

TOMCAT BRIDGEBUILDERS' MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2013

Trimble High School

Members present: Diana Chalfant, Deputy Jim Childs, Shea Daniels, John Dillon II, Lenny Eliason, Claudia Guffey, Donna Jensen-Besaw, Badger Johnson, Kim Jones, Svea Maxwell, Barry Oches, Alice Richards, Reggie Robinson, Kathy Trace, Rena Scarberry, Mandy Wright

I. Promise Neighborhood

Mr. Oches reported he is continuing work on the grant and plans to resubmit it in July.

II. Communication Plans

The members discussed changes in the brochure, letterhead, and website. Ms. Daniels would update the website as needed.

III. Committee Update

Ms. Wright is the new chair of the Youth Activities Committee. Mr. Ross is chair of the Community Development/Housing. Ms. Trace contacted Judge Grim regarding conflict of interest and spoke with Mr. Blackburn; he will attend the February meeting. It was also mentioned that the Athens County Housing Coalition meeting on January 16th at noon. Ms. Trace spoke to Greg Anderson; he referred her to Keith Andrews, director of Athens Metropolitan Housing Authority regarding questions about HUD. There was discussion on HAPCAP revitalization; properties are ineligible due to extent of damage.

IV. Other

1. Deputy Childs updated the members on the ACSO, he said 320 children were fed and received toys and next year he wants to work with community groups to provide Thanksgiving dinners. He also said he was working with schools on security issues; he will be meeting with superintendents on January 3rd to discuss swipe keys.
2. Ms. Guffey said the Easter Egg Hunt to be held on March 30th and should have over 300 children and volunteers are needed.
3. Ms. Wright said Athens County Children Services distributed gifts to 1400 children and eight families received food boxes. She also reported there would be an ice skating party on January 11th at 5:00 pm as a school outreach project.
4. Mr. Robinson said he would like to join the Youth Activities Committee. He also reported he had hired two staff members to work on anti-bullying activities and will be working on internet safety and safe dates.
5. United Appeal funds will begin after May 2013.
6. Ms. Trace said the flag had been purchased but not put up yet. All flags would be up after the holidays.
7. The Trimble Local Schools levy is not finalized yet. A resolution is required for the auditor's office to do a preliminary estimate. A final decision will be made by the end of January.
8. Mr. Johnson distributed handouts about Community Food Initiatives programs. They are seeking volunteers to assist with community gardens.
9. The next meeting will be February 6, 2013.