

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

November 18, 2003

**7:30 AM
Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)**

Clerk Valerie E. Fysh called the meeting to order and entertained a motion to elect a Chairman Pro-Tem.

On a motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Dr. Frank Bass, it was voted to appoint Louis Craig as Chairman Pro-Tem.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Alderman Pinard, Dr. Frank Bass, Marty Boldin, Laurel Buccino, Judy Cooper, Louis Craig, Elaine Douville, Amy Hanulec, Tom Jordan, John Rist, LuAnne Oatman, David Scannell (late), Ellie Therrien

Absent: Alderman O'Neil, Sgt. Favreau, Det. Fuller, Ron Caron, Joe Harding, Tom Farrell

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Minutes of meeting held June 26, 2003.

Minutes of meeting held August 28, 2003.

Minutes of meeting held September 25, 2003.

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Dr. Frank Bass, it was voted to accept the minutes of June 26, 2003, August 28, 2003 and September 25, 2003.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Discussion relative to course of action for the May 12, 2003 Forum Executive Summary.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig stated Joe Harding is not here, but Tom Farrell was supposed to be here to discuss the Forum Executive summary that they were developing with respect to the Forum. That can not be done because they are not here. Does anyone want to discuss the May 12th Forum or bring up anything that was brought forth on that?

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Review and discussion concerning brochures.

Dr. Bass stated the brochures are finalized and we appreciate all of the work from Serenity Place in helping to put those brochures together. They went before our School Committee last month and they were overwhelming approved. It is obviously a great opportunity for our kids and our parents to at least get that firsthand, first rush response to drugs and alcohol and their influence on your youth.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig stated Dr. Bass if you could be so kind to share the brochure with us the next time we meet. If you could bring copies that would be nice. I have not seen the final product.

Dr. Bass stated I will be glad to. If I may add, it's not just simply a brochure. You've got comments from the Chief of Police, from the Mayor's office, so it is really community wide. It is not just the school's brochure and I think the point here is to reflect that it is a community issue. It's not just a school issue. You want to hammer home that point that we all have certain responsibility in curbing drugs and alcohol in the community and in our schools.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig addressed Item 6 of the agenda:

Discussion relative to Committee objectives.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig this is a very important subject that I wanted on the agenda. I want to throw this out for discussion with all of you. I think that we do an awful lot of discussion of matters and issues here, but very frankly there's no action in place and I just think that all of us ought to come up with three or four issues that we want to tackle and to see what we can do to resolve. For instance, let me give you a couple of ideas. In looking at the minutes, I can't help but think of what Alderman Pinard said at the last meeting, that we're not really accomplishing a great deal by this committee and I hate to admit that but when you reflect on it, it is true. And I think that if we come up with things that we

should do and accomplish some issues. For instance the Police Department may want some ordinances changed, or the School Department may want certain things done within the schools. Dr. Bass we talked about proms and so forth or someone going inside the schools. That's an action that can be done. In my case I would like to see a medical detox and I think we should take steps to support that and to find out what has to be done for medical detox within the City of Manchester. Those are just some of the things that I think we should be doing, but if you looked within your own jobs and what we're supposed to be accomplishing here, we're supposed to be accomplishing something to combat drugs and alcohol within the City of Manchester. I just think we're not doing enough, so I think that I would like to put it on the floor discussion right now, that everyone come up with at least three or four issues to bring forth at the next meeting. And I know you're perhaps doing things within, and I know the School Department is doing an awful lot already.

Dr. Bass stated I think you raised a good point and I think let's not lose sight of a couple of things. One is that last year we were trying to get our arms around this issue, how widespread is it, what are we talking about, what kinds of programs exist currently, how effective are those programs, bring the people before the committee and ask them to tell us about their particular program, their slant on the issue and what kinds of funding they have, what kinds of issues they have in terms of their ability to get the job done or not. And that was very helpful for us. I think in many cases an eye opening experience to find just where we're at and again, back to your point. I think now that we've done that, we can start to pick two, three or four action items that are within our purview. Things that we know we can get done and then we can start zeroing in on what those happen to be. As you pointed out, maybe it's a detox center, maybe it's some changes in the Police ordinances and maybe there's some other things that we haven't thought of yet, but certainly we are in a position now to start looking at specific action items that we can accomplish and say okay we are making steps towards achieving our broad goals, which is to obviously curb drugs and alcohol in the City of Manchester. But we're also making very clear small steps in that we've moved from a position of just discussion and a deliberation to a position of creating action items and creating movement in the City.

