Champaign Community Coalition
All Goal Teams Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2017
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Champaign Public Library
Robeson Pavilion, Rooms A & B
200 W. Green Street, Champaign

I. Welcome
   • Introductions
   
   • Good News
     ➢ Felty-120 people attended Racial Taboo Film
     ➢ Stickels-passed out clip boards for members to answer the question “Why Coalition is important to you?”

II. Police/Community Relations
   • Police Chiefs Updates

   Following introductions, Chief Morgan and Chief Christensen opened with some recent incidents within the neighborhoods under their respective jurisdictions. The incidents included a number of burglaries and shootings in the current calendar year. They also highlighted the reluctance of the public assist the police in these matters.

   Chief Cobb noted some of the major incidents in his jurisdiction within the previous year and followed with some of the efforts he has encouraged to increase the positive image of the police. These included friendly public reminders, coffee with a cop, and occasional flower purchases.

III. CU Fresh Start
   • CU Fresh Start Community Liaison Donté Lotts
   
   • CU Fresh Start Project Specialist Vivian Gray

   Mr. Parsons describes the CU Fresh Start initiative which meets two time a month in order to address the gun violence problem within Champaign-Urbana. The group is made up of law enforcement, social services managers, faith & community leaders, and probation officers. He encourages the public to become part of the solution by creating neighborhood watch groups and other community engagement opportunities to combat this problem.
Donte at Prairie Center, described the first to “call-ins” for the program in October ’16 and March ’17. The guys who were enrolled in the program needed a wide range of assistance. Many lack life skills necessary to become a productive citizen. The program assisted with scheduling & keeping appointments, tracking court dates, mental health issues, transportation, and gaining access to social services. The focus was always to empower the individual to take responsibility for their actions in the future. Setting them up for success.

IV. Coalition Priorities
- Racial Taboo
  - Nov. 9th showing but no location yet
  - Decatur has three showings the first one on being on Nov. 12
  - On Sunday’s in Mahomet there are discussions
  - Book group meets in a person’s home
  - Monthly morning breakfast is the second Thursday of every month. Tomorrow (Jan. 25) is the next breakfast at LePeep or Hilton Garden Inn.
  - Monday 3:30-5:30pm we are going to ask what help we need for more outreach. Questions include: What problems have we encountered? What solutions can we come up with?

- Youth Assessment Center
  Johnathan Westfield from the Youth Assessment Center (YAC) then gave a brief on their program as well as the impending location issues they are facing. The YAC has been in existence for 3-4 years, and was meant to be a place that can catch troubled youth before they become bad actors in society. The program helps youth aged from 10-17 who are referred from various groups (schools, law enforcement, parents), to date it has helped roughly 3,100 people. The hope is to change their ideas for success making them believe in what is possible rather than settling for life of crime. A key is early intervention.

The YAC is asking for the assistance of the public and those present at this meeting to locate a facility suitable for the YAC into the future. The requirements include a three 10’ x 10’ offices, waiting space, copier, and a bathroom. The location must be accessible by public transportation and preferably near the center of the city. The currently location at 402 North Randolph has a lease which will expire in March of 2018.

- CU Neighborhood Champions
  - Karen is having meetings on Oct. 20th and 21st if you want to engage your family and a Training on Nov. 11th for early childhood.
  - Please arrive one hour before the monthly Coalition meetings to connect with a working group and get involved.

V. Information Sharing
- Prairie Land Conflict Mediation Center
  - Joyce is here to talk about the Prairie Land Mediation Center 217-552-2813. They work to provide neighbor mediation, train leaders to mediate, discuss neighborhood issues. They also brings food to all events and offer free training.

- Constituent Services
  - Nicole at Carol Ammons office is the intern supervisor. Carol is in DC she received the pace setter award. HB House 690 helps create federal work for interns. They have added task forces. Two events coming up: 1. Oct. 21st
Expungement Summit and Oct. 27 coffee with Carol from 7:30-9am probably at Flying Machine Coffee in Urbana.

- Special Community Coalition Meeting November 8, 2017 “Addressing Our Community Violence in Collaboration”
- Oct. 22 from 2-5pm Moms Demand Action event. Check out flyers on back table.
- Jeff Perkins from Decatur has been working for 10 years in the public schools caring for black men. He has worked to positively impact 75 boys lives and believes in early intervention. Every day he talks to young men, he said there is no cost to talk to a young man!

VI. Adjourn