

**Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee Minutes
January 26, 2012
Room 333 City Hall**

Members Present: R. T. Rybak (Co-Chair), Marina Munoz Lyon (Co-Chair), Gary Cunningham (Co-Chair), Dale Blyth, Eloisa Echavez, Cam Gordon, Craig Vana, Noya Woodrich

Members Absent: Ed Anderson, Bishop Richard Howell, Jr., Mary Johnson, Lydia Lee, Sherenia Gibbs, Bianca Dawkins, Gene Roehlkepartain, V. J. Smith, Bill Ziegler

Staff Present: Alyssa Banks, David Carson, Gretchen Musicant, Ann DeGroot, Lt. Andy Smith, Jared Erdmann, Kim Stringfellow, Claudia Fuentes

Item	Discussion	Action Steps/Discussion
Welcome Remarks	<p>The meeting was called to order by Gary Cunningham at 1:30 p.m. in Room 333, City Hall. Introductions were made, which included an “ice breaker” of every one sharing their thoughts about a picture they had chosen.</p> <p>Gary encouraged everyone to complete the member feedback survey that was sent out electronically. Survey information will be shared at the next meeting.</p> <p>Housekeeping information from Kim and Alyssa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking reimbursement is available to those parking in Haaf Ramp. • Please remove meeting invitations received from Diane Haugesag and Kim will send out new meeting notices. • Member contact information will be updated. Kim Stringfellow will send out information to each member within the coming weeks. • Membership applications – committee vacancies • Ethics requirements for members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member contact information will be updated. Kim Stringfellow will send out information to each member within the coming weeks. • Ethics requirements for members
Consent Agenda	<p>Minutes from the November 29, 2011 meeting were motioned, seconded and approved with no discussion or changes.</p>	
Downtown Youth Violence	<p>Shane Zahn, Downtown, Minneapolis DID, Director of Safe Zone Operations provided a presentation on the Downtown Minneapolis Youth Connect, which is, based on the increasing youth crime, loitering and under aged victims, providing a holistic approach to minimize youth violence and juvenile victims in downtown Minneapolis. Having SRO’s downtown over the summer months has provided a positive reinforcement. Findings from the SRO Youth Evaluation Summer Report of 2011 include Go Pass cards are being misused; MOA’s strict curfew may be displacing youth to downtown using LRT; and based on KID Connect, issues may be coming from homes of youth.</p> <p>For youth under age 17 that are loitering downtown, it was asked if having unlimited bus access for academic purposes is part of the issue, and questioned/suggested youth would no longer need bus cards, would receive free bus rides during school hours, and would be expected to pay bus fare outside of school operating hours. This could reduce the loitering and number of youth at any one major bus hub. The Minneapolis Park & Rec Board is considering adequate core places downtown for youth, and reconfiguring times without increasing operation costs. The business community also</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for deeper conversations about these issues, a follow up discussion will be planned for the next executive committee meeting • Ann DeGroot to follow up with Shane re: YCB support • Schools to follow up re: options for Go Pass cards

