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STRATEGIC INITIATIVE # 3.3

GOAL #3: HUMAN CAPITAL

Assist every person to reach their true potential

INITIATIVE 3.3: ANALYZE THE AVAILABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF YOUTH PROGRAMS AND IDENTIFY A ROLE FOR CITY GOVERNMENT

Fiscal Year 2010 Quarterly Updates:

2nd Quarter Report (January 1, 2010 – March 31, 2010)

This past quarter, with the assistance from the Public Works Department, the Juvenile Youth Program GAP Analysis document is being transformed into a GIS presentation format showing youth program locations compared to schools, parks, bus routes and past juvenile crime incidents broken down by zip code. This will be presented to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee on May 13, 2010. In addition, GPD and PRCA have held meetings with stakeholders at the local and regional level collecting additional information to further support a recommendation to the City Commission about the need for accessible transportation for youth to more readily access youth services throughout the City. Further discussion will occur during the RCAPW Commission Committee meeting on May 13, 2010.

1st Quarter Report (Received by CCOM on 3/18/2010 Consent Agenda)

Recreation and Public Works Committee on the summer programs offered to youth in the community. While Juvenile crime statistics were reduced from the summer of 2008 by 9%, the consensus of all providers was that transportation was a challenge for youth to access the many programs and services available.

The Juvenile Resources Guide and GAP Analysis of Programs was updated during the first quarter. During the second quarter, staff will conduct a spatial analysis of juvenile crime in relation to the location of programs, public transportation, and schools.

Fiscal Year 2009 Quarterly Updates:

4th Quarter (Received by CCOM on 1/7/2010 Consent Agenda)

During the fourth quarter, numerous programs for youth and teens were provided through a joint partnership between PRCA and GPD. The programs include, Summer Heatwave Basketball League, multiple Summer Day Camp sites, Girls to Young Ladies (G2YL) Teen program, and two Operation Respect Yourself Pool Parties. In addition, baseball, softball, swim lessons, aquatic camps, and Jr. golf programs kept youth and teens active during the summer months.

The Reichert House and PRCA teamed up to train Reichert House youth in lawn maintenance in an effort to provide future job skills and provide maintenance to the grounds of the Reichert House.

Keeping youth and teens engaged in positive activity while reducing juvenile crime is a top priority for GPD and PRCA. This next quarter youth advocate partners will reconvene to update the Youth Resources Guide, identify the program gaps and make recommendations to the City Commission on the role of city government in providing youth programs.

3rd Quarter (Received by CCOM on 8/20/2009 Consent Agenda)

A community engagement meeting occurred in April at the Eastside Recreation Center with stakeholders focused on developing a mentoring program during after-school hours using the NE Community Center, a location in the SW 20th Ave area and in zip code 32609, site to be determined.

Focus this quarter has been on program development and engaging as many youth as possible in positive activities during the summer.

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The Summer Heatwave Program began June 2nd, 2009. All of the programs are currently at capacity: Girls to Young Ladies (G2YL) Teen workshops have 70 girls, Summer Camp scholarships went to 150 children, and the Summer Basketball League received over 300 registrations, but had to cap enrollment at 240 girls and boys. Operation Respect Yourself held an End of School Year Pool Party at the NE Pool in conjunction with the Mike Peterson Football Camp at Citizens Field and MLK Center serving over 400 youth on June 27th. An End of Summer Pool Party is scheduled for August 15 at Westside Pool. The MLK Center has remained open all summer for Open Gym from 12 Noon to 5 PM daily and has been well utilized by all age groups.

2nd Quarter (Received by CCOM on 5/21/2009 Consent Agenda)

On January 15th, Cpt. Tony Jones and the chair of the Summer Heatwave Committee, Rhonda Stroman, presented the final results of the 2008 Summer Heatwave program and received approval from the City Commission for: 150 summer camp scholarships per week for six weeks; \$9,000 in-kind services for GPD overtime to support Operation Respect Yourself Summer Events; and postponed a request for \$9,000 from the Contingency Fund for RTS passes for Heatwave youth.

The first Stakeholders Team met on January 22nd to discuss establishing a Youth Commission. Gretchen Howard with the State Attorney's Office presented an update on Juvenile Delinquency in Alachua County and focused specifically on factors that prevent delinquency. The following ideas were significant:

- Mentor youth to become basketball officials and/or provide assistance with getting jobs.

- An explanation of the GAP Analysis Gretchen Howard performed.

- An update on the Alachua County Juvenile Prevention Report to determine how we can work together.

- Approach the Rotary Clubs for grant assistance and/or identify others who are willing to seek funding for youth programs.

On March 4th, a Town Hall meeting on Juvenile Crime was held in conjunction with the Black on Black Crime Task Force and the Reichert House, with over 200 people present. Staff from the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officers attended as well, to discuss disproportionate minority contact in the criminal justice system.

1st Quarter Report (Received by CCOM on 2/5/2009 Consent Agenda)

This quarter, Gretchen Howard with the State Attorney's Office, presented information on Delinquency Prevention to the City Commission. The presentation occurred December 4th and led to excellent discussion and direction from the Commission and interested members of the community.

In addition, the co-champions of this initiative met with Commissioner Schwerin Henry and the City Manager to discuss next steps and support needed for the continued implementation of this initiative. Commissioner Henry will assist with recruiting members from the faith community to serve on the Stakeholders Team. The first Stakeholders Team Meeting will be on January 22 to tackle issues related to this initiative.

The Heat-Wave Committee presented a report on summer activities to the County Commission on December 9th which resulted in a commitment of \$60,000 for the 2009 Heat-Wave program. With Captain Jones as the lead, the Heat-Wave Committee will make a similar present to the City Commission on January 15th. The presentation will report on the results of the summer program activity and plans for next summer.