

THE YOUTH STOREFRONT PROJECT  
informal notes of informal meetings

3/2/95 initial meeting - this idea is the brain-child of Dave Chandler, Executive Director  
D.A.R.A. (Downtown Arts & Retail Alliance)  
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and Tom Anderson of Vocational Programs, Project M.O.R.E./TUSD  
with Deanna Lundquist, 16 yr old senior at Project M.O.R.E.

Dave, Tom & Deanna explained their basic idea. Numerous possible activities were mentioned including: retail, art gallery, photography, 12 step programs, coffee shop, counseling, job bank, computers, referrals to existing community services. It was mentioned that both UofA and PCC have Centers for Service Learning. Molly McKasson has expressed interest. George Garcia's project he calls "The 4th R" meaning "Readiness for Life". Planned Parenthood would loan someone to hold classes and/or individual talks.

Wanting to have some activities for youth this summer, we brought up organization and the need for a building or space from which to operate. Tom mentioned operating under the umbrella of an existing non-profit and that he is part of one that probably could be used. Some attendees felt that we need form a new 501(c)3. It was pointed out that obtaining IRS status would take 18-36 months.

Discussion turned to how to find a building that could be renovated by youth over the summer. The PCC representative said that possibly with grant funds already available, youth in construction classes could be paid small wages while doing the work.

The original signup sheet was passed around asking that people willing to be on a steering committee place a star next their names. Dave then asked that all of those people decide on a day, time and place for a meeting. We chose 6p 3/6 at Pima Co. Parks & Rec.

3/6/95 Steering Committee decided to pursue finding a building with Tom spearheading consider: proximity to Ronstadt Center, minimum 2 yr availability, extent of renovation that will be required, min/max footage, expandibility, cost to bring to codes ex: restrooms, etc, initial cost, monthly cost of utilities etc., can it meet codes for particular costs like retail and restaurant must be suitable for services and activities

Some members were to meet with Leslie Fisher on Thursday.

Deanna will prepare an invitation to next general meeting to be 3/23 for distribution at High Schools, the Teen Town Hall and elsewhere

3/22/95 General Meeting - downtown library.

Pima Co International Business office said they are interested in involving youth in some of its activities and would very much like some high school aged interns.

TPAC said they have great amounts of computer equipment available to youth, would love for them to use it, maybe producing stuff for sale. TPAC also would give computer graphics and related classes.

DPC's Steve Eye expained the spaces and activities that he already has available and those that he is in the process of developing.

We saw the very real possibility of a Storefront-DPC-TPAC coalition.

ML announced that she had submitted a couple of proposals for small photography grants.

It was mentioned that some ADOT buildings were available in the downtown area for minimal annual rents but had to be brought up to code. Tom's group will look into.

It was decided that the Storefront now needs a mission statement to present with grant applications, to prospective landlords, additional people that we would like get involved, and businesses that might have manpower, assets or seed money to offer. We decided on a meeting to draft a mission statement at 6p 3/27 at TPAC.

3/27/95 Mission Statement. Tom, Dave, Deanna, Jan and Heather hammered out a rough draft. Dave and Tom will polish it.

4/20/95 General Meeting. Copies of the completed mission statement were passed out. An ADOT building is available for \$300 per year but estimates to bring it up to code range as high as \$100,000 and utilities could run \$2000 per month. The ground floor of the Cele Peterson building might be available, a proposal has been sent to the leasing agent.

We could participate in the Downtown Music Festival on Saturday 5/6/95. We could pass out literature about the Storefront. We also could sell something or do some other kind of fundraiser. Lillian suggested that we need something eye-catching, maybe a t-shirt to sell.

D.A.R.A. has a small grant available for entrepreneurial work this summer.

Tom will be offering a class at Project M.O.R.E. that focuses on an action plan for the StoreFront Project.

Roger suggested that we have a sub-title that at least hints at what we are going to be doing; something like "Bridges to Your Future".

Heather announced that she has done lots of ground laying for a benefit concert.

Some bands have agreed to perform without charge and Steve Eye of the DPC has agreed to a split of proceeds. She and Deanna were named co-chairs for the Benefit committee.

Dave said that it is time to have a small committee work on organizational structure.

