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MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT NAME: Newport News Southeast Resource Area Master Plan
QEA PROJECT #: 42025320
MEETING: Scott Center Programming Meeting
MEETING DATE: 06.17.2021
ATTENDEES: Sheila McAllister, Director of Planning, City of Newport News
Crystal Rainey, Exec. Director, Scott Center
Angela Futrell, Board Chairperson, Scott Center
Cleo Holloway, Board Member, Scott Center
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THE SCOTT CENTER FOR H.O.P.E. — A SERVICE MODEL

- The Scott Center primarily serves the Southeast community and is as a resource for all residents of Newport News.
- They have been providing service to the community for thirty years and have been located in their current facility for over twenty years.
- The Scott Center provides structured resources and connections/referrals to services.
 - Youth, adults, seniors, families, and all community members who need help finding various services can go to the Scott Center and receive referrals.
 - Referrals range from academic, workforce related, physical and mental health, parenting, and more.
 - The Scott Center acts as a hub, helping make connections to other resources in the community.
- People come to the Scott Center for a specific program or a specific need, not just recreation.
- Youth generally stay at the Scott Center for 3-4 years as an after-school program, then come back for volunteering when they are in high school.
- Pre-COVID, the Scott Center served around 60 youth per day.
- When Huntington was open, the center served around 100 youth per day.
- H.O.P.E. stand for helping our people emerge.

SCOTT CENTER PROGRAMS

- Programs at the Scott Center are for youth and adults.
 - Examples: Programs for life skills, prevention programs, and after-school programming for children ages 6-13.
- The Scott Center is a designated after-school site. Students who designate the center as their after-school site are bused there by NNPS and the Scott Center arranges for their transportation home.
 - 3pm is the end of the school day, 4:30pm is the end of after-school programming at school, students are at the Scott Center until 6pm.
 - The Scott Center charges \$40/year to participate in their after-school program.
- The Scott Center holds camp for youth during the summer, spring break, and winter break.
 - The Scott Center and the Community Center both offer summer camps.
- Some programs have a small fee, some do not.

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- Some of the services that are offered to adults include parenting and GED classes.
- Mature adults programming (ages 50+) includes line dancing, visiting speakers, and sessions on community safety.
- The Scott Center provides tutoring for students by licensed individuals, some are teachers with NNPS.
- High school students have the opportunity to volunteer at the Scott Center.
- Some external organizations have used the spaces in the Scott Center to host programs, karate classes for example.
- Younger students stay at the Scott Center with supervision, but middle school students are allowed to leave and walk over to other community facilities (like the library) by themselves.

PARTNERSHIPS

- The direct adjacency to Huntington Middle School allowed for the Scott Center to utilize four of the middle school's classrooms after hours, and the Scott Center shared their attached gymnasium with Huntington.
- There is an active collaboration with the church across the street from the Scott Center.
 - The Scott Center uses the church's kitchen as a resource.
 - They started a community garden next to the church as a collaboration between the two organizations.
- The Southeastern Virginia Health System is a partner and offers health education classes and health screenings (e.g. blood pressure) at the Scott Center.
- The Scott Center staff will walk or transport students to other community resources (Library, Community Center, Cultural Arts Center, Brooks Crossing Innovation Facility) to attend programs.
- There is currently informal communication between the various community facilities to discuss available programs.
- The Scott Center has partnered with the shipyard and Piggly Wiggly before.
- There has been involvement with HRCAP (Hampton Roads Community Action Program).
- The Scott Center participates in the Wickham Avenue Alliance.
 - This is a youth leadership program that community organizations participate in, giving opportunities to students age 13-17 to volunteer at the organizations.
 - The organizations include: The Scott Center, Doris Miller Community Center, Pearl Bailey Library, Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center, and YWCA Virginia Peninsula.

TRANSPORTATION

- Currently the center has two 15-passenger vans and one minivan that they park on the street or in their driveway.
- A lot of people walk to the Scott Center and youth are dropped off by bus.
- There are about 20-25 parking spaces that are used in the course of a day.

VISION/DESIRED SPACE

- The Scott Center currently has an open floor plan, and there is a desire for more enclosed space.
 - There is a need for more spaces where private conversations can happen.
 - No space in the existing building is currently perfect for its use.
- The gym is used every day—after school for students, 6-9pm for the community, and during the day for activities for adults and seniors.
 - The gym was shared with Huntington Middle School when the middle school building was still open, HMS used it in the mornings and the Scott Center in the afternoons.
 - The gym is physically connected to the Scott Center and connected to the school by a covered walkway.
 - The gym does not currently have air conditioning.
- There is a need for a computer lab or space for computer training.
- Space for health care screenings is desired.
- The center would like to be able to provide more behavioral health services.
 - This would require a space for assessment and group sessions.
 - A licensed professional would provide these sessions.
- Community garden space
- The community currently uses the field adjacent to the Scott Center for running club and community events.

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- The track is used as a community hub for walking.
- A kitchen space that is more than a warming kitchen could house potential culinary programs.
 - The center would like to be able to provide cooking classes for older students.
- Larger, more comfortable classrooms spaces
 - Classrooms currently fit fifteen people. Twenty people is ideal with one teacher and one support staff per classroom.
- Enclosed meeting rooms
- Properly sized spaces for staff
 - The Scott Center currently has about ten staff now.
 - There are 4-6 interns at the Scott Center from local universities.
- A stage area is desired.
 - Currently the open space at the entrance to the building is used for gathering and there is a raised platform that can act as a stage.
- There is not a need for on-site security.
- The Scott Center is identified as a community need and would like to maintain their own identity within the Southeast Community Resource Area.
- The Scott Center would like to be the lead in student after-school programs.

END OF MEMORANDUM

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If there are any questions or comments regarding this Meeting Memorandum, please contact this office within ten (10) days or it will stand as correct.