



**Citizen Advisors for Public Safety (CAPS) Meeting Minutes**  
 Thursday, October 6, 2011, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. • City Hall Conference Room 104

**Present:** Nora Dooley, Amanda Eggenberger, Rene Lafflam, Ahmed Makkawy, Wayne Norrie, Bob Nowicki (Chair Elect), Jan Thronson, Susan Todzy (Chair), Zoe Masterpole.

**Absent:** Kati Berg (Secretary), Savita Katarya, John O’Neil.

**Guests:** Lt. Casey Moilanen (Rochester Police Department, CATeam), Chris Streiff (Vice Principle from Kellogg Middle School), Karen Edmonds (Program Director for the JOY Program), Mark Ostrem (Olmsted County Attorney).

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION PLAN
Call to Order	CAPS was called to order at 6:34 p.m.	
Gangs	<p>Guest Speaker Mark Ostrem, Olmsted County Attorney and the Co-Chair of the Community Gang Initiatives spoke about the significant findings this group has found.</p> <p>The other co-chair is Randy Chapman, editor of Post-Bulletin. This group started in 2008; they meet every couple months. Rene Lafflam also serves on this group. This task group identified 70 different organizations (large and small) that offer services to high-risk youth. Most of those 70 didn't know the other existed and there was no existing referral network.</p> <p>Areas identified, areas improved or need improving:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Need to do a better job linking the different organizations.</li> <li>2. Identify what “high-risk group” means and what their needs are through “ride alongs”.</li> <li>3. If they have nothing to do, then they hang out and go to structures like gangs.</li> <li>4. Those with a felony have a problem with employment. Employers are given a stipend for employing high-risk kids; teach the value of showing up time, grooming. Police has offered a few bikes. Groom</li> </ol>	<p>We need to encourage people to mentor, establish relationships with high-risk kids.</p> <p>Think about your neighborhood associations and how to incorporate them into the activities of your neighborhood.</p> <p>Identify service providers, like IMMA, JOY, or Girl Scouts, in your neighborhood to identify which kids are high-risk.</p> <p>Spread the word of this need at your Neighborhood Association meeting.</p> <p>Easier to blame the cops, the schools, social services, but why can’t we, as individuals, do something about it.</p>

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION PLAN</b>
Next Meeting	The discussion of gangs took the whole 1.5 hours. We will address the rest of the agenda in November. The meeting will be Thursday, November 3, 2011 at the City Hall Conference Room 104.	Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Recorder: Susan M. Todzy