	has a role to play. With no shared plan in place between City, County and other entities, this issue should be put into a goal.	
Youth Violence Prevention Updates	<p>The Youth Violence Prevention Quarterly Report is being drafted, and additional contributor information is needed, especially around Goal #3. Any information received after the deadline will try to have included in the report.</p> <p>Unity City is a bi-annual, two-three day event convening. Minneapolis is being looked at as a YVP leader, and has been invited to host a convening. This would be a great opportunity for Minneapolis to highlight its work and success. The next Unity City Convening will be held in May or September, and will include about 30-40 folks representing 20 other cities across the country, and other communities doing similar work. The meeting has been held in Oakland, CA in the past.</p> <p>National Youth Violence Prevention Week is March 19-23, 2012. Work with folks to coordinate activities. Alyssa is working on refreshing the toolkit and is asking members to think about how to incorporate it into their organizations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alyssa Banks will send a list of UNITY cities to Mayor Rybak. • Alyssa to send out toolkit to executive committee members
Addressing 2012 Blueprint Priorities	<p>At the November 2011 meeting it was agreed that Goal 1C, 1D and Goal 2E, 2J were priority areas and committee should break into sub-work groups. The work groups will be able to reflect on what is happening around each goal, have focused discussion on each goal areas and plan to feature what's happening/not happening around each goal as a way to facilitate process. Following 2012 meetings should include the study of one priority goal, and at subsequent meetings an action to the previous study, and the study of another priority goal.</p> <p>Cam Gordon brought up having youth representative present at meetings, Bianca Dawkins. Have Bianca involved in work group? Youth like to use email and feel engaged, way to include voices heard. Maybe use as a topic: How can Bianca participate, not what we would accomplish. YVPEC wants youth engagement in order to advance priority goals.</p> <p>Convene and connect with DID, Safe Zone. Next meeting focus will be Goal 1C. Different business players and every piece need youth and civic representation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting focus will be Goal 1C-Alyssa will help to arrange speakers
Announcements & Closing Remarks	None	
	Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.	
	Notes submitted by Kim Stringfellow	

Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee Minutes
April 19, 2012
Central Library, Room N-202

Members Present: Dale Blyth, Eloisa Echavez, Councilmember Cam Gordon, Angela Bennett (for Bishop Richard Howell), Marina Muñoz Lyon, Gene Roehlkepartain, Mayor R.T. Rybak, V.J. Smith, Craig Vana, Sherenia Gibbs, Noya Woodrich (for PHAC), and Bill Ziegler.

Members Absent: Ed Anderson, Gary Cunningham, Bianca Dawkins, Mary Johnson, Lydia Lee

Staff/Community Present: Alyssa Banks, Evan Barnett, David Carson, Ann DeGroot, Jared Erdmann, Claudia Fuentes, Coral Garner, Jo Haberman, Dick Mammen, Gretchen Musicant, Lt. Andy Smith, Kim Stringfellow, Ami Wazlawik, Shane Zahn

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Welcome Remarks	<p>The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. Introductions were made.</p> <p>A reminder to complete the Executive Committee (EC) member feedback survey that was sent out electronically.</p> <p>The next EC meeting will be in August. Members can reapply for the 2013-2014 term. Will also reach out to community for open seats. What aspects of community are not at the table that should be here? Important to include youth/Youth Congress.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members will receive reappointment applications at August meeting if interested in serving in 2013-2014.
YVP Updates	<p>Gretchen presented information about The Forum, created by President Obama. Six cities will be awarded \$100,000/year for technical assistance. Four more cities will be awarded at a later date. Two-year strategic plans are to be submitted with communities' plans to fill gaps and meet challenges. Grant is coordinated by Dept. of Justice.</p> <p>Conversation with EC will help define grant proposal. Consultant is Ron Huberman. Will use data to identify youth who could be victim of crimes; will look at factors, risk. Will use epidemiology, public health, police data. CeaseFire Chicago is one model.</p>	<p>Dale Blyth offered to sit in discussion and look at data</p>
Strategies to Address Downtown Youth Violence	<p>Mayor Rybak reported on the uptick of violence downtown (compared to last year). Flash mobs have been a problem – theft is main goal & assault secondary. Officers have increased presence downtown – on mall, with horses & bikes. Will be working with downtown building security guards as a force multiplier. Officers are providing a positive reinforcement.</p> <p>Discussion about GoPass cards. 2,000 students could potentially obtain a GoPass providing unlimited bus and LRT rides. Policy is that if a student abuses the card or commits a crime, the school may take it away or add sanctions.</p> <p>A downtown curfew is being considered. Other major cities are doing this. Proposed: Hennepin to Nicollet Mall from 3rd to 12th Streets from 8 pm-6 am. The library closes at 8 pm. as well. MOA has curfew which may be pushing kids downtown.</p> <p>Suggestions: partner/StreetReach youth workers; activity center for downtown, activities downtown (YMCA/YWCA/library/Park & Rec)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for deeper conversations about these issues, a follow up discussion will be planned for the next executive committee meeting • Alyssa and Shane - conference call with UNITY

