



SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Special Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 9:30-10:30 A.M.
Pelican Room, South Central Planning & Development Commission
5058 West Main Street, Houma, LA 70360

Minutes of the Meeting

In Attendance (13) - A quorum was attained.

Craig Poche, St. James SO
Earl Geason, St. James SO
Rudynah Capone, SCPDC
Darrin Naquin, LSP-Troop C
Dennis Bergeron, LSP-Troop C

Mark Adams, LPSO
Steve Tullis, NSU PD
Ron Whittaker, LADOTD
Antoinette Bonvillain, MAC

Alicia Toups, ADAC
Ray Traigle, APSO
Michael Toups, HPD
Bobbie O'Bryan, HPD

This special meeting was conducted primarily for the election of new Chairman and Vice Chairman as well as to evaluate and select the FFY 2013 mini-grant recipients.

1. Call to Order

SCSCP's Outgoing Vice Chairman Capt. Craig Poche called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M. Chairman Hood was not in attendance due to a family emergency in Ohio.

Opening Prayer /Pledge of Allegiance

Rudynah Capone led the Opening Prayer followed by the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance by everybody.

Introductions

Everybody introduced themselves individually. A total of 13 members were in attendance.

2. Review current SCSCP By-laws and update Executive/Membership List

R. Capone asked everyone if there was anything on the current by-laws that they hoped to change or be amended. She referred them to Tab#2 of the meeting packet. Everyone took a few minutes to go over the pages. A motion to not make any changes on the By-laws was made by Ray Traigle, seconded by Mark Adams. Motion passed.

3. Election of Officers: Chairman and Vice Chairman for Year 2013-2014

Before electing the new Chairman and Vice Chairman, R. Capone read the letter that outgoing Chairman Hood Sr. sent via email on December 10, 2012. It read as follows:

"Dear South Central Planning Safe Communities Executive Board,

It is with regrets that I am not able to be with you at our December meeting. My mother is having surgery in Ohio, and I need to be with her. I know that you will do what is needed for the best interests of South Central Planning Safe Communities. I have enjoyed my years as Chairperson and an executive committee member. I am unable to continue serving in these capacities for the Board. Therefore, I would like to respectfully nominate Capt. Darrin Naquin as the new Chairperson. May you and yours have a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year! Thank you for all that you do. Sincerely, Capt. Greg Hood, Sr. (Ret.)"

C. Poche then officially announced that Capt. Darrin Naquin has been nominated as Chairman. He asked if there was any other nomination. There being none, a motion to elect D. Naquin as the new Chairman was made by Earl Geason, seconded by M. Adams. Capt. Naquin gladly accepted the position. Motion carried.

Moving on, the table was opened for nominations for Vice Chairman. Ray Traigle nominated himself saying that he wanted to be more involved than he has ever been in the coalition. R. Capone nominated C. Poche to still remain Vice Chairman but he declined. **A motion to elect R. Traigle as the new Vice Chairman was made by Mark Adams, seconded by Antoinette Bonvillain. Motion carried.**

C. Poche and the rest of the Executive Board members congratulated the new Chairman Captain Darrin Naquin of LSP Troop C and new Vice Chairman Captain Ray Traigle of Assumption SO. SCPDC staff, on the other hand, remains to hold the Secretary and Treasurer positions as stated on the By-laws.

4. Presentation, Evaluation and Approval of Mini-Grant Applications

R. Capone reiterated that the coalition's priorities for FFY 2013 are on seatbelt (Occupant Protection) and alcohol (Impaired Driving) programs. Just like last year, a budget amount of \$13,440 will be awarded to mini-grant recipients. It will be split between two priorities, which comes out as \$6,720 for seatbelt and \$6,720 for alcohol.

