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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## Homeless Youth Committee

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### March 5, 2010 Minutes

Co-Chairs: Irene Timms and Laurie Mazerbo

<b>Next Meeting:</b> April 2, 2009, 9:00 – 10:00 pm CUP, 3552 N. Stone Avenue
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<b>Report to TPCCH General Meeting</b>
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| ■ Interagency Training Day plans |
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### TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1. Minutes.** Don Blascak moved and Brandon Rawls seconded that the January minutes be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**
- 2. Interagency Training Day.** Don reported that he has spoken with the new Tucson Police Department gang unit sergeant, who requested one hour and 15 minutes for the presentation, which will address: the status of gang activity locally, primary gangs and their “turfs”, and typical gang crimes, as well as the cultures and differences among the Bloods, Crips and Jugalos. Heidi Reynolds-Stenson reported that the owner of Dagwood Café is very receptive to providing a luncheon for up to 75 persons, but needs a date and her co-owners’ consent to complete the commitment  
Participants discussed the following agenda for the event: 12:00 -1:00 p.m.,- lunch; 1:00-1:30 p.m. – Our Family Services’ living as a homeless youth exercise; 1:30-2:30 p.m. gang; 2:45—3:00, break; 3:00-3:15 p.m. - McKenney Vento Act review; 3:15-4:00 p.m. – HEARTH Act, to be presented by Steven Nelson.  
Don submitted a request to the church’s secretary to use Trinity Presbyterian Church’s Trinity Hall or Fellowship Hall for Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30-4:30 p.m. She is submitting the request to the church’s facility committee. The answer is expected by March 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Consensus was to request a food donation to benefit local agencies with registration.
  - **Next steps. a.)** Brandon will ask Lisa Griffin to provide last year’s form to Settle Madden for updating.
  - b.)** Heidi will confirm a luncheon date and donation with Dagwood Café.
- 3. November Event.** Participants confirmed that Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> remains the preferred date, and Skrappy’s the preferred location.
- 4. New Business/Tucson Homeless Connect.** Don reported and summarized the February 19<sup>th</sup> event. He noted that new features included animal care, donated internet connectivity from Simply Bits; American Red Cross participation and sponsorship; and on-site cell phone usage for guests donated by Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans.  
Participants noted that: they liked the grouping of youth services; having animal care drew in youth; and the presence of a number of police officers may have discouraged youth from attending.
  - **Next step.** Don will explore whether the event can be staffed by fewer police officers.

**5. Agency Announcements.**

- **Skrappy's Awareness/Fund Raising Breakfast.** There will be a breakfast next week to help Skrappy's find permanent home, preferably in their current location. The awareness and fund raising event is Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>; 7:30-9:00 a.m. The invitation should include a parking sticker. Kathy Wooldridge of Skrappy's also asks that any agencies which can do so provide letters of support on agency letterhead. Mayor Bob Walkup and Pima County Board of Supervisors Chairman Richard Elias are honorees.
- **Street Count Certificates.** Participants were invited to take with them their colleagues' unclaimed appreciation certificates for 2010 Homeless Street Count volunteers.

**6. Next Meeting.** Friday, April 2nd, 9:00-10:30 a.m., at CUP, 3552 N. Stone Avenue – back apt. past play area.

Submitted by Settle Madden

**Attendance**

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