<p>Addressing Blueprint Strategies 1C and 1D</p>	<p>Ann DeGroot gave a background on the Youth Coordinating Board, begun in 1985. It is a partnership between the City, County, MPS & Park Board. Focus is on youth development, health & safety. Coordinates Minneapolis Youth Congress. Released Call to Action. Overarching goal is to make Minneapolis best city for youth & children. 10 elected officials involved, including Mayor and CM Gordon. (See handouts)</p> <p>1C – Coordination 1D – Quality of youth programs</p> <p>Park & Rec's new configuration is to have 13 parks in a community service area. These parks coordinate with community orgs. Powderhorn is actively doing things in a coordinated manner. North Commons is coordinating activities for young people. YouthWorks is a training program at the parks.</p> <p>MPS – planning Summer Strong 2012 as a way to coordinate activities for kids and families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Announcements & Closing Remarks</p>	<p>None. Meeting adjourned at 3:00</p>	

Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee Minutes

August 23, 2012

City Hall, Room 333

Members Present: Dale Blyth, Gary Cunningham, Sherenia Gibbs, Councilmember Cam Gordon, Gene Roehlkepartain, Mayor R.T. Rybak

Staff/Community Present: Alyssa Banks, David Carson, Ann DeGroot, Jared Erdmann, Katie Friedline, Claudia Fuentes, Diane Haugesag, Gretchen Musicant, Gene Rerat, Lt. Andy Smith

Item	Discussion	Action Steps/Discussion
Welcome Remarks	<p>The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM. Introductions made.</p> <p>Minutes of 04/19/12 meeting approved. Reminder to complete the City's required ethics training. Link is attached.</p>	<p>http://mpls-ethics.appspot.com</p>
YVP Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members are encouraged to review the Quarterly Report to see the work that community partners are doing. • Minneapolis hosting the UNITY Convening meeting 10/10-10/12. All members will be invited. Alyssa may contact members re hosting a site visit or serving on panels. • MDHFS applied for National Forum grant. Funds for YVP strategic planning. Will find out status in September. Also applied for a UNITY Roadmap research & evaluation grant. • 5th anniversary of Blueprint coming up. Andy Luger providing pro bono review of city's results. Will give us a look at next 5 years. Forum grant could help with future planning – start where report leaves off. • Executive Committee vacancies – applications being taken until 10/19/12 for 2013-2014 term. Mayor asked board members to help with recruitment and determine who is <u>not</u> at the table but should be. Hennepin County Commissioner would be a natural addition (Gary). • Results Minneapolis & Mid-Year Crime Report – reviewed by Jared & Lt. Smith. Most contacts w/SROs are positive – only 5% are enforcement. Mayor very concerned about probation cuts – need more resources. Mayor encouraged members to keep eyes open for what data is out there. Use this to add to Results report. Mayor would like to see Results zone, what are regional implications of youth violence prevention. Alyssa has been in touch with Brooklyn Park & Brooklyn Center as they have adopted similar goals and measures of the Blueprint for Action. Gary indicated that Hennepin County Research & Planning is very interested in 	<p>2012 2nd Quarter Report</p> <p>Youth Violence Prevention Committee Apps</p> <p>Alyssa will forward the Brooklyn Park youth violence prevention document to EC members.</p> <p>Ann will make available new YCB report on the status of youth in Hennepin County.</p>