Tom said that we can operate under the Little Hill Foundation which is mostly inactive but has the IRS 501(c)3 exemption.

5/10/95 at Project M.O.R.E.

Julia Balen, Tom, Dave, Shana, Heather, Kevin Phillips, ML, Jan

Dntn events: Heather thinks that we should do something at every Sat. dntn night

Ed wants to do more events

Dave thinks a REALLY good job on the 1st Saturdays of June, July and August, then maybe every Sat dntn night

Heather - maybe Joe & his band would do music bringing friends and family from other schools

Booths all are near Ronstadt @ \$7.50/night and we couldn't have "our" bands and there are other strict rules - could we continue on Pennington for free?

Dave can get all info re: booths and costs - can we do both with some items at one location and some at the other? need water, coffee, espresso, iced coffee - we made nearly \$200 at our first try

Building: we have had no response to our inquiry about renting part of the Cele Peterson building (next to Club Dada)

Dave thinks we now know that we can make money and could look to making maybe \$800/mo and feel confident enough to rent a space

Deanna is Treasurer

We are on a list of non-profits for needed space

Dave expects something on Congress or Pennington to open up soon and we should feel free to sign a lease

Events: Tom says we need to plan events - what's next

ML suggests an art auction, both donated and youth-produced pieces - at Project M.O.R.E.? - before Christmas

exhibit at M.O.R.E. - have fliers saying that items can be previewed there  
Heather knows the owner of the 4th Ave Gallery that will help and maybe let us display at his place

Bob McKay has said that for-credit classes can be held by the Storefront, unusual ones even one day classes

D.A.R.A. has a small grant for Young Entrepreneurs that should be available soon

Dave wants to soon get to where we can reimburse contributors for ingredients of baked goods and be able to pay people \$5/hr for working the booth

Heather & Kevin think that we should stay on Pennington & maybe have a skater demo and other attractions when bands are not available

we want to do something at Sat dntn 5/20 if Ed's Club Dada will be open or, let's try for a really good night on 6/3

Dave suggests we get a booth and have dream catchers, shirts & fliers near Ronstadt and cookies etc on Pennington

Finances: we need to pay the bills for the t-shirts already made (and many sold) ~\$54 have \$10 from Kevin's sale  
need to open bank A/C

Event: Kevin; a lot of people he knows want a big disco party - he's trying to put one together maybe at Ed's place or maybe Time Market warehouse

Pennington cannot be closed until 7pm but Scott can any time, - can Ed's doors be open for bathrooms? or should we try for porta-johns?

Newsletter: Kifka will help Deanna do it regularly. Deanna dropped off a rough prototype.

Funding: Heather says that every Thursday morning at the Library there is a grant meeting. Ann from Wingspan told her about it. The meetings include grant writing assistance and information about what is available.

Jim Moffitt is a full-time grant writer with TUSD and a good friend of Tom's wife. Heather knows Nick of the Highland Free School. Nick is an educator who works with kids up through Jr. High. Maybe his kids would produce art for us to sell.

Banking: Jan will open an account with BofA. We will use the Little Hill Foundation tax ID #80-0520526. Tom, Deanna and Jan will be signers with two signers required on each check.

Events: Heather will try to get with Deanna to do a bands event. Dave suggests we get into the lottery for booth permits for May 20th and June 3rd at Downtown Sat. nights. Vending cannot begin before 7pm at Ronstadt but maybe we can find another spot for earlier in the day. Jeff is the owner of the parking lot used last time. We need to build a good relationship with him, i.e. pick up trash.

Organization: We need to set more structure. Kevin will start working on the computer, updating the mailing list and setting up the newsletter.

Projects: Dave suggests additional shirt designs and maybe bumper stickers. Kevin thinks we might be able to sell tapes of local bands. Dave will try for a booth for the 5/20 Downtown Sat night, Heather will take it from there. We could print shirts on-sight at some Downtown Sat nights using a portable press.

Money: Tara owes \$20 for dream-catchers. Collected \$20 from Dave and \$10 from ML for shirts. Heather owes \$10 for a shirt. We voted that Kevin take a shirt to his Mom for Mother's Day. Kevin is taking all remaining shirts to place on consignment for sale at various places, possible Toxic Ranch, Itchy Foot Moe's, Club Dada.

