

**Detroit Green Task Force  
Youth Subcommittee Meeting**

September 24, 2010

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Meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Roshani Dantas, at Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church in Detroit.

**Introductions** – Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

**Committee Update**

Recap of last meetings discussion.

The committee members have been working to create a vision and mission statement. The vision and mission statements were presented as such:

**Vision:** Rehabilitating our committee through youth eyes by proving education, stabilization, morals, safe haven and values for at risk youth.

**Mission:** Bringing together our community through the eyes of our brothers and sisters, young and old, building bridges and breaking down barriers.

All agreed that the vision and mission statement accurately described the committee's goals and future desires, capturing the things that need to be focused on.

**Presentation of Vision and Mission Statement to the Green Task Force**

- A diagram to show a picture of a “green” city that incorporates the committee’s mission and vision into a visual aid
- A rap song and a mascot would be two great ways to get the committee’s message out. A beaver may be used because it is an animal that reuses and recycles
- The presentation could begin with the rap/jingle, followed by a presentation of photos and the diagram, and lastly a reading of the vision and mission statement.

**Detroit Greenways Update**

A representative of Detroit Greenways discussed the organization. The plan and goal of Detroit Greenways is to build 70 miles of trails to connect all the neighborhoods in Detroit so people can get from place to place by walking and biking instead of driving. It was suggested that the committee take a trip to learn about the Greening of Detroit, which is an organization that is helping to building greenways.

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Through Detroit Greenways a project called Complete Streets will be present to the city council that would require streets to be built to be not only car friendly but also pedestrian and biker friendly.

### **Green ideas for schools**

- Recycling programs for schools
- Rewards programs for schools: such as a pizza party for the winning classroom or grade level that recycles the most
- Recycling starting in elementary schools
- Fashion shows with recycled material clothing
- Green field trips

Meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m. The next Green Task Force Youth Subcommittee meeting has not yet been scheduled yet, all will be advised when a decision has been made.