

Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2010

Present: Charlene Elvin, Joanne J. Graziano, Michael Jarvis, Councilman Dominic Mele, Superintendent of Schools Robert Mooney, Lorraine Powell, Jayne Ten Kate

Please note that John Magna, Mayor Goldberg (Attending Convention), and Chief Robert Scully gave notice of not being able to attend this meeting.

Called to Order: 4:05 pm

Topics Addressed:

- **Quarterly Report** – Mrs. Powell submitted the First Quarterly Report for 2010 for review and distributed copies to all HMAC members. Line items were explained and questions were answered.
- **Senior Citizen Activity** – Mrs. Powell reported that there were 69 Senior Citizens in attendance at the Hawthorne High School play (*Guys and Dolls*) which took place on April 13, 2010. She also emphasized how the Peer Leaders were extremely helpful and made “Our Seniors” feel very comfortable and well-received. Congratulations to the High School Drama Club for a job well-done.
- **R.O.A.R. Graduation Dates** – Mrs. Powell informed committee members that there will be a R.O.A.R. graduation at Washington School on May 7, 2010 at 1:30 pm. All are encouraged to attend.
- **Choices** – Mrs. Powell advised the committee that this program could be presented to the ninth grade students at Hawthorne High School if the Hawthorne School District can provide the remaining funding that is needed. The HMAC can provide \$1800 in total between the Underage Drinking Coalition grant and the Drug-Free school money grant. It is estimated that the school district would need to provide between \$500 and \$600. Mr. Mooney, Superintendent of Schools, will address this issue

with the Board of Education and the Business Administrator. It is strongly recommended that we proceed with this program.

- **Memorial Day Float** – Mrs. Ten Kate and Mrs. Elvin advised committee members that Downes Tree Service will be providing a pick-up truck for the parade and that banners which read, “Those Who Host Lose the Most” will be decorating the outside of the truck. Those walking behind the truck will be distributing Twizzlers with the SAFE logo on them and be given out to as many individuals as possible. Mrs. Ten Kate will be driving the truck, accompanied by Mrs. Spina. Ms. Graziano will be walking with the Peer Leaders so that the HMAC will be well-represented at this festive event.
- Ms. Graziano recommended to the committee that some type of donation be given to the Hawthorne High School Drama Club for the outstanding job that they do. The Senior Citizens extremely enjoy these activities and are very cooperative in helping us fight our cause. After some discussion, it was decided that an honorarium of \$250 be given to this club.
- **As a point of information, Mrs. Elvin informed the committee that the press releases for the Underage Drinking Coalition grant will be going out prior to prom season and signage will be posted throughout the Hawthorne community in very visible locations. Since this was so well-received last year, the HMAC is taking this grant to the next level. It proved to be very informative and became an integral part of fighting the cause of underage drinking.**

Meeting Adjourned: 5:10 pm