

MDI Tomorrow – Subcommittee on Youth

Notes from the Meeting, Tuesday, August 20

Attending: Susan Buell , Ann Luther, Marty Lyons, Doug Michael

Next Meeting: Friday, August 30, 2002
10:00 a.m. (following the meeting on One ME grant)
Jenny's Conference Room, MDI High School

Agenda

- Outcome from the Susan Savell Meeting/Communities for Children
 - Next Steps
- Issues facing Youth Sub-Committee
 - Update on State of the Island Report, key measures
 - Sports issues, Open Gym initiative, etc.
 - Re-survey local youth on their physical activities
 - Transportation, launching a walking/biking program
 - RFP for One ME grant monies for tobacco and alcohol prevention ages 12-17
 - Need to develop a group of core youth grades 6-12 to join the Youth Subcommittee
- Report from the Steering Committee
 - Need a ghostwriter for an editorial piece on Youth issues
 - Need representative to work on the web site
 - Need to contribute to the qualitative survey
 - MDI Tomorrow full group meeting Thursday, August 22, pot luck desserts. Can we contribute?
 - November MDI Tomorrow conference is still scheduled for . . .

Outcome from the Susan Savell Meeting/Communities for Children

The meeting on August 8 was very successful.

- Susan Savell did an outstanding job; she gave a clear and upbeat presentation.
- About 40 community members attended.
- Of those who completed a post-registration form (about 30 attendees), nearly all would support the formation of a Communities for Children initiative on MDI.
- Seven or eight people signed up for the Kitchen Cabinet, including two youth

Next Steps:

- Convene the Kitchen Cabinet

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- Hope for a group of between 10 and 20 people, including youth and key adult stakeholders.
- Desire to be inclusive and open to all perspectives.
- Use the seven or eight people who volunteered to get organized, plot the course, then recruit others.
- May need someone additional from Tremont – possibly Ralph and Francis Reed.
- Set the date September for 16th, 17th, 19th, or 20th.
- Ask Ron Beard to facilitate – key the final date(s) from his availability.
- Topics for the first meeting of the Kitchen Cabinet:
 - Review existing material
 - Governance, decision making process, roles
 - Define leadership core, representation on the Kitchen Cabinet
 - Develop an educational model to draw in more players, build value for the program
 - Plan to launch asset surveys among youth
 - Letter of Intent to Communities for Children (this comes with \$1,000 start-up grant).

Other Next Steps regarding Communities for Children

- Decide whether to use Healthy Acadia or another agency as an umbrella coalition and fiscal agent. There is potentially a significant overlap in mission with Healthy Acadia.
- Borrow a program description and other materials from a community that's up and running. Ellsworth?

Update on the State of the Island Report, Key Measures

We identified the following measures to research:

- Food pantries, families served
- Sports facilities usage
- Incident reports from schools, youth-youth and adult-youth:
 - Bullying
 - Mistreatment
 - Teasing and put-downs
 - Sexual harassment
- Teen suicides
- Substance use and abuse
- Tobacco addiction

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- Poverty gap, wealth divergence
- Fighting, assault between teens
- Emancipated kids
- Auto accidents, drinking & driving
- Breaking the law
- Household & gun accidents
- Unprotected sex, teen pregnancy, STD's
- Obesity, exercise & diet

Draft Agenda for Next Meeting

Continue with the agenda above – we ran out of time.