



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 19, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: City Administrator's Office

SUBJECT: Update On The City's Coordination Efforts Targeting Youth Gang Violence

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive an update on the City's coordination efforts targeting youth gang violence.

DISCUSSION:

Following a youth gang homicide in March 2007, the City Council supplemented the Police and Parks and Recreation Department budgets in order to enhance enforcement and prevention activities within the City.

In November 2007, the Council received a status report regarding implementation of these additional efforts, and asked staff to serve as a convener to partner with others to address the community problem of youth gang violence. In response, the City Administrator established a management team (Attachment 1) to plan and implement the Council's direction. Since that time, there has been a tremendous amount of effort dedicated to improving services and coordination of activities and services directed at the issue of youth violence.

In January 2008, the City convened a meeting with 45 key stakeholders (Attachment 2) involved with the intervention, prevention and suppression of youth violence. The goals of the meeting were to assess community support, solicit perspectives and interests and brainstorm on what the entire community can do to prevent, suppress and intervene with youth gang violence. This stakeholder group concluded that we needed to:

- Work on a comprehensive inventory of youth and family service providers with a focus on youth gangs
- Develop a strategic plan to comprehensively address youth violence
- Improve coordination of programs and activities
- Form a Strategy Planning Committee to develop next steps and action plans to institutionalize a long term solution

Following the suggestions from the stakeholders group we established a Strategy Planning Committee (Attachment 3) to evaluate options and map out next steps. The Strategy Planning Committee has been very dedicated, meeting almost every other week since March 2008. Councilmembers have been regular attendees at these meetings. The Strategy Planning Committee has:

- Received presentations from youth, program operators, law enforcement representatives, educators, and community members, among others
- Analyzed the problem of youth gang violence and potential options
- Established a Short Term Program Subcommittee (Attachment 4) to develop a summer program targeted at 80+ high risk youth
- Established a Long Term Strategy Steering Committee (Attachment 5) to develop a structure and budget to institutionalize a strategy to address the problem of youth gang violence.

In the early stages of this process, the agencies engaged in responding to the issues associated with youth gang violence have made significant progress to improve communication, coordination and collaboration. But, while progress has been achieved, much more work lies ahead.

At this meeting Council will receive:

- A status report on the work of the Short-term Strategy – Summer Program
- A preview of the Proposed Long Term Strategy to be presented to the Strategy Planning Committee on September 8, 2008
- An overview of the next steps in the process

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment 1 – City of Santa Barbara Management Team Members
Attachment 2 – January 2008 Stakeholder Meeting Attendees
Attachment 3 – Strategy Planning Committee Members
Attachment 4 – Short Term Program Committee Members
Attachment 5 – Long Term Strategy Steering Committee Members

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SUBMITTED BY: James L. Armstrong, City Administrator

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBERS

- Jim Armstrong, City Administrator
- Joan Kent, Assistant City Administrator
- Camerino Sanchez, Chief of Police
- Nancy Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director
- Marcelo Lopez, Administrative Services Director
- Rich Glaus, Deputy Chief of Police
- Don Olson, Special Projects Manager
- Sarah Hanna, Recreation Programs Manager

JANUARY 2008 STAKEHOLDER MEETING ATTENDEES

- Ben Romo, Director of Community Education Special Projects for the Superintendent for Santa Barbara County Education
- Bill Batty, Executive Director of Family Services Agency
- Brian Sarvis, Superintendent for Santa Barbara School Districts
- Camerino Sanchez, Police Chief for Santa Barbara Police Department
- Cecilia Molina, Principal of El Puente Community School for Santa Barbara County Education
- Chuck Slosser, President & CEO for Santa Barbara Foundation
- Dan Secord, Board Member for Zona Seca
- Diane Rodriguez-Kino, Campus Diversity Director for Santa Barbara City College
- Don Olson, City of Santa Barbara Special Projects Manager
- Ed Cue, Program Director of Teen Court for the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
- Fernand Sarrat, Director of Collaborative Communities Foundation
- Fran Forman, Executive Director of Community Action Commission
- Frank Banales, Executive Director of Zona Seca
- Jim Armstrong, City of Santa Barbara City Administrator
- Joan Kent, City of Santa Barbara Assistant City Administrator
- John Romo, Past President of Santa Barbara City College
- Jon Clark, Executive Director of JS Bower Foundation
- Kathy Abney, Santa Barbara School Districts Principal
- Laurel Anderson, Youth Development Manger for Orfalea Foundation
- Lorenzo Duarte, Police Sergeant for Santa Barbara Police Department
- Marcelo Lopez, City of Santa Barbara Administrative Services Director
- Matt Sanchez, Director for All For One
- Michael Gonzalez, Director of Compliance and Categorical Programs for Santa Barbara School Districts
- Nancy Rapp, City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Director
- Pamela Hamlin, Executive Director of Hutton Foundation
- Patty Stewart, Chief of Santa Barbara County Probation
- Paul Didier, President and CEO of United Way
- Paul Turnbull, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education for Santa Barbara School Districts
- Penny Jenkins, President and CEO of Fighting Back
- Raquel Lopez, Director of Casa De La Raza
- Rich Glaus, Deputy Chief of Police for Santa Barbara Police Department
- Sal Cisneros, President and CEO of Santa Barbara YMCA
- Sal Rodriguez, Executive Director of Boys and Girls Club
- Sarah Hanna, City of Santa Barbara Recreation Programs Manager
- Suzanne Grimmesy-Kirk, Division Chief, Children and Adult Services for Santa Barbara County Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Department

