



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 20, 2018 Agenda Item 1

Presentation

Report/Update from M.A.N.U.P (Making A New United People)

Recommended Council Action

Hear the presentation.

Context with Key Issues

Recognizing the value of a mentoring program for the community and the challenges of fundraising to maintain the activities, the City Council included \$20,000 in the FY 2018 Community Partnership Program budget to support a Teen and Young Adult Mentoring program.

The City awarded the contract to MANUP to conduct a mentoring program for young people, ages 12-24. Workshops and activities in the program are geared towards education, self-empowerment, economic awareness and social responsibility.

Brandon Johns, Executive Director of MANUP, will present a brief report to the City Council at tonight's meeting. As a requirement of the grant agreement, a comprehensive report is to be submitted to the City within 30 days of the contract expiration date. That report is expected in July 2018.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Fiscal Impact of Action

\$20,000 was appropriated in the adopted FY 2018 budget.

Racial Equity Impact of Action

We believe this mentoring program will improve outcomes and further the youth success initiative for people of color, including immigrants and refugees.

Attachments and Links

- M.A.N.U.P. Report

2017-18 Making A New United People Report

First, we would like to again thank the City of Takoma Park for its continued support for our program and organization. We are extremely pleased to continue growing our work in Takoma Park.

Highlights

Jobs Program

This will be the second year that we have employed Takoma Park/ M.A.N.U.P. youth as part of our educational afterschool program / partnership with Prince George's County Recreational Department and Council. This year we have increased the number of young people hired as mentors to 10. The program is an after-school academic and cultural enrichment program, delivered to elementary school students that attend Rollingcrest-Chillum and Langley Park Community Centers. We have given pre- and on the job training to each youth involved. The young people serve as educational mentors and implement and facilitate programs. This is the first job for many of our youth, so we have walked them through each stage of employment from interviews, timeliness and attire. We hope to continue this next year, and again be able to expand the amount of young people we serve.

Peer Mentors

We also employ three young people from Takoma Park to work as peer mentors for our Tuesday Program. They open the program and facilitate the sessions supported by M.A.N.U.P. staff. We hope to expand this program next year in Takoma Park as well as in neighboring communities.

Interview Series

This year, we have also started a youth led interview series. We were proud to have our first interview with Councilman Jarrett Smith. We have gone on to interview local artists and community activists in the area. We look forward to growing this series much further next year. This program is meant to bridge the gap and build lines of communication between M.A.N.U.P. youth and the broader TP community.

Montgomery College Partnership Program

As part of a collaboration between with Montgomery College, we held monthly Tuesday sessions at Montgomery College Takoma Park Campus for high school youth to gain more exposure to College. We have upcoming plans to expand on the reach of this program.

Achievements

Nine of our youth will be graduating high school this year and we also have three long term M.A.N.U.P. youth that have graduated college. We have taken multiple trips exposing our youth to a vast number of experiences. The experiences include a trip to the movies to see *Black Panther*, a college tour to Morgan State University, dinner at Bus Boys and Poets, a trip to a Howard University pep rally, Takoma Park City Council meetings and bowling at Lucky Strike.

Again, we truly appreciate the assistance of the city of Takoma Park and we look forward to continuing our partnership.