



MEETING MINUTES

Mayor's Youth Task Force

Thursday, July 19th, 2012

2:00 PM

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave, Aldermanic Library

Elected Officials Present: Elizabeth Tisdahl, Mayor; Delores A. Holmes, Fifth Ward Alderman.

Members Present: Christine Morley, Seth Green, Joey Rodger, Vernon Clark, Sam Pettineo, Neal Levin.

Staff Present: Doug Gaynor; Kevin Brown; Kimberly Jenkins; Nathan Norman; Richard Eddington; Dan Russell; Jonathan Webb; Shanee Weston; Joseph McRae; Godwin Chen;

Discussion

A. Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program – Job Fair Update

Kevin Brown overviewed results of the Job Fair with 156 out of 550 applicants being placed, possibly 160. Applicants that were not placed were mailed materials from the Youth Jobs Center (YJC) and Y.O.U. (Youth Organizations Umbrella) on further job opportunities

B. Mayor's Super Summer Sampler – Update

Nathan Norms stated that the Summer Sampler was embraced by the youth and that many signed up for Y.O.U. Four members of the youth also signed up for an anti-violence program. Mayor indicated her frustration in her attempts to communicate with partners to spread awareness of the Summer Sampler. Kevin Brown stated his willingness to attend school district meetings; however, school district representatives stated that district-wide meetings occur rarely.

C. Evanston Police Department Update and Summer Outlook

Police will provide presence at all Super Summer events and take action to increase interactions. The previous summer saw a 25% reduction in crime which could be attributed to the Safe Summer program. Chief Eddington reported on beat 77 regarding on-going interpersonal issues tracing back to a homicide in 2005. Police are aware of the hotspots and will be deployed accordingly.

Above all more jobs were needed. Outreach workers are relied upon to provide job and recreational activity information. Programming for the 18-25 demographic is still lacking. A pilot employer mentoring program will target 30 medium-risk youth. It was mentioned that staff should be supplied with resource guides for graduating seniors. One resource is Beth Arey at EHS. Kevin Brown stated that adults have a responsibility to teach the youth about the resources already known with regard to job resources. Neal Levin offered to take ten youth and expose them to ten different jobs. Youth Jobs Center is searching for more applicants for their programming, the deadline had been extended to May 25th, 2012.

D. Next meeting will be in July 19th, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:41.

Respectfully Submitted,

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