Alderman Pinard stated I don't know how many of you looked at the Sunday news last week of how they are coming out now on the DWIs and so on and so forth. I am going to cut a show with the New Hampshire Safety Institute, Mr. Angler. It is going to be very powerful and I think it will come up to exactly what you're saying and Dr. Bass, we are going to come out with statistics in the City of Manchester and the State of New Hampshire that are going to be very frightening because we don't know how many DWIs alone are in the Queen City. We don't know how many licenses for bars and restaurants that we have so alcohol and even

drugs in those establishments are very easy, and I think this is maybe something that we the committee, and we've been looking at and we have to come out with something that the people are not just going to watch us sitting here and discussing. You've got to get the people of the Queen City behind us and this is the objective that I would like to see done and I know on the State level and the Highway Safety agency, we're going to pursue that. Some of my shows are going to be strictly on that to get a message of danger. You all heard of what happened two weeks ago. Well again, it was DWI. What they forgot to mention in the article was where was that last drink taken? And this is some of the things that we've been hearing for the past year and a half.

LuAnne Oatman stated one of the things that our agency is going to be working on, and I'd like to see this group get involved in, would be what we can do to influence community norm and the perception of use and harm and age of onset, and I think one of the things we're really missing at this group is youth and we need talk to them and we need to get them involved. Because if we're going to influence what's happening in the high schools and the high schools and all the way down to the elementary schools, it's not just going to come from us, it's going to have to come from the youth. I know that Child Health Services has put together a media literacy program, which will be using youth, peer educators in the Weed & Seed target zone. We have youth that are involved in leadership where we have them walking our talk. I know Dave has the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and I know there's a lot of youth out there that we could be tapping into and using as a resource and I think it's something that we need to consider here either having youth representation on this council, having them in to testify to talk to us and having them work with us in changing the perceptions and what the community norm is. There's a perception out there that well everybody does it, you go to college to party. What ever the perceptions out there are, but if we're going to influence, and I don't think it's just going to be coming from us, we've also got to pull the youth voice into what we're doing.

Dr. Bass stated I think that's an excellent point. I watched the recent debates on television for School Board races and Aldermen and I noticed the Mayor's Youth Council was very actively engaged in the process, and I think it's important to have kids watching this, kids seeing kids involved in those kids of activities. It certainly would be a different voice in a different venue opposed to always hearing it from us. I think that's an excellent idea. The other point I wanted to make is we have three kinds of areas that we have to target and I don't want us to get off on the one subject. One is prevention, two is remediation, and three is what do you do with a habitual abuser. Going back to the Chief's point, the detox center. The person that is already a full-blown alcoholic, full blow drug abuser; what do you do for those individuals and how do you help them? Those are the three major areas that we have to target and no one single area should get more attention. All

three should get attention. Yes we do have a responsibility for prevention and yes we do have a responsibility to remediation. Catching those kids and those individuals as they are beginning the process of drugs and alcohol. Provide them with the right kinds of interactions and obligations and then lastly the group that's already over the line, so to speak, and having those opportunities for them as well.

