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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## Homeless Youth Committee

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### October 2, 2009 Minutes

Co-Chairs: Irene Timms and Laurie Mazerbo

<b>Next Meeting:</b> Friday, November 6, 2009, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Skrappy's, 191 E. Toole Avenue
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<b>Report to TPCH General Meeting</b>
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### TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Minutes of the September meeting were approved by consensus.

2. **Old Business.**

- **TPCH Conference Presentation Review.** Kathy Wooldridge reported. She felt that it went well despite a minor technical difficulty presenting her Apple-computer-made presentation on a PC format computer. Alice Krohn noted that she felt that Kathy and Kevin Jackson did an excellent job of engaging the audience, which included Mattie Lord of the state Homeless Coordination Office, who is preparing a state report on youth homelessness.
- **“Home Is Where The Art Is”.** Participants discussed preparations for this November 14<sup>th</sup> event. Kathy confirmed that the parking lot is secured and the flyers are expected to be ready by next Friday. Flyers will be distributed by email. Kathy also noted that the Tucson Heart Hospital is providing a meal; she expects to have all performers arranged by Tuesday (including a performance by Eon Youth Lounge); that she will distributed information about the events at KFMA Day, where Skrappy's is tabling. Kathy noted that in addition to art hanging, there will be activities so that attendees can participate in creating art. Alice noted that the event is both to provide a safe place for homeless youth and to raise awareness about runaway and homeless youth in order to help relieve stressors in the community that contribute to the issues.

There will be room for approximately 20 tables.

Participants discussed whether: to extend a special invitation to police officers, and decided that it was not appropriate at an event that attracts runaways. Kathy noted that Skrappy's is planning a youth forum, for which youth will decide the speakers and may wish to include police offices. Participants discussed whether to have a second October meeting, and reached consensus that it was not necessary because the next meeting is November 6<sup>th</sup>.

- **Next steps.**
  - a.) Laurie Mazerbo will print quantities of flyers and arrange for school liaisons to distribute them.
    - b.) Laurie will ask at Monday's Community Based Organizations Committee whether Census 2010 would like to have a table at the event.
    - c.) Exhibitors who have their own tables will bring them.
    - d.) Providers will bring supplies for the event (including water, food and clothing for distribution) for storage in Skrappy's basement as they are able.
    - e.) Settle Madden will include a call for donations and exhibitors in the next weekly announcements, with exhibitor responses to be directed to [skrappys@hotmail.com](mailto:skrappys@hotmail.com).

- **TPCH Banner.** Lisa reported that she is awaiting responses from the other TPCH committee as to whether they would use a banner with space for interchangeable committee names. Kathy noted that one of her participants recently completed a nice cloth banner, and would likely be willing to do one for TPCH. Irene and Laurie each noted that their organizations could contribute a grocery card for the banner-maker(s).
  - **Next step.** Settle will email Kathy a copy of the TPCH logo.
- **TPCH Youth Committee Description.** Participants discussed the committee description distributed by email prior to the meeting and added the word "advocate" to read:
 

“The purpose of the Homeless Youth Committee is to advocate and plan for, organize, implement and evaluate services to homeless youth. Using a Positive Youth Development model, participating agencies empower youth to make healthy decisions within their local community.”

Don Blascak moved to adopt the description as amended. Kathy seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**3. New Business**

- **HopeFest.** Don announced that HopeFest is Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Tucson Electric Park. He has six youth organizations signed up to date, and will place them together. If you have signed up, watch for your booth number and column location by email. Guides will be available to help you with setup. Lucia noted that she plans to use the school’s 15-passenger van to bring Tucson Preparatory School students who wish to attend to HopeFest.
- **Skrappy’s.** Because the City of Tucson plans to sell the warehouses on North Toole Avenue, Skrappy’s is being asked to bid on their own building in order to keep it. Letters of support are needed by 16<sup>th</sup> of October. They may be submitted by e-mail to [skrappys@hotmail.com](mailto:skrappys@hotmail.com) or posted to 191 E. Toole Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701. Skrappy’s has a five-year lease that will continue regardless of ownership, but has put in more than \$60,000 of improvements (and are required to put in more) that may be lost to the organization under new ownership.
  - **Next step.** Settle will email a request to the TPCH list serve for letters of support for Skrappy’s bid to purchase the property.

**4. Next Meeting.** Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:30 a.m., at Skrappy’s, 191 E. Toole Avenue.

Submitted by Settle Madden

**Attendance**

Don Blascak	ICH	dblascak@comcast.net
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