She then referred everyone to the last page of the meeting packet that reflected a spreadsheet of mini-grant applications with corresponding amounts requested. They're all subject for approval by this committee. The applicants are:

SCSCP thru ADAC	Regional Child Passenger Safety Events, \$3,440
ADAC	Get in the Zone Program, \$3000
Lady of the Sea General Hospital	Safety Circus, \$3,000
St. John DA	Harold Keller DWI/Substance Abuse Classes, \$3,000

There was a discussion on meeting attendance required for all mini-grant applicants. To be eligible, an agency representative should have attended at least 50% of the meetings in the past fiscal year as stated in the SCSCP By-laws, which should be 3 out of 5 meetings. The LOSGH attended only two. C. Poche asked the Executive Board members about how they felt about this and whether or not they should consider LOSGH for funding. Their program is geared toward child passenger safety and other aspects of safety. R. Capone pointed out that the event attendance increases on a yearly basis. The SCSCP has funded them through the years now. Incoming Chairman Naquin recommended that the coalition still continues to fund the program,

C. Poche then summed up that if all four programs are approved, we're still good in terms of budget. Totaling the amounts requested, and if they're all approved, R. Capone said that the coalition would still have a leftover amount of \$280 for Occupant Protection and \$720 for Alcohol programs.

A motion to accept and approve all mini-grant applications was made by Steve Tullis, seconded by Mark Adams. Motion passed.

5. Approval of SCSCP's Meeting Dates for FFY 2013

R. Capone asked everyone to see all the meeting dates on the second to the last page of the meeting packet—Nov. 15, 2012 is done. The upcoming ones are on February 21, May 15 and August 15, 2013. **A motion to approve all dates was made by Darrin Naquin, seconded by Ray Traigle. Motion passed.**

6. Discussion and Voting for Date of Safety Summit 2013

R. Capone asked the members to give a suggestion on the target month at least. Discussion ensued on whether or not it should go back to summertime like the month of July or have it earlier, sometime in April or May. R. Traigle expressed that if it's going to be in the summer, it's hard to reach out to schools and get

students to get involved. R. Whittaker agreed and further shared that April or May would be a better timeframe because by then, the schools have done the mandatory stuff, more or less.

Daniel Belanger suggested to that we reach out more to juniors and seniors in high schools. He said that the springtime would be an opportune time for their involvement.

R, Capone also asked the committee on their suggestion for the summit venue. She shared that the City of Thibodaux was interested in hosting the event at the Thibodaux Civic Center, free of charge. Discussion ensued.

The committee unanimously agreed that we go back to holding the summit at Nicholls State University (NSU) as it was done there in 2011 and years before that. R. Capone said that she would check on the availability of the said facility. Discussion ensued.

Steve Tullis said that he would check on the dates of the NSU's Easter Break so we could time the summit within the duration.

The committee also unanimously decided to shorten the summit timeframe—from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM—as opposed to ending it at 4:00 PM. A motion to hold the summit sometime in April or May at NSU was made by Ray Traigle, seconded by Daniel Belanger. None opposed. Motion carried.

7. Other Business

R. Capone announced that the DDACTS (data-driven approaches to crime and traffic safety) Workshop that was set to take place on January 16-17 in Lake Charles might be moved to Houma. This possibility was considered by the organizers due to the fact that there have been more agencies interested in our area that would like to attend it. It's tentatively set for January 15-17, 2013 at SCPDC's Pelican Room. She said that she'll get back with everyone when this is confirmed. Discussion ensued. R. Whittaker said that he'll try reaching out to agencies in the North shore if they'd be interested.

R. Capone encouraged agencies to send one supervisor, one command-rank officer and one data analyst to the DDACTS workshop if they really intend to implement the initiative in their jurisdiction.

Capt. Naquin introduced Dennis Bergeron and said that he assume Matt Trahan's role in the coalition. However, M. Trahan will still remain as the Team Leader of the Alcohol Emphasis Area Team for the South Central Regional Transportation Safety Plan (SCRTSP) initiative.

Bobbie O'Bryan announced that he will be attending the statewide Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Young Drivers Emphasis Area Team Meeting tomorrow, December 12, 2012 in Baton Rouge. R. Capone told that she would attend the Alcohol Emphasis Area Team Meeting on the coalition's behalf.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 A.M. was made by Darrin Naquin, seconded by Ray Traigle. Motion carried.

Next Partnership Meeting is on February 21, 2013.

These minutes were approved during the February 21, 2013 Meeting.