

NOTES

FROM THE SAN PABLO CITY COUNCIL, FAITH-BASED and COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS (FBO/CBO)

The meeting was convened in the San Pablo Senior Center at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010

Present from City Council were Mayor Leonard McNeil and Councilmember Arturo Cruz.

Mayor's Message to first-time attendees:

Mayor McNeil mentioned that the original idea to form the meetings of the CBO/FBO's was to build partnerships and see what assets we have in the community as well as see what training is needed and increase capacity.

Introductions:

Florence Davis, Community Violence Solutions
Pastor Freddie Parham, Word of Faith Church
Demitria Foster, Wholly Deliverance Ministries
Richard Foster, Wholly Deliverance Ministries
Hanna Hamilton, Community Violence Solutions
Dorely Bernardez, Lao Family Community Development
Alex Gomez, WCC Business Development Center
Rev. Denise Moder, Providence Care Ministries
Kim Stewart, Family Church/Project Impact
Isa Baca, WCC Salesians Boys & Girls Club
James Solis, Project F.O.K.U.S.
Leah Reed, WCC Salesians Boys & Girls Club
Michael Aaronian, Multiple Pathways Initiative
Rich Kinney, Revival Generation Ministries
Rosa Acosta, Morada de Mujeres del Milenio
Sam Kinghorne, Word of Faith Church
Lorenzo Patterson, New Bethel Apostolic Church
Myrtis Handy, New Bethel Apostolic Church
Hanna Parks, New Bethel Apostolic Church
Sally Vilaysack, Opportunity West

Discussion:

Resource Fair Committee Report:

James Solis of Project F.O.K.U.S. gave a brief overview of their group hosting the 3rd Annual Martial Arts Tournament/Community Event titled "Soulistic Olympics" on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Contra Costa College Gymnasium, 9AM – 4PM with attendance from all over the bay area. This is a great opportunity to host the CBO/FBO Community Resource Fair. To date the committee has 11 groups committed to hosting the fair. There will also be a mini college fair that includes Expression College, FIDM and he's waiting to hear from Sacramento State and SFSU. There is room for about 30 booths. The press release deadline is Friday, February 26th – CBO/FBO groups that are interested in participating must contact Mr. Solis (sub-committee chair) at James.Solis@live.com groups can also send their logo to help promote their booth. He also confirmed that there aren't any requirement for booth fees, Resource Fair is for informational purposes.

Name, Vision and Mission Statement:

Name: *Reach Out San Pablo*

Vision Statement: *Reach Out San Pablo represents a union of social, human, financial, spiritual and political capital for community development and competency. Based on a model of asset-based community development, members will engage in a sustained commitment of sharing skills, talents, knowledge, interdependence, resources and experiences that increase community capacity and personal development.*

Working individual-to-individual, individual-to-organization and organization-to-organization in the spirit of cooperation and inclusion, Reach Out San Pablo will exercise self-renewing power characterized by collaboration and mutuality of addressing common concerns.

Mission Statement: suggestion “To consolidate or connect the San Pablo community in reaching out and building community through resourcing and networking with leaders, civic groups, community-based and faith-based organizations”

Craigslist Foundation:

Rich Kinney mentioned the Craigslist Foundation will return the UC Berkeley for their Boot Camp 2010 on August 14, 2010. This is a great opportunity for the members to attend and get ideas on how to build the organization, etc. In the past, there have been a lot of guest speakers and various workshops for non-profit organizations and they are beginning to host more and more of the faith-based community. They also hold team-building events with assistance with what’s needed to run a non-profit organization. There are also workshops that help with fundraising ideas, grant writing programs, software training programs, and many more. He thought that the CBO/FBO group could hold this type of fair once the members identify the areas of service, etc.

Skills Bank:

Mayor McNeil provided a “Skills Bank” form; requested those in attendance to bring the form to the next meeting. The following information requested on the form is: *Name, Organization, Contact Information and List of Skills*. The idea is to gather and provide a database of information of resources and skills that each organization offers, e.g. electrician, plumber, computer training, etc. so the CBO/FBO can call on a fellow member for assistance/advise as needed. The form will be provided to everyone on the email and mailing list. (See attached)

CBO/FBO Directory:

Mayor McNeil provided a CBO/FBO Directory form and requested information in order to prepare a directory of the members of the group. This form will also be provided to everyone on the email and mailing list. The goal is to have a website/directory of information that lists each service that’s available. (See attached)

Mayor McNeil mentioned that that he would like others to facilitate the meeting since it’s “our group”.

It was also suggested to include a representative from the San Pablo Police Department and Contra Costa Fire Department included in the CBO/FBO group.

Announcements:

Hanna Hamilton, Community Violence Solutions requested assistance to help raise awareness about Anti-Human Trafficking Project for distribution. CVS is scheduling 30, 60, or 90 minute presentations for any social service, faith-based, health care, or other group that finds the topic relevant to their clientele or community. The presentation will include information about the scope and nature of the problem in Contra Costa and California, how it is being addressed within the county through the efforts of the Rescue and Restore Coalition, how to identify and report it, and finally, how victims may be supported through federal legislation passed since 2000.

Alex Gomez, WCC Business Development

1. First 5: Deadline for grant applications is 4/30/10, a West County application information workshop is scheduled for 3/24/10 @ 2707 Dover Ave (6:30PM). The website for more info is: firstfivecc.org
2. 211 Contra Costa - 211 is the national, toll-free, three-digit phone number to call for information about local health and social services. It enables people to find out about vital resources in their community quickly and easily. The website is: 211contracosta.org
3. Bank of America: Since its inception in 2004, the Bank of America Student Leaders Program has recognized more than 1,200 exemplary high school juniors and seniors with a passion for improving their communities. The program's goal is to cultivate and develop the next generation of community leaders through two components:
An eight-week paid internship in the summer of 2010 with selected nonprofit organizations designed to provide opportunities for the students to develop and apply leadership skills through hands-on work experience, while raising their awareness of community issues addressed by their Nonprofit Host Organization.
A week-long all-expense paid Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C., July 18-23. Conducted in partnership with the Close Up Foundation, the Summit introduces students to aspects of civic, nonprofit and business leadership and provides them with knowledge and skills they will use throughout their life to create positive community change. General information about the program and will direct potential applicants to the Bank of America Charitable Foundation website for more information and the online application. In the Bay Area, the markets participating are the East Bay Market (Contra Costa, Alameda, and Solano Counties), the San Francisco Market and the Silicon Valley Market (San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties). Please note the fast approaching application deadline of **February 17th for the 2010 Student Leader Program**. In order to spread the word about the opportunities available to many of your members, partners, and affiliates, please distribute these documents in the manner appropriate for your organization (email, electronic newsletter, website, etc.). Posters are also available to help advertise the program. If you would like posters, please contact us and we will send them to you. Please encourage interested students to apply by going to www.bankofamerica.com/neistudentleaders.

Next meeting:

Thursday, March 11, 2010

6:30 p.m. at the San Pablo Senior Center

1) Resource Fair Committee to Report

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ LaTanya Fisher, Sr. Administrative Secretary