

SAGE Coalition Meeting
Friday, April 16, 2016
1-3pm

Crim Fitness Foundation
452 S. Saginaw St. Ste 100
Flint, MI 48502

- Present: Nancy Edwards (GCPR); Nichole Smith-Anderson (Greater Flint Health Coalition (GFHC)); Heather Barker (GFHC); Kristen Stevenson (City of Flint); Kristen Ball (Crimtern); Cade Surface (CFF, Safe Routes to School, SAGE Co-Facilitator); Ali Harris (CFF, SAGE Co-Facilitator); Theresa Roach (CFF, SAGE Co-Facilitator); Sara Duncan (CFF, Parent Nutrition program coordinator); Adrian Howe (Disability Network), Tiffany Mayers (Atherton East Apartments); Angela Nokman (Atherton East Apartments)
- Review Meeting Notes:
 - SPROUT Advocacy Day: Coordinators will inform SAGE of the advocacy event date soon. They would like to work with CFF and SAGE members to educate community on Safe Routes to School.
- Choice Neighborhoods Project Update:
 - Stevenson provided handouts on Choice Neighborhoods.
 - The focus is housing redevelopment in the Atherton East neighborhood. Projects are being determined.
 - A resident meeting will be held at Atherton-east neighborhood (general public may attend).
 - A community meeting will be held in May.
 - A park clean-up is also being planned for Atherton Park.
 - A follow-up working group meeting will be held in June. It will focus on reviewing a draft-plan for the neighborhood.
 - Edwards asked if residents have easy access to McKinley park. Although currently residents do not, Stevenson informed the group that future plans might include transportation for residents to and from McKinley Park.
 - Mayers informed SAGE members that residents attended a conference in D.C. and were able to see similar projects being implemented. She plans to focus on engaging community members to be involved and creating partnerships for the Choice Neighborhoods Project.
 - Roach informed the group that she and Harris attended the Health and Safety focus group. She encouraged SAGE members to attend future meetings and provide technical assistance.
 - Edwards was wondering if there is an active adopt-a-park group for Atherton Park. Stevenson said there is not at the moment. Edwards recommended Atherton East Choice Neighborhood Project members partner with Keep Genesee County Beautiful and take advantage of opportunities for

mini-grants for park improvements. Additional resources may also be available in the future.

- Safe Routes to School:
 - Surface informed the group that 5 walking audits will be taking place this afternoon at 3:30pm. at Brownell, Holmes, Potter, DTM, Eisenhower schools. Community members, parents, teachers, and children are welcome to attend. The walking audit will utilize the City of Flint's walkability app. Food and beverage will be provided. Data will be used for Safe Routes to School grants.

- Committee Reports:
 - Policy: Surface informed the group of Policy Committee updates.
 - Greg Rybarczyk, Richard Sadler, and Nicole Mecki were able to meet.
 - The goal of the policy committee is to be aware of state-level policies that impact SAGE mission and encourage active living.
 - The group would also like to be available for technical assistance (ex: writing policies, how to have more face-time with law makers and engage community members).
 - Next meeting for Policy committee will be 2pm to 3pm on Friday, April 22 at the Good Beans Cafe.
 - Advocacy & Events: The next meeting will be at 11am on Thursday, April 28 at Good Beans Cafe.
 - Communications Committee:
 - HealthPlus Tour de Crim: Harris informed the group that SAGE members are encouraged to volunteer for the HealthPlus Tour de Crim SAGE table on Saturday, May 14, 11am to 2pm in downtown Flint to discuss SAGE initiatives with participants. There are many other volunteer opportunities available as well at tourdecrim.org.
 - Earth Day Celebration: Roach will be attending the UM-Flint/MCC Earth Day celebration. SAGE members are welcome to provide fliers and handouts.
 - Promotional Materials:
 - The Crim is working on a new brochure for the organization. The brochure will include SAGE information.
 - Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 20 at 5:30pm at Churchills.
 - Sustainability & Membership: Focuses on grants and recruitment. The committee recently met with Corey Archambault, a VISTA member for the city of Flint, who is interested in joining the group. Roach is also researching grants to assist with funding SAGE events.

