

MEETING SUMMARY

Hunters View Community Partners and Hunters View Tenants Association
Meeting with Hunters View Residents
May 27, 2009 - 5:30pm-7:00pm
Hunters View Tenant Association Office
227-229 West Point Road, San Francisco, CA

The meeting started at approximately 5:40 PM with approximately 30 people present. Tessie Ester, President of the Hunters View Tenants Association (HVTA) welcomed everyone who was in attendance. Tessie introduced two board members including Tamika Trammell and Genese Hughes. Tessie then introduced Margaret Campbell, Project Manager at the John Stewart Company.

Tessie provided an overview of the ground rules for the meeting. A resident asked what the process was for recording minutes from the meetings. Tessie indicated that she had copies of meeting minutes from past meetings. Margaret indicated that minutes are taken at each minute and that a set of draft meeting minutes from each meeting is forwarded to the HVTA for review before they are finalized. Once finalized, copies of the minutes are shared with HVTA and a copy is also posted to the Hunters View website at www.huntersview.info.

Margaret Campbell provided an overview of the agenda indicating that this meeting would cover services, job training and employment opportunities, and education. Margaret indicated that many different people from the city and community were in attendance at the meeting tonight to share information about this variety of topics.

Margaret handed the meeting to Kyra Worthy, a Service Connector for Hunters View, to discuss Summer Services for Children & Youth.

Kyra outlined some of the successes that have been achieved to date by some residents, which included a resident who was recently hired by the San Francisco Housing Authority for a Concierge position. Kyra then shared some upcoming opportunities and resources including:

- BMagic Guide: A guide was distributed that outlines a variety of programs and resources in Bayview. Kyra indicated that slots are being held in summer programs for Hunters View residents and that residents should review the opportunities and let her know if they were interested in any of those opportunities. Kyra indicated she would work with residents on enrollment into those programs and that the participation fees would be waived.
- BayCat: Kyra outlined the arts education program offered by BayCat, which provides film-making, TV production, graphic arts and web design, creative writing and book publishing.

Denise Kimball from the San Francisco Housing Authority (SFHA) then presented The Summer Lunch Program.

- Summer Lunch Program will serve free meals 5 days a week from June 22 - August 14 in over 100 locations citywide, and one of those locations will be at Hunters View. SFHA is hiring one adult and two youth (16-18 years old). Full applications include parent

consents are due June 1st and a full description and application materials are available at: <http://www.dcyf.org/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=3806>

- The adult will be the lunch site coordinator and will work with the youth to mentor them and oversee the meal delivery. The position pays \$11/hour and is 15-17.5 hours/week
- The youth will rotate days between working at the lunch program and participating in workshops that focus on nutrition, education, leadership, work skills, etc. The position pays \$9.79/hour and is 20 hours a week. Youth must reside in San Francisco public housing (on lease), be ages 16 to 18 years old at the start of the program, be enrolled in High School or a GED Program, and be legally eligible to work. There may be an opportunity for the youth to continue in a job/program once the school year begins as well.

Joyce Armstrong from SFHA presented some additional employment opportunities and indicated that the Executive Director of SFHA wants to ensure there are economic opportunities for public housing residents.

- Building Concierge Program: SFHA is hiring residents to fill part time concierge positions in senior buildings. The part time jobs pay \$15.14 per hour and there is income disregard available for the first 6 months. Interested residents can contact Joyce Armstrong at 554-1293. A Hunters View resident was hired this week for one of the positions and many additional positions are still open.
- Sherwin Williams Two Week Painting Class: 20 spaces available for SFHA residents. The class begins July 11, 2009 and residents can contact Joyce Armstrong at 554-1293 or go to submit their application through the property manager at Hunters View. It's an unpaid program but graduates of the program get priority for jobs.

Glenn Eagelson from the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) presented some Summer Youth Employment opportunities.

- Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP): OEWD is offering new stimulus funded youth jobs. Youth between the ages of 16-24 are eligible and the positions pay \$9.79/hour. Applications are due June 19th and the jobs start on June 29th. There will be up to 400 jobs created from this. The job will be up to 20 hours a week, will run through August, and youth will work at non-profits, city agencies or private companies throughout San Francisco. This is the first time this opportunity is being announced, and residents of Hunters View will have priority, so interested residents are encouraged to submit their applications ASAP. The application is available at: www.syepsf.com

James Whelly from the Human Services Agency (HSA) shared information about an employment program for CALWORKS recipients (or those who have been enrolled in CALWORKS within the last year). Over 1,000 jobs are being created and are funded with stimulus funds. There are three different kinds of employment opportunities and if interested residents should let their CALWORKSEmployment Specialist. The opportunities include:

- Transitional Employment: 26 hours of work per week at a community based organization. Pay is \$11.03 an hour. Jobs will last for six to nine months.

- Public Sector Employment: 32-40 hours a week in a city department. Pay is \$12-16/hour. Jobs will last until September 30, 2010.
- Private Sector Employment: Part and full time employment at a private organization and HSA will subsidize 100% of the wages paid. Expected earnings are \$10-20/hour depending on the job and jobs will last until September 30, 2010.

There are a number of opportunities available for residents to pursue and handouts were provided for each program discussed. Kyra indicated that if any residents have questions or need help applying for the highlighted opportunities, they should feel free to contact her and she would be happy to assist them.

The meeting then transitioned to the final agenda item; education. Margaret indicated that Deb McKoy from the Center for Cities and Schools (CC&S) was in attendance to present as a follow-up to the meeting that was held on education several months ago. Margaret also introduced Nancy Waymack and Hoover Lydell who were in attendance on behalf of the San Francisco Unified School District.

Deb indicated that the CC&S had been working for the last nine months on strategies to improve access to quality education for residents of Hunters View. She shared a handout that outlined the items that residents identified at the last meeting that they felt were important to education. Deb indicated that CC&S is taking a comprehensive approach to determine how best to ensure residents of Hunters View have access to quality education of all types and for all people.

Deb shared a flyer for a presentation being given by a third and fourth grade class at Malcolm X the following day and indicated that students had been working for the last two months to vision and build models for what they would like to see at the new Hunters View. All residents were invited to attend the presentation.

Residents expressed frustration that this was the first that they were hearing about the event and said that there needed to be better communication with the school and about all that impacts those living at Hunters View.

The meeting ended with several questions about how residents can get assistance paying past due union dues. They expressed that they have the credentials they need to work and that they do not require the City Build program but that they need help with their dues. HVTA and the city agreed that more research would be done to determine how residents can get assistance with their union dues.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM and dinner was then served.