

Safe Communities America Steering Committee Meeting

MINUTES

January 11th, 2010

Hammond City Council Chamber

314 E. Charles St.

Hammond, LA 70401

10:00AM

Meeting Convened: 10:00AM with Participant Sign In

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Ronnie Schillage
2. Introduction of Meeting Participants by Claude
3. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Claude Reviewed the Madison, WI award for new meeting participants and said our initiatives will be similar. Ronnie Schillage commented on his action items from the last minutes. He said he spoke to Russell Hoover and he referred him to Nichole Barham for North Oaks Health Systems. Others stated that no contact had been made on their action items as of yet. Motion to accept minutes by Ronnie Schillage; 2nd by Ruben Johnson; All in favor.
4. & 5. Update of Stakeholders & Update of Action Plan– need to follow up with Bridget Baily on TADAC, Claude said he still has not made contact with Speed-Stiel Insurance-Loretta was going to try and contact them, Claude will follow up. Ronnie suggested removing LA Government Dept. of Environmental Health. Remove Holly & Smith Architects, but Jodie will follow-up with Terry Lynn on her action items on the stakeholders list since she was absent today. Claude talked to Frances George and she is supposed to be sending in her information. Claude will follow up via email with Jami Lyn on her action items from the stakeholders list. North Oaks Health Systems contact changed by Ronnie to Nichole Barham. Ronnie to contact Heidi Kinchen with Daily Star to cover meetings and get a contact for the newspaper for their safety training programs. Amalia Toledo will follow up with TADAC. All City of Hammond stakeholders need to be grouped together as one line item. Tommy's Lock and Alarm was contacted, but no response as of yet. Federal Highway Administration was to be followed up on by Bridget Baily, Claude will follow up with her because we believe that she may already have some of the information that we will need and they need to be consolidated on the list. Claude will follow up with Brenda Trapanier on Parishes Supportive Living. Larry with IPSC will follow up with Kendra on her action items on stakeholders list. Camille and Nancy Bourgeois suggested getting the information on the train derailment training. Camille said she would get it from the SLU Police Department (Mike Prescott) since they participated in it. Ronnie mentioned that Morris Evans of Canadian National Railroad Police might be a good contact for information on that or the railroad safety in general. Lynn is over the LA Government regional Office of Health and supervises a lot of the Health Units for the state, she would be a good contact as well. Suggestion was made to eliminate all stakeholders who have not yet responded and work on the large agencies that we really need to participate in SCA like North Oaks. Nancy Bourgeois introduced Yvonne Smith with the Dept. of Health and Hospitals who was in attendance and gave her qualifications to the group. Nancy Bourgeois is going to make boards with the Stake holders listed in categories so that the Group can refer to the boards throughout the application process. Claude says the Categories should match the application categories: Indicator 2 – Long-Term Sustainable Programs; Indicator 3 – High Risk Groups & Environments. Most of the groups/programs should fall into one or both categories on the application.

6. Update of Application – Claude has submitted what we have so far (draft of application) to Tess with NSC in Chicago. She responded to his email on Jan. 4th and she said she would respond the next day. He has not heard from her yet, but believes it may be due to the Holidays. He will email her again today and hope to get a response or suggestions from her before or by our next meeting. Nancy asked if there was a certain format that Claude was using for the application and he said he was using the format from prior applications. Claude then introduced Reuben Johnson, Building Inspector of the City of Hammond; He also serves as a Youth Ambassador, Litter (Keep Hammond Beautiful), School Safety programs. He works in the Hammond Schools with the young children although they will be expanding to the High schools this year. They speak to the children about litter in their community, education, and awareness. If anyone would like to participate in the program please contact him at johnsonrh@hammond.org . Claude will email him the SCA forms for him to submit about his programs for our application. Claude then handed out the SCA brochures we had requested meeting before last to those present. Claude also introduced Ronald Barnes of Community Training & Research Inst. He works in Jefferson & Orleans Parish with Children in the schools on various life-skills & training programs. He attended the meeting to see what and how we are doing and was invited to attend the meetings in Jefferson as well. Claude mentioned that our draft application was in and that Jefferson had not submitted theirs yet.
7. Set Next Meeting Date
 - a. February 8th, 10:00AM, Hammond City Council Chamber
 - b. Confirmed with City – Date set.
8. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 10:58AM