Call to Order
Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Council Member Greg Shelton
Invocation

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
This is the opportunity to address the Council on any matter of interest, whether on the agenda or not. Please address all items not scheduled for public hearing at this time. Unless additional time is authorized by the Council, all commentary shall be limited to three minutes.

**SCHEDULED MATTER**
1. **Activity Status of the Coordinated Community Services Committee**
   Re: A study session for the purpose of reviewing the activities of the Coordinated Community Services Committee.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT** - to the meeting of October 18, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

_Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1766, the Council Meeting shall adjourn no later than 9:45 p.m., unless otherwise approved by a majority of the Council Members present._

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COUNCIL AGENDA: October 11, 2011

SPECIAL MEETING

SUBJECT: ACTIVITY STATUS OF THE COORDINATED COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

SOURCE: City Manager

COMMENT: At its regular meeting on August 16, 2011, the City Council directed the scheduling of this Special Meeting to review the activities of the Coordinated Community Services Committee.

As the Council is aware, for the past several months, local community representatives have been regularly meeting on the subject of gang prevention and intervention, specifically how the coordinated delivery of services within areas of the community that experience significant juvenile delinquency could be improved toward preventing and/or intervening in gang affiliation. Representative participants in the meetings have included local healthcare, law enforcement, non-profit community-based organizations, religious, school district, and social services.

On Thursday, May 5, 2011, a community-wide “Step Up” gang conference was conducted at the Porterville Church of the Nazarene, where the general public concerned with local gang activity could participate in gang awareness sessions. Given the relative success of the community-wide “Step Up” conference, as well as feedback received by the event participants, the Committee determined that smaller neighborhood-specific “Step Up” events would be ideal toward introducing the concept of coordinated services in identified neighborhoods.

The Committee identified four (4) neighborhoods within the community that experience significant juvenile delinquency, and began planning toward these mini-“Step Up” events to be conducted over the next year in those areas. The first neighborhood event was held on Thursday, September 15, 2011, at the Alder Apartments on Olive Avenue and Salisbury Street. The purpose of the event was to introduce the coordinated services approach to their neighborhood, and through personal survey, how the respective community agencies can be of assistance in addressing areas of concern and/or needs (attachments).
The next mini-“Step Up” neighborhood event is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2011, at the Villa Robles Apartments on Springville Avenue (behind Lowe’s). After this event, the following two (2) community focus areas would be the apartment complex at 293 E. Date Avenue, and the neighborhood area to the east of the Porterville Municipal Golf Course.

The Committee is also considering making application for grant-funding under the National League of Cities “All-America City Awards” program, which would provide funding for a collaborative community-based approach to improving early literacy (3rd Grade) in support of crime-prevention. A “Letter of Intent” from the Committee must be submitted by Friday, October 14, 2011, with the application to be submitted by Monday, March 12, 2012, and funding determinations to be announced by the League on Monday, July 2, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive staff’s report and discuss the activities of the Coordinated Community Services Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. May 5, 2011 “Step Up” Community Event Flyer
2. September 15, 2011 Mini-“Step Up” Event Flyer
3. Mini-“Step Up” Pre-Event Survey
4. Mini-“Step Up” Post-Event Survey
5. Mini-“Step Up” Event Survey Results
Porterville Step Up Gang Conference

Who: Residents of the Greater Porterville Area
What: Porterville Step Up Gang Conference
When: Thursday, May 5, 2011; 5:00—8:30 P.M.

The Porterville Step Up Gang Conference is for everyone concerned about gang activity. This includes parents, the public, churches, schools, law enforcement and community organizations. Informational booths & job resources will be available.

There will be gang awareness sessions on:
- Parental empowerment
- Community safety
- How businesses can get involved
- How the faith-based community can get involved
- Law enforcement and gang trends
- How residents can get involved in combating gang activity
- Raffle Prizes!!!

Spanish sessions available during the summit.
Admission, food and entertainment will be free.
- Free bus pass attached below
- Childcare for children up to age 3.

For more information contact:
(559) 782-7466 or dsalter@ci.porterville.ca.us
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COMITE:

CONCILIO DE LA CIUDAD DE PORTERVILLE
Tulare County Board of Supervisors
Tule River Tribal Council
Porterville Unified School District
Burton School District
Port Naz Church
KTIP Radio
Porterville Police Department
Parks and Leisure Services
Family HealthCare Network
Sierra View District Hospital
Boys and Girls Club Sequoias
Hispanic Coalition
Victory Outreach
Porterville College
Porterville Chamber of Commerce
Tulare County Probation
Porterville Post

Quien: Residentes del Area de Porterville
Que: Porterville Asciende Conferencia Anti-Pandillas
Cuando: Jueves, 5 de Mayo, 2011 - 5:00—8:30 P.M.

Porterville Asciende (Step Up) Conferencia Anti-Pandillas es para todas las personas preocupadas con las actividades de pandillas. Esto incluye a padres, el publico, iglesias, escuelas, agencias legales y organizaciones de comunidad. Habra puestos con informacion y recursos de trabajo.

