



LB GRIP Advisory Council Meeting

**October 11, 2010
5:30 pm -7:30 pm
Minutes**

Location: Center for Working Families, 1900 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach

Attendees Members: Rene Castro, Tracy Colunga, Anita Gibbins, Annie Greenfeld, Lt. Ty Hatfield, Dr. Lydia Hollie, Deborah Kearn, Dr. Farah Khaleghi, Patricia Lee, Rev. James Lewis, Jessica Quintana, Karen Reside, Marc Rothenberg, Quentin Brown, Dr. James Saucedo, Jud Schoendorf, Sandra Scott, Charles Wade, Cecile Walters.

Attendees Staff and Affiliates: Kathy Berry, Alma Campos, Kezia Daniels, Tim Goddard, Teresa Gomez, Gary Lawson, John Malveaux, Brenda Novela, Terolyn Phinsee, La Tanya Skiffer, MarQuitta Sutton, Sgt. Stephen Stough, Ray Vincent.

Guests: Tonya Hines, Ameerah Alisande, Yvette Sims, Velma Penn, Sinta Wade, S. Thomas, Dough Haubert, Elizabeth Monsivais.

Welcome: Meeting began at 5:40 pm Introductions were conducted. Quorum Determination – A quorum was not present.

Chairman’s Remarks

Shifting of Agenda – How can the meetings be made more embracing of the community? Need to hear from the youth. Foster more dialogue so there can be more community input.

REPORTS ON DISCRETIONARY FUNDS:

Titus Single Parent Mentoring – Presenter Terolyn Phinsee – funds provided parent sessions for and camp sessions for youth. AC Green Basketball, Yacht Club, Billie Jean King Tennis Camp, Girl Scout Camp, Cerritos College Math Camp, Campfire Camp, three workshops at the police department, Domestic Violence Prevention, Etiquette, Image-knowing your worth. Three students spoke to how the experience impacted them and two mothers talked about how they felt about the camp. Mothers were single parents searching for support.

John Malveaux – report on art gallery for Photo Voice Exhibit – Factors on Effective Transition to Manhood. Great press coverage, LB GRIP was mentioned in one article. Long Beach Central Area Association sponsored the exhibit. Rand Corporation, UCLA, and Mt. Sinai connected with organizations in Long Beach. Dr. Felton Williams brought male academy from Jordan High School and although the exhibit was about African American young men, he brought young Hispanic males. These young men had viewed the project and asked for it to come to Jordan. One of the young men who had transformed his life attended, James Marks.



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He is available as a subcontractor to speak to groups. Mortality rate is 72% of youth in target area and the number one risk is dying from gun violence.

Partner Updates - Long Beach Police

Gary Lawson gave presentation on mentoring program at Washington Middle School. This year will be the fourth year of mentoring. Boys and girls met last Wednesday for the first time. There were 25 youth in attendance plus an additional 10 who will sign up. Program offers Police Athletics and Choices for Kids. They will be partnering with the Boys & Girls Clubs to identify youth. Officers are focusing on truancy with home visits. Idea is to find out what is going on with the youth at home. School Resource Officers and police officers went to week-long Seven Habits training. Going to a training on Bullying prevention next month.

Paul LeBaron – Crime report is looking pretty good – in the past 2 months there has been only one shooting in beats 4 & 5. Compared to the usual 4 – 10 per month. Robberies are the current problem. Gang members are targeting gold chains and cell phones. Be aware of surroundings. Being distracted on a cell phone, talking or texting makes for easy targets. Most of the robberies are taking place in the afternoon. Awareness is the key to minimizing being a target. There is a group that is perpetrating some incidents but there are also some individuals acting independently. Pressure is being put on groups/crews which has been effective. A question was asked, “Is there information being sent out and is it in different languages?” Yes in English, Spanish, and Khmer. Police Department is also communicating with language specific publications such as newspapers to reach out to the community. Parenting workshops will also continue.

Speaker:

Doug Haubert – in office for 60 days. Was a deputy prosecutor, lawyer for years, loves Long Beach. Believes in putting people together from a variety of groups to achieve a common goal and maximize the potential in the community. He has lived in the city for most of his life and looks forward to working with the group. The prosecutor’s office needs more specialization. Specialization is prosecuting hate crimes, domestic violence, and gang problems. The changes in the gang problem consist of younger and more violent youth. Preventing gang violence takes a community effort. Causes vary and include education, engagement, family issues and job opportunity. The DA in Los Angeles County has jurisdiction over felony charges. City Prosecutor’s office handles all misdemeanor charges. City handles its own. Tom Reeves established community prosecution, arraignment pre-trial and trial. He worked with police to bring back prosecuting cases and submit gang injunctions. Gang injunctions are civil court orders compelling individuals in a gang from joining together. Prosecutor must prove those included are in a gang. Gangs also come from other areas to Long Beach for criminal activity. Four gangs have injunctions filed against them. If they are in violation of an injunction, they are charged with a misdemeanor. The goal is to prevent nuisance behavior in the area where the gang is active. The prosecutor must plot out the gang activity as part of the injunction and only the impacted area is included. Injunctions focus on criminal activity in a specific area. The prosecutor works with the community leaders to restrict gang activity. The problem is, once someone is on, it is virtually impossible to get off of the gang injunction. Must be clean for 3

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years, off probation or parole and file paperwork to get removed. Doug Haubert wants to look at establishing a way of getting removed from a gang injunction. An element of rehabilitation must be included to get off. Pastors and community leaders will have to vouch for them to demonstrate they have turned their life around. Three years is too long. Doug is willing to provide a path for them to get off. There hasn't been a dialogue with the community to learn what the community wants. He is willing to learn from the community and is willing to listen to the community about the gang injunctions. It is still a judicial process. The DA provides oversight over the police department, court is the check on the Prosecutor and Police. People may be on the injunction that should not be on it. This damages the office's credibility. Certain problem spots in the community have ongoing investigations or some things that can't be interfered with but Doug can help explain it to groups. Believes in the broken window theory – if you don't fix the small things, they lead to bigger problems. Slums send a message to the community that no one cares. We are one community and we all need to work together to build our community.

