

PROFILE of South East Edmonton Mapping And Planning Committee (SEEMAP)

Goals:

- To help agencies, churches, schools, social services, police and other human service providers to more effectively meet the needs of children, youth and families in southeast Edmonton (excluding Mill Woods, as they have a separate mapping committee), using community mapping as a tool to help achieve the goal.
- To create a case demonstrating the need for housing options to allow seniors to stay in the community and encourage multigenerational family support. This strategy also must consider the status of schools. (Sept'08)
- The following initiatives were developed (Dec 08): First, having reviewed maps and discussed information, SEEMAP has come to a place that for revitalization of the community, increased housing for families and seniors will be needed.
- Second, we will create a presentation from the community profile highlighting issues and priorities for community revitalization and sustainability.
- Third, SEEMAP will work with SECLA to devise a strategy to engage the community in this discussion.

Expected Outcomes: (FROM North Central)

- Maps depicting South East Edmonton will be available to use as a planning tool.
- Program decisions will be made collaboratively
- Increase and improve relationships and collaborative efforts between social service agencies/organizations and with community at large.
- Identify existing and emerging community issues and concerns through community consultations.
- Explore and support the development of new ways of delivering services where gaps exist.
- Provide opportunities for information sharing at regularly scheduled meetings.

A Collaborative Community Mapping Planning Process

Joint Commitment:

- Feb '08: Began discussions
- Mar' 08: Geographic area of focus agreed upon. Boundary created.
- Sept' 09: Agree on a Community Revitalization Strategy which focuses on increasing housing options for Seniors and preventing school closures in the South East Community.

Community Profile:

- April '08: Demographic maps presented.
- May '08: Members collect resource information.
- June '08: Resource maps presented.
- Dec '08: Other agency (EPSB, EPL and Health) maps presented.

Community Engagement:

- March '09: Host a Conversation Café Event. Human service providers and community members participate in discussion focusing on Children, Youth and Seniors.

Action:

- May-Aug '08: Supported the Ottewell Community League Playschool as they moved the programming space from the Community League to Breamar School. SEEMAP connected Ottewell Playschool with volunteers to move, clean and make cabinets.
- Jul- Aug'08: A summer student at the Capilano Library creates a faith based space inventory.
- Dec '08 –Feb '09: Plan Conversation Café'.

- Oct '09: Committee meets to review other strategies for gathering information from the community. Youth Team arranged training for librarians at Idylwylde and Strathcona libraries on how to interact with youth and shared information regarding resources for youth in the community.
- Nov '09: Some committee members not attending. Decision to call members to determine commitment.

Reflection:

Members & Organizations Represented

- ABC Head Start
- Braemar Baptist Church
- City of Edmonton Community Services
- Clara Tyner Elementary School
- Central Baptist Church
- Community Partnership Enhancement Fund
- Edmonton Catholic Schools
- Edmonton Public Library – Idylwylde
- Edmonton Public Library – Capilano
- Edmonton Public Schools
- Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council
- Forest Terrace Community League
- Hazeldean Community League
- Health for Two
- Interested Citizen
- M.A.P.S. Alberta Capital Region
- South Edmonton Community Leagues Association (SECLA)
- South East Edmonton Seniors Association
- Ottewell Christian Reformed Church
- Ottewell Community League Playschool
- Suzuki School
- Strathern Community League
- Youth Emergency Shelter

Outcomes Achieved:

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