Marty Boldin stated I think that when we start talking about what we're going to do, we need to be clear about a couple of different things. Number one, I don't think it's necessary or appropriate for this committee to reinvent the wheel. A lot of the data that we need about the City is already out there. There are groups already out there who already know what they're needs are. I really think that this committee, and I thought that people said this last time, would basically come back and put things down on an agenda that we as a committee are going to say okay, these are the issues that we're going to take a look at so we could put them all down and say is finding a medical detox a number one priority for this group? Is developing treatment beds a number one priority for this group? Is collaborating or coordinating prevention services a number one priority for this group? Is developing or creating a professional relationship with the Youth Advisory Board a priority for this group? I think we all have ideas about how to move forward, but what we really need is for this group to finally say okay these are the five to ten things or whatever number of things that this group decides that it wants to work on and set ourselves some goals and some objectives to meet that in the next year. Over the last year that we've been meeting virtually every player from this community has not had an opportunity to speak either during this meeting or in the larger forum that we had. We have all of the information out there in front of us, all that's left for us to do is to really sit down and say what are the priorities that we're going to take a look at improving and how would they fit in to our overall goal of improving life in Manchester. For me I agree with you wholeheartedly that this City needs a medical detox. I can tell you that over the last six weeks, I've heard two stories about young people in this community who are put in grave medical danger because there was no availability for medical detox in this City. I think that that's an outstanding priority. I think LuAnne does an excellent job of saying from Makin It Happen's perspective, that there's an importance of having a youth voice. One of my issues is that I think that the number treatment beds for young people and adults has greatly decreased in New Hampshire. I think Manchester is going to feel the brunt of that. Tom from Demand Treatment is talking about starting up Oxford Houses, we have to talk to the hospitals about supporting infrastructure, all of these ideas have been discussed. I think it's really just up to this committee to say okay let's pick some. We could pick three. We could pick five. We talked about doing the DWI thing for next year around the prom weekend and talking to the young people about drinking and going to the prom. All of those issues are in front of us. What we

need is to put dates on them, to put objectives on them, for this committee to not be the place to discuss ideas, but to review progress for those ideas.

Elaine Douville stated I think we had talked about earlier the prom media blitz or whatever we might want to do with that. I think if we're thinking about that, it should be something we begin planning now. We are looking at uniformity between all the three high schools; the proms are in May. If we're going to be setting up the crash car or the video that has to be reserved now.

Alderman Pinard stated that's part of the NH Highway Safety. I will look into that for you.

Ms. Douville stated that should start to be booked now for prior to May. Because most of the proms start in May as a way to target the high schools, at least. Another thing, personally that I'm doing this year is gathering information to see what sort of pamphlets or educational materials are out in schools at the middle school and high school levels, available to kids on the aspect of prevention. What do they have available through the SAP coordinators? What do they have available through the health offices? That's one of my goals personally for this year, which I thought I would bring to the committee because in the right of prevention, seeing what's available, seeing if we can get stands for the schools, get a grant for money to be able to help with the cost of that and be able to have pamphlets on resources that are available for kids. Who they can go to. Information about drugs and alcohol within the schools.

Tom Jordan stated we sat here for I think not all that long ago for about three hours. We had a flow of people to tell us what they'd like to see. Why can't we revisit that, look at that stuff and then come up with ideas where we want to focus? I think that's extremely important. I like your idea Louie and I support that 100 percent, medical detox. It is criminal out there how there is no place to go at all and that to me should be a priority. So I think we need to revisit that community forum that we had here and take a look at what the people had to say and then come up with some ideas. I never got a copy of any of that stuff. But I think that would probably be a good idea if those people don't have notes, take a look at the stuff and then come back and let's take a couple or three things each, throw them out there to see what we do with it.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig stated Tom just for you information, I know you weren't here at the last meeting, but Item 4 on the agenda is a discussion of that Forum and unfortunately Tom Farrell is not here today. But I agree with what you said. I think everyone does. We have taken the stance on that before that we should review the minutes and come up with some critical action points to see what can be accomplished.

Alderman Pinard stated I'd like to go with LuAnne for the next meeting. Maybe Mr. Rist can help us to get three youths from the three high schools to come in and sit with us. I like that idea and I think it would be about time that we get something from the students.

