

**Meeting Minutes**  
**COPC Environmental Justice & Health**  
**Sub-Committee Meeting**  
**March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**COPC Office 1901 Main St.**

In Attendance: Kim Congi, Bill Edwards, Barbara Pfohl, Frank Maietta, Sheen Rajmaira, Sean Kelly, Gail Root

Agenda

- I. Outreach
  - i. Report
  - ii. NYPA Earth Day Event
- II. GreenLine
  - i. Report- Magnets!
- III. Urban Environment
  - i. Asthma grant status
  - ii. Urban Habitats & Playground
  - iii. EPA CARE grant
- IV. New Issues/Additional Discussion
- V. Adjourn

**Notes for 3/14/07 EJ meeting**

**Jill's Updates:**

**Outreach**

- Jill still needs to follow up with the outreach committee regarding list of possible workshop topics. Pat asked Jill to put together a speakers series document.
- Jill did follow up with Buffalo News Reporter Paul Westmoore regarding running a story on the GreenLine. He was to stop by on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>; he did not show. Jill will continue to follow up.
- Jill received mailing addresses for all the block clubs from Norma Higgs; the COPC office will work on mailing out the COPC promotional letters to all the block clubs. Weed and Seed did pass out GreenLine fliers at the February block club retreat for COPC.

- The COPC office has been asked to assist with recruiting volunteers for the Niagara Beautification Commission's Beautify Niagara April 21<sup>st</sup> event. Jill will speak with Norma regarding promoting the GreenLine at the event.
- Jill forwarded April Davis with the Good for the Neighborhood program information about the GreenLine. The March event is March 15<sup>th</sup> and the April event is April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Jill will post a story about the GreenLine on Buffalo.com Your Hub for Niagara Falls.
- Jill will follow up with the Niagara Falls Housing Authority regarding putting an article in their next newsletter about the GreenLine.

### **GreenLine**

- Magnets are in! Please take!
- COPC summer employees will assist with staffing over the summer break.
- Jill will be adding graffiti removal to the GreenLine Flier and Weed & Seed as a resource to the GreenLine manual.

### **Home Assessments**

- Jill followed up with the chair of the social work department Clementine Laverman regarding students getting involved with the GreenLine and assisting with home assessments. Dr. Laverman forwarded Jill's request to Dr. Blair and Professor Edmond in the social work department. Jill has not heard from either of them but will follow up before the next EJ Green Team meeting.
- Dave Taylor suggested getting COPC summer employees and perhaps summer work study and or independent study/honors work students to assist with home assessments during the summer. Jill will follow up with Dave.
- Jill spoke with Marilyn Fleckenstein, Director of NU Learn and Serve, regarding the fact that we are looking for courses. Jill will follow up with Marilyn regarding specifics of what we are looking for.
- Jill will also look into the possibility of linking with any summer courses.

### **Urban Environment**

- COPC submitted a letter of support for the playground and garden proposal.
- Connect with block clubs; gather data with Weed & Seed, as part of the April 21<sup>st</sup> event. Connect with Marge Giles and the Niagara Beautification Commissions "Reality Bus Tour" on March 15<sup>th</sup> to gather data as well. Jill has touched base with Marge via e-mail concerning mapping data.

### **Other:**

- Moving of COPC office; early May 2007
- COPC website: [www.niagara.edu/copc](http://www.niagara.edu/copc)