

# Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Committee Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2011

Present: Matthew Corvo, Charlene Elvin: AA to Mayor Goldberg, Mayor Rich Goldberg, Joanne Graziano Detective Bob King, John Magna, Councilman Dom Mele, Superintendent of Schools Robert Mooney, Kathie O'Dowd, Lorraine Powell, Ashley Rivera, Emily Spina

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Graziano at 4:08 pm

9/28/11 Minutes – Approved by John Magna, Seconded by Lorraine Powell

## Topics Addressed:

- **Summer Leadership Camp** – Detective King spoke about the success of this year's Leadership Camp; however, some changes will be put into effect for next year and the HMAAC will be notified of them as soon as possible. He expressed sincere thanks to the HMAAC for their continued support and help with this project. He also informed the committee that ROAR (K-4) will be taking place up until Christmas Break. He also stated that St. Anthony School is no longer part of ROAR/SAFE due to scheduling conflicts. He also informed the committee that a new sound system would be needed in order to continue with all the projects that the Hawthorne Police Department provide for the Municipal Alliance. He indicated that \$1,000 would update the system completely and provide service for many years to come. After some discussion, it was agreed to by the committee to pursue with this expenditure. Detective King will acquire three quotes before the final expenditure is done. He will notify Mrs. Powell of his findings.
- **NYODA Outing** – Mrs. Powell spoke about this outing to the NYODA Hills Environmental Center. This activity takes place over the course of two days. The attendance for this function was 187 seventh graders. Peer Leaders were brought to assist and provided much help in terms of topic carry-out. Team building and independent thinking were encouraged and played out during this outing. It is a very worthwhile activity and much is learned by being a part of it.
- **Future Activities** – Ms. Graziano spoke to the committee regarding several activities that need to happen in order for the HMAAC to continue with its

programs. Several programs are to be explored and the committee will further discuss them in January. Some type of fundraising needs to be done in order for us to carry out our mission.

- **Family Movie Nights** – Mrs. Elvin informed the committee that these dates have been made available for the Summer 2012 Family Movie Nights: June 29, July 13, and July 27. These nights are a tremendous success and many families within our community participate in this activity.
- **Teen Murder Mystery Night** – Mrs. O'Dowd presented to the committee the idea of this activity for our teens at the Library. It will take place on Friday, November 18 at the Hawthorne Library from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. This type of activity enhances mental skills as well as intuition and creativity. Library staff will be on-hand to assist and if any HMAC member would like to attend, it would greatly be appreciated. A special thank you goes out to the committee for sponsoring this event.
- **Passaic County Underage Drinking Coalition** – Mayor Goldberg informed the committee that a new Underage Drinking Coalition is trying to be formed within Passaic County. A presentation will be held on Friday, November 18 at William Paterson University from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm (lunch will be provided). The counties of Passaic, Sussex, Bergen and Morris have been invited. All Alliance members are encouraged to attend. Please notify Mrs. Elvin of your intention.
- **General Discussion** – Some discussion took place regarding an HMAC website. Mr. Magna and Ms. Graziano will work on this project. Also, a fact sheet about what the HMAC does is needed. Information regarding the HMAC needs to be sent out so that our mission statement is made known to all of our community members.
- As a point of information, Ms. Graziano will be setting up a meeting with the Principal of St. Anthony School so that we may be of assistance in terms of alcohol and drug prevention to them.
- With no other business coming before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.