Next meeting will be Monday 5/22 at Project M.O.R.E.

95 5:30pm Project M.O.R.E.

present: Tom, Heather, Kevin, Jan, Deanna, Ray, Kasey, Shana, John

Dave could not be here but sent word that he would accept any office

We are here partly for the purpose of electing officers. We need to have elected officers now for the requirements of the bank for our account. We should have officers for any other legal or financial requirements that arise such as signers for a lease on a space. Everyone is eligible to be an officer. Electing officers will not change the fact that everyone will have equal amounts of input into the group and it's decisions.

Discussion: no volunteers for any of the offices, but everyone is willing to serve.

Nominations: Jan for Secretary - no one else & no one else wants it

Deanna for Treas - " " " " " " " " " "

Tom for President; Dave for Vice-President

Kevin for President; Tom for Vice-President

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Discussion of nominations and vote, elected:

President	Kevin
Vice-President	Heather
Treasurer	Deanna
Secretary	Jan

Committees: Shayna wants to work on funding

Dave will continue looking for a building or space

Downtown Saturday Night - we have a permit for 6/3/95, we will plan on just baked goods and t-shirts

Bank Account - the Treasurer will hold all of the ATM cards and loan them out to anyone who may have need to make a deposit

Business Cards - Heather will check on having some printed with no name(s) or phone number but with a PO Box - Deanna got PO box 1346 85702

Shirts - we should have more printed with Kevin's design on white and Ollie's design on forest green &/or burgundy

Newsletter - Deanna and Heather will print and mail a newsletter including asking for help with baked goods to be brought to M.O.R.E. on 6/3 between 5 & 7 pm.

Ed of Club Dada - Tom will meet with Dave and Claudia to see if we can help Ed get "artist" status by displaying/selling art in his store

Next Meeting: Tuesday 6/6/95 at Project M.O.R.E.

5 Project M.O.R.E.

Present: Tom, Jan, Marlene Jose of Tucson Indian Center, Robin Hiller of Molly McKasson's office, Clare of Molly's office and Project M.O.R.E.,

Project M.O.R.E. Class - will be offered by Tom in the fall MWF 11:15, requirements probably will include coffee/snack booth at school and



Downtown Saturday Night booth

Kevin arrived; Casey(boy) and Mindy, friends of Heather arrived

Clare's thoughts about what Molly McKasson's office can offer to us:

- maybe a building at \$1/mo

- write a proposal and lobby ADOT for a building at \$300/yr

  - ADOT's code is not as strict as some

- grant writing, including a proposal to bring a building up to code using

  - City money

Kathleen Morton of Tuscon Youth at Risk and her son Michael arrived

Kevin reviewed 6/3 Downtown Sat. Night - fun and interesting talking to people

- we want to attract some of these people to the Youth Storefront

- ran out of fliers

Amateur sport tournament suggested by Marlene

Internships downtown and around town suggested by Robin, especially with

- downtown people who produce things, eg: photography, ceramics, silkscreen or other items

Photography - Kevin would love to teach it for the Storefront

Deanna & Heather arrived - Deanna brought the new bank a/c check, etc

Skate Park-Casey suggests we build a skate park and charge admission

- Robin says Steve Eye wants to build a sculpture garden/skate park on old Southern Pacific property

- the City has been working on a skatepark for 5 years-Pima College will build one at Randolph/Reid Park

Skate Demo- Heather is organizing one for July 15. She will be at a Psycho

- Freak event this Saturday getting skaters to sign up for the 15th

Funding - Bob McKay announced that there could be more classes offered at

- Project M.O.R.E. and he is sure that there could be funding for photography equipment, silkscreening equipment & other needs

Meetings - Kevin feels that we need meetings once a month in addition to

- gatherings at the Grill or elsewhere. If Tom is going to be informing people about YSF, we need to have good communication with him

Tom had said that there would be/ was a summer school class - Deanna

- asked about it. Why weren't any students at the Saturday Night on 6/3? Tom said no one signed up.

Heather stormed out after angry words directed towards Tom. Kevin followed

Newsletter - Tom asked about it getting done, Deanna said it wasn't going to happen.

Keys to the PO Box - Deanna has one, Tom will keep the other at M.O.R.E.

Next Meeting: Thursday 7/6/95