John Rist stated I think students would be a good addition to the committee certainly. At Central High School we have a Students Against Drunk Driving Program. They've been very involved. The Red Ribbon week created all kinds of posters throughout the building on drug and alcohol, which was a good thing. Certainly I think to hear from the students would be a great idea. Either through Mayor's Youth Council or SADD kids or other kids. The Mayor's Youth Council are not probably the problem drinking children and the kids in SADD are probably not the kids who are involved in alcohol and drugs, so maybe there's other ways to seek some assistance and get some youth. There's a couple of constituents that I think are missing here. I don't know if Manchester has a restaurant and bar association or tavern association. I don't know if they collectively have any type of organization. They are the establishments that serve alcohol and may need to be represented. The strongest advocates for responsible drinking as we now know it is the alcohol and beer companies and Smirnoff. I can't tell you how many times I've seen Matt Kensing get out of his race car and have the pit crew come over the wall and take his tires. So, they are strong advocates. That's one group and the other group is I don't know if drinking and behavior on the college campuses in town is a problem or not. I don't know to what extent. If it's all kept in house. We have hundreds and hundreds of college kids here who are probably, there's a very good chance on Friday night that they're at the clubs. So maybe there's some way we could reach out to that group too. Their per capita alcohol consumption I bet is probably greater than any other population here in town. Just an example, I know my son went to a 21st birthday party for a kid. He's down at UNH and the establishment where they had the party provided a shuttle, which I thought was a great idea. So go have some fun kids, have a good time. They shuttled the kids to the establishment, they had their party, and they shuttled them back to the campus, which I thought was just absolutely great. And of course, they made enough money to make it worth while. So there's one idea and maybe establishments are doing this; I don't know. I think we need to reach out the people those establishments and the college community in addition to the students.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig stated you know some of the programs that the School Department have, for instance SADD. I didn't know there was such an organization and perhaps we could get some of the kids here and explain that program to us. But I guess your question is Alderman is it possible that we could at future meetings have students here? Is that possible Dr. Bass?

Dr. Bass answered absolutely.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig stated so what we're saying I guess is for our next meeting we want to have a representative from the three high schools? Is that what you would like?

Alderman Pinard answered that's what I was asking for. I think it would be a beginning. Like LuAnne with Makin It Happen, when we have that round table discussion I think that maybe it's time for LuAnne sets up another one of those round table discussions, because I know I get an awful lot out of it and also the rest of the people that are there. LuAnne why don't you do another round table discussion like you had last year? I thought that was very good.

Ms. Oatman answered we'll be doing those quarterly. We're not going to stop. We're going to keep bringing youth in. The one thing though I might like to suggest, and I don't what our luck with this would be in bringing the youth in. The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council those are really top notch kids. I have some really top-notch kids on my youth advisory board. But I'd like to see us, and I know the kids at SADD those are generally your top kids, but we're missing a voice. If those are the only voices we listen to, and I'd like to see us maybe get in touch with Bob Champagne at Salvation Army or maybe Marty, Judy, Laurel, somebody and some of the court programs and the adjudication programs and kids that have gone through rehab and that kind of stuff. Those are the kids we need to be listening to as well. I want to caution us when we take a look at what we're looking at for youth, that we make sure we're pulling not just three high schools but that we're looking at diversity in background and experience and maybe what they've been through. And we're also going to have to remember the kids are going to be a little nervous about what they are going to admit. I just think there needs to be sensitivity here which I'm sure we're all sensitive, and I may be stating the obvious, but I just feel compelled to say this sort of thing. And I'm happy to bring my kids and they would be thrilled to be a representative here. I know Dave probably has kids, but I just don't want to miss that other voice out there.

Amy Hanulec stated I tend to work with kids with the substance abuse problems on probation, but because of the confidentiality I need to just make sure with the youth and with their parents that they are comfortable coming and sharing. But I'm certain that I have at least two or three that would be willing to come and speak to us.

Mr. Boldin stated one of the things that LuAnne brings up and I think this is really important. Is that there are a lot of groups out there, a lot of us who work with young people, maybe a nice thing to do would be to try enable a comprehensive group of youth to kind of get together and have a structured discussion around these issues. Outside of this meeting and have them elect representatives to bring

to this meeting. We all represent a lot of different agencies and a lot of different services, but perhaps encouraging a group of young people or enabling a group of young people to get together and have a focused discussion on this or a series of focused discussions on this, and bring that information into this process would be a good idea.