Habrá sesiones en español de educación contra pandillas:
- Empoderamiento de Padres
- Seguridad de Comunidad
- Como los negocios pueden participar
- Como pueden ayudar organizaciones basadas en fe
- Tendencias de Pandillas y Agencias Legales
- Como los residentes se pueden ayudar a combatir la actividad de las pandillas

Rifa y premios gratis!
Admisión, comida, y entretenimiento serán GRATIS!

Para más información llame:
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NEIGHBORHOOD

OUTREACH MEETING

When: Thursday, September 15, 2011
Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Place: Alder Apartments, 45 N. Salisbury Street
       Common Lawn Area

Information will be provided regarding alternative parenting approaches/skills, health care, employment, education, neighborhood & home safety as well as other quality of life issues in your neighborhood.

Free food and drinks!

*Please bring your own chairs for the free movie. For more information: (559) 782-7536
REUNION DE
SUPERACION DE VECINDARIO

Cuando: jueves, el 15 de septiembre 2011
Hora: 6:00 pm a 9:00 pm
Donde: Alder Apartments, 45 N. Salisbury Street
Area Comun

Varios temas de información serán disponibles:
• Métodos alternativos de crianza para sus hijos
• Respuestas para el cuidado de la salud
• Información de empleo y educación
• Información sobre seguridad de su casa y vecindario,
  al igual que otros temas relacionados de la calidad
  de la vida diaria en sus vecindarios

Comida y refrescos GRATIS!
Habrá una película gratis. Traigan sus
propias sillas. Para más información
llame al: (559) 782-7536
PORTERVILLE STEP-UP
PRE-EVENT SURVEY

This is an anonymous survey; all information will be kept confidential and will only be used to assess the problems and needs of your neighborhood.

1. What are the biggest problems in your neighborhood? Please circle the number that applies from 1 to 10, with 1 being the most important and 10 being the least important.

   DRUG ACTIVITY: (most) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (least)
   GANG ACTIVITY: (most) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (least)
   CRIME/THEFT: (most) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (least)
   "SUSPICIOUS" PERSONS: (most) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (least)
   TEENAGERS "HANGING AROUND": (most) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (least)
   UNEMPLOYMENT: (most) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (least)
   LACK OF CHILDCARE: (most) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (least)
   LACK OF EDUCATION: (most) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (least)
   LACK OF HEALTHCARE: (most) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (least)
   OTHER PROBLEMS: (most) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (least)

Please list “other problems”:

2. What types of programs do you think would help solve these problems? Please check all that apply:

   ☐ After-School Literacy and Youth Activity Programs
   ☐ Employment Assistance & Job Training
   ☐ Healthcare and Medical Assistance
   ☐ Housing & Utilities Assistance
   ☐ Other Programs: ____________________________

3. Please list improvements your neighborhood needs:

   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________

4. Do you regularly attend faith-based meetings?

   ☐ Yes    If yes, where do you attend? _____________________________________________
   ☐ No

Would you like to have faith-based programs available in your neighborhood?

   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM FOR A FREE RAFFLE TICKET
PORTERVILLE ("STEP-UP") ELEVATE
ENCUESTA PRE-EVENTO

Esta es una encuesta anonima, toda la informacion se mantendrá confidencial y solamente sera usada para acesorar los problemas y necesidades de su vecindario.

1. Cuales son los mayores problemas en su vecindario? Por favor circule el numero que aplique del 1 al 10, con el 1 siendo mas importante y el 10 menos importante.

   ACTIVIDAD DE DROGAS: (mas) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (menos)
   ACTIVIDAD DE PANDILLAS: (mas) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (menos)
   CRIMEN/ROBOS: (mas) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (menos)
   PERSONAS "SOSPECHOSAS": (mas) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (menos)
   JÓVENES "HOLGAZANEANDO": (mas) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (menos)
   DESEMPLEO: (mas) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (menos)
   FALTA DE NIÑERIAS: (mas) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (menos)
   FALTA DE EDUCACION: (mas) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (menos)
   FALTA DE CUIDADO DE SALUD: (mas) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (menos)
   OTROS PROBLEMAS: (mas) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (menos)

   Por favor enliste otros problemas: ____________________________________________

2. Que tipo de programas piensa que pueden ayudar a resolver estos problemas? Por favor marque todos los que apliquen:

☐ Programas de literatura después de la escuela y programas de actividades para jóvenes
☐ Asistencia de empleo y entrenamiento de trabajo
☐ Asistencia Medica y de salud
☐ Asistencia para utilidades y viviendas
☐ Otros programas: __________________________________________________________

3. Por favor enliste otros mejoramientos necesarios en su vecindad:

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

4. Usted asiste regularmente a reuniones religiosas? Si ___ No ___
   Adonde asiste? ____________________________________________________________

   Le gustaría tener programas religiosos en su vecindario? Si ___ No ___

REGRESE ESTA FORMA COMPLETA PARA RECIBIR UN BOLETO DE RIFA GRATIS
PORTERVILLE “STEP-UP”
AFTER-EVENT SURVEY

Please circle “Y” (Yes) or “N” (No) to the following questions:

