. Nominations can come from yourself or someone else.
 - a. Chair nominee: Marc Rothenberg (nominated by Charles Wade); Marc accepted. No other nominees.
 - b. Vice-Chair nominee: Jerlene Tatum (nominated by Lillian Parker); Jerlene accepted. Lillian Parker was nominated but respectfully declined. No other nominees.
 - c. Secretary nominee: Lillian Parker (nominated by Claudette Powers); Lillian accepted.
 - d. All three nominees addressed the AC members.
 - e. **Action Item:** Motion to accept all the nominees without actual vote was moved. Motion was passed unanimously.
10. **LBDP Update:** Lt Ty Hatfield gave report of Citywide stats of gang related shootings, homicides and overall homicides. 67 gang shootings so far this year, same as last year this time. 29 murders. Gang homicides are up. A summertime task force has been created. GRIP money is used to provide free counseling to youth and or parents. GRIP, Federal and Weed & Seed \$\$ is used to provide programs at Millikan and other programs to offer opportunities for youth to engage in positive activities and take field trips. Officer Gill's program at Millikan is being supported by these funds. Suggestion was made to better market the free counseling available through LBDP. Lt Kimberly Parnell spoke passionately to the AC members assuring them that the GRIP funds are being used and front line officers are diligently working with youth. She praised Ty and other officers and citizens who show such sincere interest in the youth.

Police Youth Dialogue-A Poly HS youth, Nancy Ke, shared her positive perspective of attending the dialogues, she was joined by Megan McDonnell, a student from Wilson HS.
11. **Workforce Development Update:** Cecile Walters represented on behalf of Rick Gonzalez. Reported on YOC's annual Job Fair, over 1600 attended. Pacific

Gateway received over \$6.3 mil of stimulus funds for programs. YOC has taken over former North PAL and has formed a YOC North. Announced needs for worksites to be available for paid youth workers during the summer. Announced openings for the Construction Program.

12. **LB Unified School District:** Matt Saldana gave an overview of the Male Academy; he was joined by Ted, the program facilitator. Examples of success stories were given. Announced that LB School for Adults is open for summer sessions for HS credit retrieval.
13. **Long Beach City College:** Anita Gibbins spoke of role of the Women and Men's Resource Center on the LBCC campus. She shared a success story of a single mother with 6 children while full-time student. She offered meeting rooms to be available for any of our partners.
14. **Centro CHA:** Jessica Quintana gave an overview of Centro CHA's programs and the necessity of them working with many youth involved in gangs.
15. **Subcommittee Sign-Ups:** Marc referred to the By-Laws allowing the GRIP AC to establish committees (ad-hoc or standing) as needed; AC needs to decide what these committees are. It was suggested that four subcommittees from the Task Force remain; some committee descriptions are amended to fit GRIP objectives, optional committees can also be suggested. Committee sign-up sheets were posted on the wall, AC members then voluntarily signed up according to the committee of their choice. Sub committees are expected to get work done, meet regularly and fill an important role since the GRIP AC will now meet quarterly.
 - a. The Committees were as follows: (1)Media & Community Education; (2)Family Engagement and Violence Prevention; (3)Research & resource Development; (4)Workforce Development and Reentry.
 - b. **Action Item:** Motion to establish these 4 as subcommittees-Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Other committees were suggested and will be discussed at the next GRIP AC meeting.
16. **Public Comment:** A report was given by Brent Fremming on his attending a conference in San Francisco; Jerlene Tatum announced that the youth Services Network is being revised; Community Action Partnership has a free on-line calculator tool to help people become self-sufficient financially.
17. **Announcements:** Marc mentioned that the By-Laws allow for the Chair to designate a representative to act as a liaison as needed. He indicated he will occasionally request Lydia Hollie to fill that role.
18. Claudette Powers presented a tribute of appreciation to Dr Lydia Hollie in recognition of her diligent and passionate work as chair of the Task Force from the beginning.
19. Next meeting will be September 14, 2009.
20. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.