

Committee on Community Safety
May 21, 2009 Summary
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1. Call to order: 7:05 pm

- Dave Tompkins chaired the meeting in the absence of Chair, Tony Casasanta.

Present: Dave Tompkins, Sheryl Werner, Mitch Page (late), Mike Pizzuto

Absent: Tony Casasanta, Chris Ganzer, Tim Manke

Also attending: Mayor Jeff Wright, Dave Nagel, Town Council Liaison, Kris Nasinnyk, Town Council Liaison, Ken Freidenberg, Director of Human Services, Tony Boni, Pastor, Kenneth C. Brookes, Joan-Alice Taylor, President Chamber of Commerce, Patrick M. Sullivan, Clarke Castelle, Lyn Connery

2. Approval of 4/9/09 Summary – Postponed until next month

3. Safety Committee PowerPoint

- Dave Tompkins presented the revised PowerPoint outlining: Purpose of the Committee, Previous Joint Committee Recommendations and Community Asset Building Model. Dave Tompkins commented that the Committee has been exploring the asset model but wants to obtain more input to be sure this is a viable direction. They are planning on using the PowerPoint to facilitate discussions with various groups.

4. Public Participation

- Several people commented that they liked the idea of a youth driven response similar to what was done in Middletown.
- Comments were positive regarding the recent high school survey to youth and the value of their input to school staff.
- Discussion about the asset model as a youth enhancement approach vs. community perceptions of danger and safety concerns.
- Discussion about problem identification vs. prevention and assets as protective factors – See 40 Developmental Assets hand-out
- Comments about the need to obtain input from seniors as well as youth.
- Mayor Wright and others commented that the Committee seems to be heading in a positive direction. He also suggested that any recommendations be made after the election.

5. Other Business – None

6. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm



Respectfully Submitted: Ken Freidenberg, Director of Human Services

Next Meeting: Thursday June 18 at 7pm