1. Did you like having the Step-Up Program come to your neighborhood?  Y  N

2. Would you like for the Step-Up Program to return to your neighborhood?  Y  N
   If “Yes”, how often would you like to have the Step-Up Program return?
   □ Every month
   □ Every two (2) months
   □ Every four (4) months
   □ Every six (6) months
   □ Once a year

3. Would you be interested in setting up a local Step-Up Program in your own neighborhood?  Y  N

4. Would you be interested in helping set up other Step-Up Programs?  Y  N

5. Would you be willing to work with the Fire Department and the Police Department on a Neighborhood Safety Program?  Y  N

6. Would you like for your youth to attend a Youth Leadership Development Program?  Y  N

Name ___________________________ Contact Information ___________________________

Please use the space below for any additional comments you would like to make about the Step-Up Program, including how the event could be improved:

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PORTERVILLE ("STEP-UP") ELEVATE
ENCUESTA DESPUÉS DE EVENTO

Por favor circule “Si” o “No” como respuesta a las siguientes preguntas:

1. Le gusto que viniera el programa “Step-Up” a su vecindario?  Si  No

2. Le gustaría que el programa “Step-Up” regrese a su vecindario?  Si  No
   Si contesto “Si”, que tan seguido le gustaría que “Step-Up” venga?
   □ Cada mes
   □ Cada dos (2) meses
   □ Cada cuatro (4) meses
   □ Cada seis (6) meses
   □ Una vez al año

3. Le gustaría comenzar un programa “Step-Up” local en su vecindario?  Si  No

4. Le gustaría ayudar a comenzar otros programas “Step-Up”?  Si  No

5. Estaría dispuesto a trabajar con los departamentos de Bomberos y de Policía para un programa de seguridad en su vecindario?  Si  No

6. Le gustaría que su joven asistiera a un Programa de Desarrollo de Liderazgo?  Si  No

Nombre: ___________________________________ Telefono: ____________________________

Por favor use el espacio debajo para comentarios adicionales acerca del programa “Step-Up,” incluyendo comentarios de cómo se pueden mejorar los eventos:

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Porterville Step-Up
Evaluation Findings (Alder Apts. September 15, 2011)

52 Evaluations were collected.

1. People were asked to circle the biggest problems in their neighborhood, using a 1-10 scale. The following findings reflect those circled as the “biggest” problem.

   62% Unemployment, 32 out of 52
   58% Drug Activity, 30 out of 52
   52% Gang Activity, 27 out of 52
   52% Lack of Childcare, 27 out of 52
   46% “Suspicious” Persons, 24 out of 52
   44% Teenagers “Hanging Around”, 23 out of 52
   42% Crime/ Theft, 22 out of 52
   35% Lack of Education, 18 out of 52
   35% Lack of Healthcare, 18 out of 52
   15% Other, 8 out of 52

   2. “Light Post”- Interpreted as the need for outdoor lighting
   3. “On site support systems”
   4. “Bird problems”
   5. “Tentnets that live were u live”- Interpreted as problems with neighbors.
   6. “kids hiding out from school”
   7. “Need Jesus Christ”
   8. “A lot of noise at night” (translation from Spanish to English)

2. What type of programs do you think would solve these problems?

   78% After-School literacy and Youth Activity Programs
   78% Employment Assistance & Job Training
   29% Healthcare and Medical Assistance
   62% Housing and Utility Assistance
   10% Other Programs:
   - “Computer Classes/ after school programs/ feeding tenants during the holidays”
   - “SEE program”
   - “Need to get kids involved in some kind of activities”
   - “Neighborhood watch”
   - “Church (Jesus Christ)”

3. Please list improvements your neighborhood needs:
   - “Neighborhood Watch” (3)
   - “Cops to come around more” (3)
   - Parks (3)
   - “Youth Programs” (2)
   - “Everything” (2)
• "Gang activity under control" (2)
• "Night light posts, more patrol and gang officers"
• "Most of all we need enforcement"
• "Street Lights"
• "Better clean up in complex"
• "Basketball- children need to play"
• "More activities"
• "More places for kids, teenagers to hang out."
• "God"
• "Group support/ Individual Support/ Random Outreach Programs"
• "Better managers for the Alder Apts"
• "Healthcare"
• "Children sexual where we live"
• "Minimize gang, drugs, strangers"
• "Crime prevention/ somewhere to take kids"

4. Do you regularly attend faith-based meetings?
   3    Did not check yes or no
   24   NO
   25   YES

If yes, where do you attend?
• Victory Outreach (7)
• Landmark Christian (5)
• Santa Ana (2)
• Santa Ana and Santa Cruz (2)
• VBF in Bakersfield or Visalia (2)
• Church (2)
• Calvary Chapel
• Veterans Memorial Building
• St. Anne’s

Would you like to have faith-based programs available in your neighborhood?
   3    Did not check yes or no
   4    NO
   45   YES

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