

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Children's Needs Task Force**

Thursday, October 28, 2010 4:00 PM
Huntington Beach Civic Center
2000 Main Street, Room B-8
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Vice Chair Hayden called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

I. Roll Call

Members Present: Ian Collins; Broc Coward (Late); Jim Hayden; Robert Dettloff; Marlene McIlroy

Members Absent: None

Staff: Janeen Laudenback; Mary Loadsman

II. Public Comments: None.

III. Presentations:

Safe Routes to School - Bill Janusz, Principal Civil Engineer, Public Works, provided an overview of the Safe Routes to School Program noting the state funded program is administered by CalTrans. The types of improvements the grant funds can be used for are; traffic signal and traffic flow improvements, provide sidewalks where none exist, improve pedestrian access and crosswalks basically types of improvements where children who walk or bicycle to school can be better served. Janusz explained the grant is a 90/10 match with the state providing 90% of the funds and the city providing 10% of the funds for improvements. He added that since 2002, approximately 1.2 million in funds have been received, benefiting children and families at Newland, Mesa View, Marine View, Spring View, Golden View, Sowers, Smith and Dwyer school areas.

CSP: Legal Awareness Workshop – Gloria Figuerora, Bilingual Diversion Specialist, Community Service Programs, Inc., Juvenile Diversion Services provided an overview of the Legal Awareness Workshop, explaining the program is designed for first-time juvenile petty crime offenders as a way of deterring any future undesired behaviors. She explained that first time offenders are given the opportunity to perform community service, attend the workshop and pay a small fee vs. paying a fine, appearing in court and having a court record. The program talks about the Justice System, provides Drugs & Alcohol information resources, Internet Safety information, Cell Phone & Texting concerns, Anger Management, and other tools that benefit parents and youth. Both the juvenile and parent(s) are required to attend the workshop or the case is sent on to Santa Ana. Figuerora noted that during the summer there are 100 to 120 cases per month

with the majority of incidents with the HBPD coming from youth outside of Huntington Beach. The program is a fee based program funded by the Police Department noting that 80% of the youth going through the program do not become repeat offenders.

IV. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of August 26, 2010 meeting.

MOTION:

Moved by Hayden, seconded by Collins, approve the minutes of August 26, 2010 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. Focus Groups:

Chair Coward asked that the focus groups be finalized at the next meeting when City Council has approved the recommended appointments.

Focus Group 4 – Laudenback confirmed that Barnes & Noble will make accommodations for the CNTF members to meet at the store for the book sorting and asked for members to volunteer to help out.

V. New Business

Collin noted that according to requirements, schools have a School Master Plan that includes safe walking routes to school. He noted that schools seldom have an opportunity to have an expert review the plan and hoped that the city representative would be open to looking at additional locations for the future. Laudenback responded that getting a survey of the key things to know for the grant process from Janusz may help schools be better prepared. Coward suggested that schools provide a letter of recommendation that could help with the grant process. Laudenback added that she would talk with Janusz about what is needed for the next grant cycle in 18 months.

VI. Information Items – Laudenback reported that the plaques have been ordered and provided an update on the student applicant, vacancy and At-Large appointment update note the appointments are planned for the December Council meeting.

VIII. Task Force Member Comments

Collins stressed that new members should be willing to commit to the meetings and events. Hayden concurred and is looking forward to another productive year. Coward reminded the group of the need for guest speakers.

Coward asked to have a copy of the YCA Sponsor letter for outreach opportunities.

Staff to provide the link to the City Administrator Newsletter, updated rosters and CNTF schedule for 2011.

Laudenback to check on availability of Junior Lifeguard Headquarters for holiday event.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Next meeting: **December 16, 2010 – Location TBD**

Submitted by: Mary Loadsman, Recording Secretary