

Roc Coalition
Against Gun Violence
October 24, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Councilman Willie Light Foot.

Coalition member in attendance were Rochester Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff Department, Xavier D. Major, Saving Our Youth, Pathways to Peace, Moms Demand Action, Center for Public Safety Initiatives in the Department of Criminal Justice @RIT, Roc the Peace, Rise up Rochester and The Brady Campaign. The meeting started off with a moment of silence to remember those who lost their lives to violence in the City Of Rochester.

We started off meeting by giving an overview to new coalition members. Then we went onto to discuss each Committee minutes.

The Advocacy Committee met on 9/30/18. Their goal was to develop ideas for a strategy for moving legislation forward locally. Some of the ideas:

- Speaking at legislative meetings
- Coordinate with the coalition members to support safe storage bill
- Reach out and coordinate with cities that support a similar bill

The Educational Committee met on 9/20/18. Their focus is to identify existing programs and groups in our community that focus on gun violence.

- Securing grants for proposed projects
- Develop Curriculum
- Identify audience to deliver curriculum to

The Eradication Committee met on 9/21/18. The focus was to identify strategies discussed and recommended:

- Expand the printed media campaign to include coverage in all RCSD facilities and Rec. Centers to gain maximum exposure to Rochester's youth.
- Develop a court watch for gun arrest in the City of Rochester that is managed by the NSC offices
- Make legislative changes to Monroe County Pistol Permit application process to require a gun safety and securing course prior to approval.

The Media Committee met on 9/26/18 some of their ideas are to:

- Projected Market-Who do we want to get the attention of.
- Get the word out
- Promotion strategies

The group also spoke on the Gun Buyback program. Dr. Irshed Altheimer said there is research to prove they are not effective.

As a group we also discussed how are we going to tackle where the guns are coming from?

We also want to utilize our youth to connect them to various programs in the city. Also to sit on the RCAGV coalition.

Kathy Richardson suggested that we should get data for stolen guns.

Councilman Willie Lightfoot suggested that we need someone to take information of collecting information from each committee and turning it into a working document.

There was also suggestion to create response team. Pathways to Peace suggested that the program is already in existence and we need to focus on to funding for program to help them.

Our goal is to strengthen and support each member of the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Wanda Ridgeway