



The Pima County-Tucson Task Force to Reduce Underage Drinking

Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, February 26, 2009
 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Hardesty Center, Midtown Police Station
 1100 S. Alvernon Way
 Tucson, AZ 85719

In attendance: David Salafsky, Commission; Marcia Roberts, TPD/Weed and Seed; Holly Robles, TFRUD; Sean Hammond, Governor's Office of Highway Safety; Koreen Johannessen, Commission; Ed Dunin-Wasowicz, Community Prevention Coalition; Sandra Fimbres, Luz Social Services; Hon. Ronald Wilson, South Tucson City Court; Allison Jacobs, Compass Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

ITEM	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
Welcome & Introductions	D. Salafsky called the meeting to order. Introductions made by all present.	
Review of Past Meeting Minutes	Minutes reviewed from January meeting. M. Roberts moved to approve the minutes. K. Johannessen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.	A. Jacobs will send approved minutes to the City & County.
Bench Trials For DUIs	Hon. R. Wilson presented information on bench trials for DUIs in the City of South Tucson. The following is information shared with TFRUD: the City of South Tucson has the highest crime rate per capita in the county for misdemeanors. 90% of crimes in Pima County are misdemeanors. In regards to DUIs, there has not been a bench trial since 2003 because of sentencing guidelines and minimal mandatories. Bench trials are important for community members to discuss consequences and the consequences do not necessarily fit the crime with sentencing guidelines. However, the State Legislators are moving in a different direction – they are taking power away from the community and judges, which does not help solve the problem. In the next few years, Hon. R. Wilson says they community might see an increase in crimes and incarcerations. Community Justice Court Programs let the community restore the victim, the offender, and the community. There needs to be involvement from mentors, schools, and educators. The community needs to speak up to Legislators to save Community Justice Court Programs. Jury trials are more easily persuaded and bench trials eliminate the issues of class, disparities, and the ability to hire good representation.	
County Social Host Ordinance Hearing	On Tuesday, March 3 rd at 9:00 am, is the County Social Host Ordinance Hearing. It would be great to have a representative from	

	the Pima County Sheriff's Office.	
TFRUD Meeting Time	Look for a "Doodle" Poll to vote on a new date and time for the Task Force meetings.	
Call to Action Revisions	The Call to Action is four and a half years old. It needs to be updated to reflect the successes and changes in leadership. Also, the statistics need to be updated. Possible recommendation to add is alcohol impact fees. What is the cost of alcohol to the community, police, etc?	
Call to Audience and Future Agenda Items	On March 17 th , will be the St. Patty's Day DUI Deployment. H. Robles is requesting \$300 from the TFRUD to fund this event.	
Meeting Adjournment	D. Salafsky adjourns meeting at 9:35 a.m.	