

Ridgefield Prevention Council Minutes
April 17, 2024
7:00pm @ Town Hall Annex

Mission: The Ridgefield Prevention Council supports a safe and healthy environment for all Ridgefield families through awareness, education and positive alternatives to alcohol and other substance use and to reduce high-risk youth behaviors.

“Ridgefield Prevention Council meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order and all participants are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and treat all those present with respect, empathy and civility.”

Attendance: Kim Carone, Karen Facini, Tina Malhotra, Carol Ann Sganga, Sarah Lorenzini

Call to Order: 7:07pm

Approval of Minutes: Tabled until next meeting due to lack of quorum.

Treasurer report: Current balance is \$18,104.93.

Reports/Discussion:

- Opioid Response Committee follow up: Sarah shared the notes with the group on What’s App. Big takeaway – the town wants a website, an App, and resources for the police with volunteers listed to assist their department. RPC did our job by getting community members together. Now we need to take the information to Rudy and present to him how the town would like to see funds spent. Also should discuss with Rudy who is willing to help him.
- 40 Asset Event – New Date & Flyer Updates – Sarah will ask Conor for a new date.
- Thrift Shop Grant – Event on 4/29/24. If anyone is available, please join Lou Ann to receive the grant check.
- SOR Grant – Wellness Bags update – The bags are in and we are waiting for the funds from the town to purchase the gift cards. NCL will be providing the snacks and they will be assembling the bags.
- April – Alcohol Awareness
 - Pizza box stickers – still need to be ordered. Kim and Karen to organize.
- May – Mental Health & Depression
 - Gizmo Read Along @ Library (Karen) – still pending a new date.
 - Event in the park with Youth Commission (Tina & Kim) – Not applicable this year due to logistics of planning with Youth Commission.
 - Prom Safety Ad – We will be posting the same ad Siera created last year.
- Narcan Training at RHS 6/4/24 – We’re all set thanks to Will. ABC youth interested in attending the training.
 - There is also a CERT training on 4/27/24 and Boys and Girls Club staff training on 5/9/24. Looking to book a larger B&G Club training as well.
- Plan for next year – Will make this a priority for our June meeting.
- May RPC meeting (5/15/24) – will look to have our May meeting at The 40 Asset Event if we can reschedule it to May. If not, then Lou Ann has offered to run the meeting.

New Business:

Kim spoke with Captain Raines. He said he can run any data we're looking for @ RPD (i.e.; how many calls they received for house parties in 2023, how many DUIs, how many citations for underage drinking, etc). He just needs to know what criteria we want, etc. We will start a google share with stats on what we want to ask.

It's also time to start getting our survey ready. Last year's questions were better than the year before, but it could be so much better. Sarah is going to see what other communities send out. In the meantime, we're going to get a google share started on questions for our survey. Our survey can be a bit longer than it was last year.

Adjourned: 7:54pm

**Respectively submitted,
Kim Carone**