The City is willing to work with agencies to get clients out of reentry so they can return to being productive citizens. Public Counsel helps homeless who can get picked up due to homelessness and then end up with warrants that they can't clear – leading to a continuing cycle. If they can clear up the warrants, they can focus on rehab with community based groups. Anyone can't get off of the gang injunction if they don't leave the gang. A diversion program is available for those who do not have a record and can do community service. Those who want to start fresh and can demonstrate commitment to doing what they need to do, should have a chance at life.

Nobody on the gang injunction today is under 18. Prosecutor doesn't deal with juveniles – the District Attorney prosecutes those cases. Adding to gang injunction – prosecutor is always monitoring active gang members, when appropriate they are served with notice, very few offer challenges to service. Police have very good computer system for tracking status. The professionalism of the police department has improved tremendously. Those served can file a Motion to Quash Service or a Motion to Set Aside Service - not heard of anyone filing a motion. Still have to go through due process. Can attack it later if they decide to do so. In juvenile cases, the parent must also be served as well as the juvenile. It is a complicated process that is not easy to understand. Prosecutor wants to provide an incentive to get off the gang injunction by exhibiting positive behavior. He wants to emphasis a policy shift to help juveniles think before they join a gang.

Expungement workshops – monthly and an annual workshop. Wants to continue them, community needs that help. Petitions for Expungement – through a partnership with LA Co. gain office, can expunge criminal record or arrest record.

Clients bring copies of the paperwork and are walked through paperwork. Not everyone qualifies for an Expungement. There can be court-mandated opportunities to get off of the gang injunction. Process needs to be written into the injunction. There has to be: a motion to the judge, a community sponsor, and community service. Clients have to be proactive to get off the injunction. Question: for Adults – will it be for probation? – Answer: could be he'll incorporate input from community to see what they think. He will clean up the previous injunctions as there is no expiration in the injunction. A lawyer can challenge it and get it

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Mr. Haubert welcomes input and dialogue. Since 2003, there has been a collaboration with Weed and Seed. 570-5614 is his direct line. Feel free to call him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committees will submit written reports in the future. There were no reports.

Minutes – There was still no quorum so approval of the minutes will be done through an online method.

Paul Cosores has resigned from the Council. A motion was made, seconded and approved to remove him from the group.

Applications were received from Alma Campos, Ray Vincent, LaTanya Skiffer, Tim Goddard, and MarQuitta Sutton. It was moved and seconded to accept all present (except for MarQuitta Sutton, who was not present at the vote) as members of the advisory board.

There was suggested a change in date for the December meeting to December 4 to conduct more of a strategic planning session and expanding the hours to engage in more extensive dialogue and look at being more effective.

Discretionary Funds Grants

South Wrigley Neighborhood Advisory Group. Annie Greenfeld is the chair. They have been in the Central area for 10 years and partner with the Central City Association. Goal is to bring the community together, the reason for partnering with Central City Association. On November 6, they want to host a community event in the Peace Garden for Dia de los Muertos. Deborah Kearn took on the task of building the Peace Garden. On July 19, the garden received the fence. There have been no incidents at the garden since it opened. Hoe down will be this Saturday. Meant to have community events in the garden. The first one will be a celebration of Dia de los Muertos. Raise awareness of events to honor ancestors. Recognize similarities among cultures. Location of the garden is 1950 Lemon Street, behind the central facilities building. They are requesting \$300. Motion carried.

Cecile Walters – Workforce Development is requesting a donation of \$300 for gift cards for reentry population forums. Motion was seconded, and approved.

Staff reports

Teresa Gomez reported that \$2,400 in discretionary funds remains. LBCC will use the remainder of funds for youth conference. Funds are on target to be spent. \$5,500 for youth safe havens will go to McArthur Park to support the youth safe haven there. CalGRIP Grant - Cease fire not available due to the unavailability of technical assistance. As for the street outreach workers, the city is not ready to do this. Using a case management system, Street SMART for middle school students will be implemented at UCC, the police

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academies and at the Boys & Girls Clubs. Building Bridges camps will be added and 300 youth will attend. Teresa will e-mail a copy of modification and budget to the Council. Harvest Hoedown 8:30 – 3:00 p.m. Saturday. They are selling bricks and tiles at MLK park to be included in the Peace Garden.

Anita Gibbons – Candlelight vigil on the 22nd in memory of a student who was killed by gang violence. School violence prevention movement is being formed among the students. There is a Candlelight Walk Friday at 6:00 1st and Promenade for Domestic Violence Prevention.

Jessica Quintana– Summer Night Lights program ended after 9 weeks. Centro CHA is advocating Summer Night Lights for Case study to advocate for youth violence prevention.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

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