

## PARMA AREA MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE MINUTES

1.26.15

23 in attendance

10 local churches, 2 faith-based organizations, 1 college and 3 community organizations represented.

- Broadview Heights Church
- Broadview Road Church of Christ
- Cuyahoga Valley Church
- God is Love Church
- Mercy Hill Chapel
- Parma Baptist Church
- Parma Lutheran Church
- Pleasant Hills UMC
- Ridge Road UCC
- Trinity Baptist Church
- Community Ambassadors
- Holy Family Hospice
- Tri-C West
- C/B/S
- Parma Area Family Collaborative
- Parma City Hall

Pastor Jeremy Miranda, Broadview Road Church of Christ, opened the meeting with prayer.

Jeremy Kiner, Co-Director of the Community Ambassadors, welcomed the group and opened with introductions of those in attendance.

### Topics that were discussed:

#### • Progress Through Partnership

- Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter, shared important information about the city of Parma, followed by a Q & A session
  - Budget – due to budget shortfalls the three Parma city pools will not open this summer. The State of the City address will be on Monday, February 23 at 7pm at OSG Tap & Die on Plaza Drive
  - Safety – Parma was recognized by two outside agencies as a “Safe City” (#36 in nation for Most Favorable City for Young Families - [http://www.bizjournals.com/dayton/blog/morning\\_call/2014/12/two-ohio-cities-among-top-100-for-young-families.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/dayton/blog/morning_call/2014/12/two-ohio-cities-among-top-100-for-young-families.html) )
  - Neighborhood/Quality of Life – Lots of organizations are doing good things: would like to have them under one umbrella to coordinate services
  - Parma Mayor’s Town Hall Task Force – Fifteen members meet to plan and promote Parma’s great town center with Byer’s Field, New Library, City Hall, The Shoppes at Parma, Stearns Farm, UH Parma Hospital Medical Center, Parma Senior Center, Day Drive corridor, etc.
  - Proud of Parma committee will focus on promoting the Town Center
  - Residents/organizations can notify the Parma Director of Communications and Community Relations, Jeannie Roberts, at [Jroberts@cityofparma-oh.gov](mailto:Jroberts@cityofparma-oh.gov) to promote community wide services/events
  - Ridgewood UMC/North Coast Mission youth will be serving in the Parma area again this summer of 2015. Need to raise \$19,000.
  - Support for regionalism in sharing of the Seven Hills Recreation Center and the Ridgewood Golf Course

#### • Q & A comments

- Could the city make churches aware of needed home repairs/senior citizen needs? Churches are often looking for avenues of service to the community. Contact Building Commissioner, Don Graves, or Senior Center Director, JoAnn Mason to learn of area needs.
- Is there a central list of resources that churches can use for referrals? FamilyCollaborative.com, CommunityAmbassadors.org, LoveIncCuyahoga.org.
- Does Parma have the Neighborhood Watch program? No, but each ward council provides safety information. Block parties are encouraged and supported by the city if you have 75% participation on your street.

#### • Parma Area Family Collaborative

- Bryan Stanton, System of Care Supervisor, gave an update on upcoming Family Collaborative events
  - Project More volunteers needed – before and / or afterschool reading program at local schools. A short training session is required.
  - C/B/S meeting will be at Hanna on Friday, January 30, 8-9:30 a.m.
  - Shared the focus of recruiting foster/adoptive families within the same school district for the well-being of youth
  - Changes in the Collaborative grant do not permit funding initiatives like the Backpack/School Supplies, Coat Drive and Holiday Assistance Program, necessitating increased donors and creative partnerships.

#### • Ministerial Roundtable

- Ultimate purpose is to bless our city
- 60+ churches are a hidden resource
- Kira Karabanovs, Director of Family and Community Engagement, is the point person for churches to get involved with PCSD projects

### Other Updates

- Parma Area Family Collaborative meeting is the fourth Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be at Parma Heights Baptist Church on Thursday, February 26 at 8:30 am