

# Safe Takoma

## Report, December 2008

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### Funds Expended

Washington DC, prior expenditures:	\$25,507.99
Washington DC, current month expenditures:	\$4,390.53
Washington DC, unreimbursed expenses (liabilities):	\$24.00
Takoma Park MD, prior expenditures:	\$21,007.95
Takoma Park MD, current month expenditures:	\$4,390.52
Takoma Park MD, unreimbursed expenses (liabilities):	\$16.00

### Funding Balances (December 31, 2008)

Washington DC funding balance:	\$45,077.48
Takoma Park MD funding balance:	\$49,735.53

### Status

The Safe Takoma program undertook the following organizational and programming steps in December 2008.

- Board meeting held Tuesday, 12/23/08 at 4:30pm. Action items identified and responsible party assigned. Those in attendance: Seth Grimes, Faith Wheeler, Sara Green, Andy Kelemen and Operations manager Ronnie Miller. Items discussed include; programming, upcoming events/meetings and fundraising. Election of officers was conducted and all members continued in current positions. Clemonce DuVall president of Takoma Park Community Action Group was voted in as a new board member. Suggestions were made to recruit others.
- Remaining funds were disbursed from the City of Takoma Park.
- Continued attendance and participation in CTC Ward 4 Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and Coolidge Truancy Task Force.
- Continued research on funding sources. GOCCP grant application draft in progress.
- Programming:
  - **Safety Meeting and Whistle Giveaway** conducted on Friday, December 5th at Trinity Episcopal Church with the seniors. Officer Braxton of MPD-4D was present. He provided helpful safety information and responded to questions. Sara Green introduced the group to STI's conflict resolution program of which there was some interest in learning techniques. It was discussed that we

could provide conflict resolution training to the seniors and youth as well as invite police officers. The program would allow the opportunity for interaction between the groups. We received 17 completed registration forms.

- **Distributed Safety Whistles at Takoma Park Ward 1** meeting December 8.
- **Rites of Passage program** continued at DC Dept. of Parks and Rec. There have been 12 consistent youth in attendance and the sessions continue to go well. They all were very engaging and felt that they could learn a lot from the program.
- **Pre-Apprenticeship** draft of program plan and curriculum completed and forwarded to board members.
- Meetings attended:
  - Due to the holidays people were unavailable to meet. The only meetings attended were with Al Cook of the DC Dept. of Parks and Recreation to discuss collaborated activity planning for future Rites of Passage sessions.

### January 2009 Plans

- Conduct Neighborhood Safety Assessment of the Takoma DC east side and conduct Takoma DC lighting reviews. Prepare findings and follow-up to request action where appropriate.
- Finalize plan and curriculum for Pre-Apprenticeship program targeted at youth ages 18-25 and begin recruitment.
- Coordinate conflict resolution training for February 2009.
- Submit application for the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention grant and research other fundraising opportunities.
- Meet with Takoma MD Community Center staff to discuss possible options for the Rites of Passage program.
- Coordinate meeting with all three police departments (MD, DC and WMATA) to address safety concerns expressed by respondents of the Safety Perceptions Survey.
- Carry out regular planning, administrative, and reporting tasks.