

Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee Minutes
February 17, 2015
Minneapolis City Hall, Room 333

Members Present: Tracine Asberry, Phillipe Cunningham, Eloisa Echavez, Councilmember Cam Gordon, John Harrington, Mayor Betsy Hodges, Robert Lilligren, David Mathews, Barbara McMorris, Gene Roehlkepartain, Samuel Simmons, V.J. Smith, Wokie Weah, Nick Williams, Darrell Young, Shane Zahn

Members Absent: Titilayo Bediako, Fred Bryan, Isaiah Hudson, Dr. Happy Reynolds

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action Steps/ Discussion |
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| Welcome | The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hodges at 2:35 p.m. | |
| Introductions and Ice Breaker | Gretchen Musicant led the group icebreaker. Each person chose a picture, introduced themselves and stated why they chose the picture and the value(s) they bring to the work of violence prevention. | |
| Greeting and Remarks from Mayor Hodges and Co-Chairs | The Mayor is grateful to have inherited this work from former Mayor Rybak and City Councilmember Gordon who began the work. Would like to increase resources for kids and see kids thriving—"birth to earth". Very dedicated to this work. Wants to take work to the next level. Co-Chairs Samuel Simmons and Wokie Weah also gave thanks for the opportunity to serve. | |
| Approval of 11/18/14 meeting minutes | Moved, seconded, approved minutes from the November 18, 2014 Executive Committee meeting. | |
| MPD Updates and Data on Juvenile Crime | Sergeant Jeff Egge presented a Youth Violence Snapshot. Of the 3000+ violent crimes committed since 2000, the average age of the victim is 21. Top offense of youth arrests in week prior to report were for no license. Discussion ensued around this topic. Reasons for no license include: no driver test (on-road) facilities in Minneapolis, expensive, difficulty getting there, need people to bring them with own car and insurance. This charge is considered "low-hanging fruit" – cyclical factor. Now easy to arrest persons for other things once they are identified in system. Drivers licenses are pulled for other reasons – (behind on child support, etc.). Now can't get to work to pay child support. YCB Transportation Committee is looking into this aspect of lack of transportation options. Reviewed Hot Spots of Juvenile Crime map. Stated that different activities are needed in different areas that are geared to youth. | Youth Violence Snapshot handout attached. |
| YVP Coordinator's Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Forum conducted a site visit in September 2014. Report received gave City good marks. Will continue to work on young people and re-entry. Staff will be going to New Orleans on a site visit in March. National convening in May. • March 23-27 is national and local Youth Violence Prevention week. Highlights include PeaceMaker awards, Brothers and Fathers Institute, and youth event/concert. Local artist Xross developing anthem and theme song for week. Will also be encouraging young people to create songs. Will keep committee updated on week's activities. • YCB is leading Cedar-Riverside community engagement with Somali community. | <p>Summary report of National Forum site visit attached.</p> <p>Information on YVP Week activities attached. PeaceMaker Award nomination form attached.</p> |

