

**NO METH IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 3, 2004**  
**Keizer City Hall – Conference Room B**

Charles Lee, Chair of the No Meth In My Neighborhood Task Force called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. In attendance were:

**Members:**

Charles Lee - Chair  
Judy Smith – City Councilor  
Jim Taylor – City Councilor  
Ruthie Stellmacher  
Bill Adams  
Rob Kissler – Keizer Public Works Director  
Tracy Davis – City Recorder

**Absent:**

Greg Frank – Keizer Fire District  
Jeffrey Kuhns – Keizer Police Department

Chair Lee welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the newly formed Keizer No Meth In My Neighborhood Task Force. In providing background information on the regional effort, Mr. Lee indicated he attended Salem's Task Force meeting and felt there was a need to organize a Keizer Task Force. He believes education about the methamphetamine issue will be crucial in alleviating the problems experienced by business and property owners in both Salem and Keizer. Councilor Smith pointed out the City has been in a reactive instead of proactive mode in the past; however this issue must be looked at now.

Bill Adams explained he has been hired to be the director of the No Meth project in Marion and Polk counties, using the Salem-Keizer School District as the boundary lines. He is interested in assisting the City of Keizer in working on this issue, as he is a Keizer resident. Mr. Adams noted the success the Salem Police Department has realized with their attempt to diminish the problem. With Keizer becoming active in the issue, this will create strength among the communities to eliminate the high volume of crime associated with the use of methamphetamine. Proposals for funding the program have been presented to Marion and Polk counties, City of Salem, and the City of Keizer. Mr. Adams

pointed out one element of alleviating the problem will be to educate and have local business owners participate in a program to deter identify theft.

Councilor Smith voiced her concern with the consequences and issues related to the children of methamphetamine users. It is a major problem affecting the safety of the children. She believes we should do whatever we can to educate the businesses and public on this increasing problem in our community.

The Task Force shared their thoughts on which organizations or community members that would be important to include in their outreach of education on this issue. Some of the ideas raised were Keizer Little League, area school representatives, Hispanic community, Boys and Girls Club, Keizer United, area property or apartment owners, and the faith community. Councilor Smith volunteered to contact the schools, Hispanic community, and a representative of the faith community. Councilor Taylor will contact the Keizer Little League and Councilor Lee will contact members of a property management company and the business community.

Mr. Adams explained the approach of "awareness, prevention, treatment, and enforcement" are critical to fighting this problem. The awareness aspect should be the focus of this Task Force. This in turn will support the enforcement aspect handled by area police agencies. One of his goals will be to increase the participation within the neighborhoods in the annual night out.

Chair Lee believed this Task Force can make a difference and hoped in the next few months to develop a plan for the Keizer community. At the next meeting, the Task Force will focus on development of this plan.

Rob Kissler suggested this plan and the membership outline be formalized by Resolution. Mr. Lee will work with staff on development of this Resolution for presentation to the City Council.

The Task Force agreed to monthly meeting dates on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at noon. The next meeting of the Task Force will be Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.



Tracy L. Davis, CMC  
City Recorder