Ms. Oatman stated I think right along with that it needs to be a youth friendly kind of place. Because this is intimidating. If I would be 15 I may not want to come in and talk in front of Dr. Bass or anybody from law enforcement. I just think we need to be sensitive to those kinds of issues and then do just what Marty said. I'm not sure...I'd love to see them sitting here and doing this, but I'm not sure this is the forum they'd probably feel comfortable in.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig stated I'd like to make a suggestion and I throw this out to the committee. For the December meeting, I'd like to see the high school kids here. Each high school represented to tell us what's going on the high schools and for the January meeting LuAnne you and Marty and Judy or whoever else kid of coordinate the kids that you feel that we should be talking to. I just think that you're going to need some time to do that and maybe January would be a good goal and maybe bring three or four kids in. Kids who have been using drugs and alcohol and who have arrest records, or whatever you think is appropriate. But for the next meeting I think that's...Dr. Bass that's a doable thing?

Dr. Bass replied yes. I was thinking about the comment. We can have three representatives from the high schools easily. What I'd like to do is to spread it out as best as possible. Maybe one of those representatives also happens to be a member of the Mayor's Youth Council. Maybe one of those representatives happens to be a member of the SADD program at West or Central or Memorial. And maybe one of those representatives happens to be in another program. So that way we get somewhat of a balance not just three high school students who are leaders representing their school, but three high school students that are connected to other kinds of things and obviously have a clear concern over this issue.

Ms. Oatman stated what we'd be willing to do for the January meeting, because some of the funding that we have through Drug Free Communities is to go exactly towards this kind of thing, we could meet within the next couple of weeks and plan in the next forum we do could be a youth forum and we could find a location that kid friendly. We'd be able to supply the food, the refreshments, that kind of stuff, I think that among us we could have some facilitators there and we could all bring in the different youth and let them appoint, as was suggested, their own designee to come and speak to this group. So if there is interest, I'd be happy to go ahead and start working on that.

Ms. Douville asked could we also utilize MCTV. I was just involved in taping last week with Makin It Happen for the middle schools. We did tobacco and other alcohol and other drugs. Sort of a jeopardy show and believe it or not a lot of kids do flip through the channels and stop when they see somebody they know, and if they see kids on TV talking about drugs and alcohol, they are going to stop it and say oh that's the kid that goes to school with me or I know his brother or whatever. And piggybacking on the idea of a forum for kids that are talking about these issues on TV where kids are watching TV, what better way than to utilize the media that we have here right at MST to get the word out by kids, for kids and also get the message out to their parents and younger siblings.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig stated I just want to get this figured out. What are we doing for our next meeting?

Mr. Boldin stated one thing that I'd like to definitely add on the agenda for the next meeting is I think we need to reach out strong to Tom and make sure that we get that report here. Even if he can't be here we need to move past talking about the executive summary.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig stated I specifically referring to the kids we want to have here with us on this committee. Are we going to have high school kids along with...?

Mr. Oatman stated I thought we were going to go with Dr. Bass' suggestion for the December meeting where he would bring in representatives from the high schools, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, SADD, those places.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig stated so that takes care of December. What are we doing for January?

Ms. Oatman stated for January I'd be willing and anybody here that wants to help get kids together between now and January we could have a youth forum, Makin It Happen can take care of the costs associated with that and let them designate their spokesperson or people that would like to come back and report to this group. And we could have a published report of comments. I believe between all of us I'm sure we've got the wherewithal to report the comments and have them written as well as a verbal report.

Dr. Bass stated I don't want to lose sight of your original suggestion Chief and that is for us, each member of this committee, to come back with three action items that we think are doable. Things that are within our purview, within our ability to be achieved. Let's at least get that on the table for discussion and then hopefully over the next meeting or two, we can finalize that list and say okay we all agree

that these are the three major priorities that we think we can get done in the next year. That should be going side by side with our opportunities to listen to what the kids have to say.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig stated just to echo what you just said and what Marty said, I think that everyone should have a copy of the forum report. Everyone should review that, revisit it, read it, scrutinize it, and then come up with three or four things that they would like to see us tackle. Three or four things that are doable. So besides Tom is there anybody else that did not get a copy of that forum report.

