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Community Pride and Human Relations

Draft Community Pride and Human Relations Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2007

Lange Middle School

Co-facilitator- Michelle Schwano, in Pieter Waarde's absence

Support Staff: Maureen Coy

Present: Faye Heidani, Michelle Schawo, Hsiao-Mein Weidmeyer, Al Plummer, , Nanette Chun-Ming Ward, Vicki Hobbs.

Absent: Pieter Van Waard, Ana Marie Fernandez, Julio Lorio, Alicia Lorio, Otto Steinhaus,

Next meeting: June 20th 6-8 pm. at Lange Middle School,

- I. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting** Al Plummer moved and Hsiao-Mein Weidmeyer seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion passed.

II. Key Meeting Topics

Groups broke into their subtopic groups and reported out on what they had found out from their resource scans.

The Youth Sub-topic group only had one member in attendance but changed their goal slightly to: "Columbia will develop and promote a central resource (and possibly place) creating environments that will cultivate responsible citizenship among young people." Their strategies are: 1st. Leverage Study Circle program to build consensus and vision among youth organization leadership; 2nd – Better promotion of existing opportunities by: creating a comprehensive webpage; creating a booklet to be distributed at no charge to kids and parents; and incorporate information on scholarship opportunities for program and transportation; 3rd – Research interest in developing plans for a shared youth facility incorporating safe travel and inclusive environment by interviewing teen focus groups and observe successful models. Preliminary identification of who should be involved in these priority strategies and what their action steps might be was made but Michelle felt there needed to be more committee members there for input and consensus.

The Diversity/Inclusion subcommittee had no changes in their previously shared goals and strategies. They identified their 1st strategy as: Reorganize and expand Human Right Commission and review city policy statements regarding human rights and expand study circles; 2nd as develop and implement cultural awareness orientation and training program for new and existing employees; and 3rd Form an Intercultural Council. They also identified who should be involved and what the action steps might be for these strategies.

The Sense of Community Subcommittee was only one person. With the Michelle as facilitator they agreed on a priority strategy of replicating an event like "Spark in the Park" but felt they needed more people and time to plan and hoped that Pieter would facilitate another meeting for the action plan and participants to do this.

Forms B, C and D were turned into the City Visioning Staff.

III. Actions to be Taken

Information to be shared with Pieter Van Waarde to determine if a July meeting is necessary.

