

## **Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

*(Rescheduled from May 28, 2014)*

**Present:** Theresa Bigica, Kelly Clifford, Joanne J. Graziano, Mayor R. Goldberg, Chief Richard McAuliffe, Helen Pasquale, Lorraine Powell, Sherrine Schuldt, Emily Spina

**Guest:** Officer James Knepper

**Called to Order:** 3:00 pm

- Flag Salute
- Welcome - Ms. Graziano welcomed all the HMAC members at this time

### **Topics Addressed**

- **HMAC Grant 2014-2019** - Mrs. Powell informed the Committee regarding the new grant cycle. She stated that several updates had been made and is still awaiting approval of the grant from the State of New Jersey through the Passaic County Municipal Alliance Coordinator. There will be an additional update at our June 25 meeting.
- **United for Prevention in Passaic County (UP in PC)** - Mrs. Schuldt advised the Committee that the last UP in PC meeting was held on Monday, June 2. Mayor Goldberg was recognized as the outgoing Chairperson and Ms. Graziano was introduced as the incoming Chairwoman beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Mrs. Schuldt also stated that this meeting was attended by many county Representatives as well as grant awardees from the Peer Leader Teen Summit which was held in March 2014. Mrs. Schuldt indicated that many new and enlightening presentations will be held throughout the 2014-2015 UP in PC meeting sessions. She encourages all HMAC members to attend as many as possible (4 per year).

- ***Those Who Host...*** - Ms. Graziano complimented Mrs. Elvin on all the well-placed literature/signage/materials that have enhanced Hawthorne's *Those Who Host... Lose The Most* campaign. Hawthorne has always been a forerunner in this project and will continue to take the lead in this endeavor. The PSA that was produced in conjunction with the Hawthorne School District was shown at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> UP in PC meeting. Mrs. Schuldt has requested, if possible, this to be distributed throughout the Passaic County Municipal Alliances. This is a good public relations move for Hawthorne as we continue to be the leader in this project.
- **Senior Citizen Activity** - Mrs. Spina thanked the HMAC for continuing to foster its relationship with the Senior Citizen population. She also expressed gratitude to the Hawthorne High School Peer Leaders as well as to the Drama Department by inviting them to the Spring production at the High School. She also stated that the food was delicious and the conversation was great. We had approximately 100 persons in attendance and a good time was had by all. This is a project that should continue to happen to foster good relations within the community.
- **Summer Leadership Camp** - Officer Knepper gave an update regarding this activity which is to be held at the Lincoln Middle School during the week of August 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Many activities have been planned including the Helicopter visit as well as the Treasure Hunt, which always helps the incoming Sixth Graders become acquainted with their new Middle School. Lunch will be served from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm if any HMAC member would like to volunteer and help serve. We are looking forward to another successful week with over 120 students. Officer Knepper will give a debriefing once the week is completed and will also present at the August meeting.

- **Peer Leaders Update** - Mrs. Clifford updated the Committee on the Fairview Lakes trip. This trip is always well-received since it stresses team-building, survivor skills and communication techniques in relating to Peer Leader situations. Our students are always enthused as well as engaged in as many activities as possible. The trip is very successful due to the networking that occurs among the many students that attend from across Passaic County.
- **Family Movie Nights** - Ms. Graziano asked the Committee if we would still like to sponsor this activity during the summer months. The Committee indicated that this is always a good family activity and many families from our community participate. It was then decided that we would sponsor two Family Movie Nights: one in July and one in August. The dates will be determined for our next meeting.
- **Restructuring of the Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Committee** - Ms. Graziano presented to the Committee that Mrs. Powell's SAC position has been eliminated by the Hawthorne School District; therefore, the Coordinator's position must be re-assigned and all responsibilities must be re-assessed. It will be discussed at our next meeting as to how this will occur. Ms. Graziano indicated that no one can replace Mrs. Powell since she has held the position for 22 years. Mrs. Powell will be greatly missed. Hopefully, the School District will at some point revisit and realize what a great asset this position is for the welfare of our students.
- As a point of information, Mrs. Pasquale raised a concern regarding opium, since this has become a hot topic in the media. Mrs. Powell, along with Mrs. Schuldt, addressed all her concerns.
- With no other business coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.