- Flint Master Plan Update
 - Sidewalk inventory applications are due Tuesday, April 19.

- Recognition Letters
 - Edwards informed the group of the new section of the Flint river Trail that will begin at the main park office and go east, toward Irish Rd (3 miles total). The

engineering funds have been awarded to Rowe Engineering. Construction will likely begin in the fall and will be completed next year.

- Success/Announcements:
 - Edwards informed the group that the GCPR is installing a universally accessible playground (soft opening will take place just before Memorial Day weekend). The playground will surpass ADA access requirements. The playground will be installed at Blue Bell beach.
 - Edwards also announced that host Pete from the television show Treehouse Masters, will be building an accessible tree house at Forman Nature Preserve. It will serve as a classroom that can fit 30 children and will be fully accessible. The construction will begin in July/August. It has yet to be determined if the construction will be televised.
 - Stevenson informed the group that the Dewey Park pavilion will be completed soon.
 - Day of Play will take place at Max Brandon Park (Genesee County Health Coalition assisting??)
 - Edwards informed the group that the Family Fun Guide will be available soon (over 1000+ copies available).
 - Commit to Fit has a Walking Challenge coming up in May. The website has also been updated. More details can be viewed at commit2fit.com.
 - Barker informed the group that GHFC is creating a Nutrition Calendar to inform community members of nutrition focused programs/events throughout the County. Duncan will get in touch with her to inform GHFC of the Crim's nutrition and garden education events.
 - Mayers notified SAGE members that the Atherton East neighborhood will start a walking club, girl scout group, and will be visiting Indianapolis to see a similar project to that of Choice Neighborhoods that was implemented.
 - Duncan provided the following updates:
 - CFF provides weekly nutrition education at the Flint Farmer's market.
 - The Summer running Club will be at 5 Flint community school sites, as well as Pierce elementary for ages 5-17 years old. The club meets 1-2 times a week and will do run/walk activities. Registration is \$5 for the entire summer (t-shirt and races included). Registration is available at crim.org.
 - The Marti Austin Kid's Classic will be Saturday, June 4 at the Cultural Center in Flint.
 - Girls on the Run will also be happening in Flint. Shopping tours are done at the Center Rd. Meijers.
 - Nutrition tours are available to groups of adults at Meijer on Center Rd. The intention of the tour is to educate residents on healthy food and how to read nutrition labels. Commit to Fit and Atherton East would like to partner with CFF on the Meijer tour. Edwards is working on a grant that requires partnership with 2 grocery stores to implement two classes on healthy cooking and healthy food shopping.

- Howe informed SAGE that the Disability Network is looking for a Youth Ambassador. Their mission will be to reach out to schools and assist 16-26 year old residents with transitioning. A job fair will take place on Monday, April 18. A bus will transport attendants from MTA Flint to Lansing. The Chamber of Commerce will host a fair on May 12, dedicated to summer activities for youth, resource connection, and employment. The fair will be held at Mott College Fieldhouse.
- Roach informed the group that announcements will continue to be mentioned in the SAGE newsletter.
 - Crim Press Conference will be Tuesday, April 26 at 10am at the Riverfront Residence Hall (discussing Crim race expansion). On the same da, CFF will also have Garden Education training.
 - The Yoga Journal "Live. Be. Yoga" Tour will take place Tuesday, April 19. The purpose of the tour is to see what Yoga looks like in different communities around the nation. Bloggers from the website "livebeyoga.com" will be visiting Eisenhower Elementary to see yoga/mindfulness programs. They will also visit Durant-Tuuri-Mott for the community event "ICrimForMindfulCommunities" 4pm to 6pm. A representative from Gaia will give a 30 minute presentation. Children at DTM will do a demo of their yoga/mindfulness practice. Announcements of expansion will also be discussed. Anyone who subscribes for Gaia at the event will also provide a free subscription for a Flint teacher.
 - April 26 the USDA will give a site visit to view SnapEd project in CFF.
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