

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2008

South Central Planning & Development Commission
Houma, Louisiana

The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer. Those in attendance were:

Steve Tullis, NSU Police
Sgt. Philip Poche, LA State Police Troop C
Sgt. Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board
Greg Hood, Houma PD and ADAC President
Ruby LeBlanc, Lady of the Sea Hospital
Brian Clausen, NSU
Julie Acosta, APSO
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff's Office
Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff's Office
Roy Gros, LPSO
Pam Hebert, Central Lafourche High Project Graduation
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff's Office
Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff's Office
Craig Usie, TPSO
Karyn Dardar, TPSO
Darrin Naquin, LSP-C
Gilbert Dardar, LSP-C
Leo Marretta, SCPDC
Josh Manning, SCPDC
Michele Danos, Central Lafourche High Project Graduation
Bryan Boudreaux, Terrebonne Parish District Attorney
Melissa Menuet, SCPDC

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer: Led by Chris Authement

It was moved by Chris Authement, seconded by Lanard Robinet to approve the minutes of August 28, 2008. Motion carried.

Melissa Menuet presented the 2008-2009 meeting schedule. The meeting dates are as follows:

December 18, 2008 (Executive Board/Task Force)
February 19, 2009
April 16, 2009
June 18, 2009
July 16, 2009 (Traffic Summit)
August 20, 2009
October 15, 2009
December 17, 2009 (Executive Board/Task Force)

Ms. Menuet presented the 2008-2009 Safe Communities Grant Budget. She asked if everyone was in agreement with the budget. Discussion ensued. Mr. Robinet asked if ATV funding was

included in the grant budget. Ms. Menuet stated that the ATV group was not allocated any funding for the 2009 year. She said that the ATV Committee is continuing the program in the schools on a volunteer basis.

There being no questions regarding the proposed budget, it was moved by Craig Poche, seconded by Chris Authement to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the 2009 Safe Community Grant Fund Application Package. Ms. Menuet reviewed the application package with the group.

It was moved by Craig Poche, seconded by Antoine Rodrigue to approve the recommended changes. Motion carried.

Ms. Menuet stated that at the last meeting, nominations were opened to replace Val Penoulih as Vice Chairman of the Executive Board. Ms. Menuet stated that at the December meeting regular elections will be held.

It was moved by Lanard Robinet, seconded by Greg Hood to appoint Sgt. Philip "Peppie" Poche as interim Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

The next item discussed was a possible case study for the State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Ms. Menuet stated that Ellen Soll of Burke Klienpeter contacted Leo Marretta of the Houma-Thibodaux MPO looking for possible sites to conduct the study. Mr. Marretta informed the group what Ms. Soll was looking for and requested that if anyone had any sites they feel would make a good case study, to please send the information to Ms. Menuet.

The next item for discussion was "Zero for December". Ms. Menuet asked if anyone needed new posters for the upcoming "Zero for December" Campaign. Capt. Poche stated that on the posters printed last year there was no color on the shields for St. James Parish. Trooper Dardar updated the group on last year's campaign. He encouraged everyone to get involved with "Zero for December" this year.

Discussion ensued on the Lifesavers Conference. The budget is allowing for one person to attend the Lifesavers Conference. Chairman Maurin asked that if anyone is interested in attending to begin looking at your schedule. We will need to make a decision at the December meeting on who the Task Force will send to the conference.

Mr. Authement asked about the plaque for Bob Canfield. Ms. Menuet stated that she did not get to do that yet, but thanked Mr. Authement for reminding her. He asked that we invite Mr. Canfield to the next meeting to present the plaque to him.

Ms. Menuet updated the group on the school presentations being conducted by the ATV Committee. Capt. Hood asked that the Committee be provided with statistics on ATV deaths and injuries for each parish. He said that during the presentations he has been using Lafourche Statistics.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by Craig Poche, seconded by Gilbert Dardar to adjourn. Motion carried.