ATTACHMENT #2

- Tara Haaland-Ford, Chair of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission
- Tom Parker, President of the Hutton Foundation
- Babtunde Fodayemi, Associate for Collaborative Communities Foundation

STRATEGY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Ben Romo, Director of Community Education Special Projects for the Superintendent for Santa Barbara County Education
- Bill Batty, Executive Director of Family Services Agency
- Brian Sarvis, Superintendent for Santa Barbara School Districts
- Camerino Sanchez, Police Chief for Santa Barbara Police Department
- Chuck Slosser, President & CEO for Santa Barbara Foundation
- Don Olson, City of Santa Barbara Special Projects Manager
- Ed Szeyller, Police Captain for Santa Barbara Police Department
- Frank Banales, Executive Director of Zona Seca
- Fred Razo, Director of Juvenile Court and Community Schools for Santa Barbara County Education
- Jim Armstrong, City of Santa Barbara City Administrator
- Joan Kent, City of Santa Barbara Assistant City Administrator
- John Romo, Past President of Santa Barbara City College
- Jon Clark, Executive Director of JS Bower Foundation
- Lennie Kwock, Mental Health Program Manager for Santa Barbara County Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Department
- Marcelo Lopez, City of Santa Barbara Administrative Services Director
- Martin Conoley, Deputy Chief for Santa Barbara County Probation
- Matt Sanchez, Director for All For One
- Michael Gonzalez, Director of Compliance and Categorical Programs for Santa Barbara School Districts
- Nancy Rapp, City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Director
- Penny Jenkins, President and CEO of Fighting Back
- Rich Glaus, Deputy Chief of Police for Santa Barbara Police Department
- Sarah Hanna, City of Santa Barbara Recreation Programs Manager
- Babtunde Fodayemi, Associate for Collaborative Communities Foundation

SHORT TERM PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Fred Razo, Director of Juvenile Court and Community Schools for Santa Barbara County Education (Chair)
- Camerino Sanchez, Police Chief for Santa Barbara Police Department
- Penny Jenkins, President and CEO of Fighting Back
- Martin Conoley, Deputy Chief for Santa Barbara County Probation
- Frank Banales, Executive Director of Zona Seca
- Lennie Kwock, Mental Health Program Manager for Santa Barbara County Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Department
- Michael Gonzalez, Director of Compliance and Categorical Programs for Santa Barbara School Districts
- Gloria Sanchez, Transitional Youth Case Manager for Santa Barbara County Education
- Ben Romo, Director of Community Education Special Projects for the Superintendent for Santa Barbara County Education
- Bill Batty, Executive Director of Family Services Agency
- Saul Serrano, Los Compadres Program Health Educator for Community Action Commission
- Babtunde Fodayemi, Associate for Collaborative Communities Foundation
- Alejandra Guitierrez, Neighborhood Intervention Specialist

LONG TERM STRATEGY STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Bill Brown, Santa Barbara County Sheriff
- Jim Armstrong, City of Santa Barbara City Administrator
- Camerino Sanchez, Police Chief for Santa Barbara Police Department
- Patty Stewart, Chief of Santa Barbara County Probation
- Brian Sarvis, Superintendent for Santa Barbara School Districts
- Michael Gonzalez, Director of Compliance and Categorical Programs for Santa Barbara School Districts
- Penny Jenkins, President and CEO of Fighting Back
- Martin Conoley, Deputy Chief for Santa Barbara County Probation
- Fran Forman, Executive Director of Community Action Commission
- Nancy Rapp, City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Director
- Marcelo Lopez, City of Santa Barbara Administrative Services Director
- Don Olson, City of Santa Barbara Special Projects Manager