	<p>expanding work w/Minneapolis. Ann DeGroot will help make connections and will send a new report on youth in the county.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cam – idea for next year – set priorities & goals with information we have from Results. Important to get 2012 info as we have it. • Mayor – get Results updated by end of year to plan for next 5 years. Schedule EC meeting right before/after Results report is released. • U of M student projects – Jared reviewed limitations of current MPD data. Dale referenced MinnLink (see link) – U of M data contains additional data – 2 years old. Funding in Mayor’s budget to expand. 	<p>MinnLink at the Center for the Advanced Study of Child Welfare at the University of Minnesota. http://www.cehd.umn.edu/ssw/cascw/research/minnlink/</p>
<p>Addressing Recommendation 2J & Strategies to Address Downtown Youth Violence</p>	<p>Discussion ensued re: youth downtown, especially at bus stops. How to get YMCA involved with youth downtown? Dick Mammen (MPS) working w/DID on issue of detached workers w/youth. Important to think about what do we <u>do</u> with youth downtown? Mapping of downtown agencies serving youth important.</p> <p>Gary – need for quality street outreach proposal. quality of intervention matters. What level? How long? What type? Pay for results – state criteria – test & see if successful.</p>	<p>Gary interested in meeting w/Bob Lamb (Metro Transit) and Mayor’s office to get ahead of any problems.</p>
<p>Addressing Recommendation 2J & Strategies to Address Downtown Youth Violence (cont.)</p>	<p>Ann DeGroot – suggestion by Youth Congress to have youth workers downtown walking in groups. Workers would provide info re downtown (buses, activities), find out what’s going on from youth and break up things before they happen. School district has money. YCB waiting to hear – plan is set up and 20 youth workers ready for 1st week of school. Request is for \$50,000 for 10 weeks. Some money in YCB budget for 1 month funding. Need to figure out funding through end of year. Where are youth workers going to be located? Willing to try at stops & in buses.</p> <p>Gary – what are measures of success? How do we learn from other cities?</p> <p>Mayor – different levels/measures. Everyone “owns the ground”</p> <p>Cam – reportable problems most important. Then we can measure progress.</p> <p>Gretchen – what are our social norms for youth? How do we create different normative thoughts for youth & adults (Goal 4)</p> <p>Dale – important to get more explicit investment of broader partnership – youth workers, businesses, schools, police Mayor & Lt. Smith – could make connection w/Target. Important to communicate to downtown companies that</p>	<p>Met Council will be asked to fund additional weeks. Gary requested a write-up of funding proposal.</p> <p>Meeting proposed with Gary, Mayor, CEOs of YMCA/YWCA. Need sustainability.</p>

	GoPass in happening – make it a positive. Gene – Downtown Council/DID – can they help?	
Announcements & Closing Remarks	Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM	

Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee Minutes
November 8, 2012
City Hall, Room 333

Members Present: Dale Blyth, Gary Cunningham, Sherenia Gibbs, Councilmember Cam Gordon, Darryl Young (representing Bishop Howell), Mayor R.T. Rybak, Craig Vana

Staff/Community Present: Alyssa Banks, David Carson, Claudia Fuentes, Coral Garner, Diane Haugesag, Gretchen Musicant,, Lt. Andy Smith, Oliviah Walker, Jason Matlock (MPS), Julie Young-Burns (MPS), Abdirahman Mukhtar (HCL)

Item	Discussion	Action Steps/Discussion
Welcome Remarks	The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM. Introductions made. Minutes of 08/23/12 meeting approved.	
YVP Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>UNITY City Convening</u> – the annual convening of this national network of cities working on the issue of youth violence was held in Minneapolis October 10-12. Many community partners were involved. A video was developed of the conference, which will be shared when completed. Staff & partners learned what other cities are doing. UNITY was very impressed with our efforts. High level leadership from MN was involved, including Mayor, Rep. Keith Ellison, MPS staff. The North Minneapolis site visit was a highlight. Highlights learned from other cities included jobs programs, wraparound services, “workforce investment” – triage with juvenile correction and those youth coming out of it. • <u>Executive Committee Vacancies (2013-2014)</u> – applications have been extended to November 30. Those who wish to reapply should do so by then. A link to the application is included. <p>(Gary) Important to notify MPS that they have a position open on the Committee, due to Lydia Lee’s leaving the school board. Current YVP committee members are encouraged to help with the effort to find candidates, especially in the areas of healthcare, student, and faith community representatives. Mayor Rybak asked the committee what expertise they feel is needed. Business community important to have represented. Also need Hennepin County attendance. Linda Higgins was mentioned by Mayor as someone to ask.</p> <p>(Mayor) Important to get people who bring something with them – expertise & connections to/from their organization. Important for them to have ability to go back & convene other community groups</p> <p>Other suggestions were providers of out of school time activities – non-Park – YCB? High-level staff from YMCA/YWCA, United Way, Youthrive. Also foundation partners.</p> <p>(Mayor) Is healthcare connection important? What is their perspective? MDH? School of Public Health? (Cam) Someone with a public health perspective would be important. Other medical perspectives mentioned include NorthPoint Teen Mental Health and Dave Dvorak, who coordinated emergency room protocol. (Mayor) Good to set ourselves up</p>	<p>Youth Violence Prevention Committee Apps</p> <p>Notify MPS that they have a position open on Executive Committee.</p> <p>Linda Higgins was suggested as a County representative to Executive Committee.</p> <p>Dale Blyth will ask a couple of people from U of M – School of Public Health.</p>

	<p>for New Year. “Explode out of the box” in January. Important to have good communicators to communicate to the various sectors in the City.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>National Forum grant</u> – important to be connected to Forum with possible loss of UNITY. Quick timeline. Team of reps from several agencies conducting listening sessions November 19-20. Planning meetings in December. Mpls. reps going to working session in DC in December. City to present finalized strategic plan in April. Additional money to cities once planning is implemented. • Andy Luger evaluation – is conducting 50 interviews as part of YVP review, His evaluation can help inform us for the strategic planning process. Report due end of December. 	
<p>Preventing Youth Victims of Violence</p>	<p>Discussion ensued re this topic for remainder of meeting. Mayor endorses proposal in the budget recommendations to develop a risk assessment database on young people. Beginning 2013, build a system to use data going forward. How do we use existing data? Work with STRYVE – “roadmap”. Build on JSC model. 100-200 most vulnerable kids – before they get hurt. Kids – gun crimes – witnesses or suspects – get a list – offering interventions (Andy).</p> <p>Disconnected sources – collectively we can use data to identify kids most at risk. How do we use data to get early warning signs? Early warning signs are opportunities – not a checklist. What are actual indicators/predictors? Look back – look at interventions. Which work? Important to look at results. (Cam)</p> <p>How to use data and build momentum? Data might be likely to “scare” people off. Need to look at intersection of aggregate data-policy perspective (Dale)</p> <p>Important to identify kids and see patterns. How can we create state policy to allow things done? What are we trying to accomplish? What policies do we need?</p> <p>Idea to group kids in “categories” – thriving neutral, struggling. JSC – Joint Powers – legislative opportunity (Gretchen). 3 categories – system would design. Want to enrich their lives – data can show predictors.</p> <p>Important to work with parents (Sherenia)</p> <p>Schools have best relationship w/MPD they’ve ever had (Craig). Focus on training officers. How do we help with student formation? How do we help parents? How do we maintain & expand? Positive rather than punitive language of “victims of crime”. City should come to school board – look at ways to expand What learned from UNITY partners – Check & Connect, STEPUP/North 4, SROs working with kids getting out of jail (Claudia)</p> <p>Mayor – Persistence/urgency – what can we pursue in real time now?</p> <p>MPD info is shared w/schools – prevention, mental health</p> <p>Important to remain solution oriented (Gary)</p>	<p>Jason, Coral, Andy – meet together</p>
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM</p>	