Ms. Douville stated I think Joe and Tom did a wonderful job putting together all of the comments from the forum into an executive summary. A couple of months ago prior to this actual meeting in October, I was one of the few that came and they put everything compiled from 15 pages down to three and he did a wonderful job of putting the objectives or organizing and disseminating the information gathered from the forum, he listed major themes, he took the majority of the comments that were made by a lot of people that presented on that day and referenced it. I have a copy of it here. It's already been done.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig stated I didn't receive a copy of that as well. I was not here at last month's meeting and I think there's a vast number of us that do not have that report.

Ms. Douville stated that was prior to our actual meeting two months. It was a pre 3 o'clock meeting so it wasn't, I don't believe, handed out to everybody as a group.

Ms. Fysh stated I have some copies in the file.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig asked if you could provide that right away to us.

Ms. Fysh stated I could forward a copy to each committee member and also of the forum minutes from May 12th and the executive summary.

Ms. Douville stated that is the executive summary and that's what's referred to on item number four. This executive summary from the big thick multi page one down to three pages. All of the work has been done by him; it's a shame to not utilize this.

Mr. Boldin stated if there's any way that we could just get copies of that out to everybody and then also I don't know if this is possible or not, but is there any way that we could have a dialogue between the Clerk and individual committee

members so that we get that list of three suggestions from everybody before we come to the next meeting? Do something in between these meeting. In other words, have some kind of telephone or written communication from the Clerk's office asking that those be sent back in before the next meeting so that we can take a look at the list when we get here next time. Is that possible?

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig stated I think for instance if we came up with three or four suggestions and gave them to the City Clerk like two weeks or three weeks before the next meeting. Or get it to the City Clerk's office? Is that what you're saying?

Mr. Boldin stated yes just get some administrative follow up from the Clerk's office to everybody on the committee just so that everybody would have at least one direct communication that says this is your shot, tell us the three or four things that you think this committee should do. Get that to us so that next time when we get together we have a list of things to review as opposed to sitting here and saying okay what is everybody's three things.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig asked is that an imposition on the Clerk's office?

Ms. Fysh answered I have an email and anybody is welcome to send the information to me, I can compile a list and include it with the agenda packet for next month. My email address is vfysh@ci.manchester.nh.us What I could do is in about a week if I haven't received it from everyone, I could send out reminder email messages to each of the members. I don't have the committee membership list with me but I think I have email addresses from most of you. Say if in a week to ten days or say two weeks I haven't received responses, I'll send another one and then when we're putting the agenda together the week prior to the meeting, I'll put together the information that I have and send it out with the agenda packet.

Ms. Douville asked Alderman Pinard will you be able to follow up on finding out about getting the things for the prom that we had spoken about earlier?

Alderman Pinard answered yes I will be going to Concord tomorrow so I'll talk to Peter Thompson and see what I can come up with.

Ms. Douville stated someone at a previous meeting had mentioned about a great video out there and the name was thrown out and I don't recall what the name of it was. Was that "Just One Night"?

Alderman Pinard stated I have that. That's Tommy Boyle and he was a businessman in Concord, went to a business meeting in Boston, went to a bar, and the end of the story is that in Concord he hit a snow plow at 100 mph and killed

the passenger, which he didn't even know. I have that tape; I had MCTV show it last week after that tragic accident on Mammoth Road. They showed that tape during the holidays because there's a message for drunken drivers. I'd be very happy to lend you that tape if you want it.

Ms. Douville stated I was just hoping that could be available for the high schools to utilize in sort of an assembly in April preprom.

Alderman Pinard stated I will get with Dr. Bass on that. I have one tape and I would be very happy to lend it out to the schools. There is a good message there.

Ms. Douville stated I'm thinking it's a great idea also for us to do the three goals because just sitting here talking today there are things that are already being done that we are doing from wherever we come from that is addressing these issues and I think if we can just bring them here and show people that we are doing something and not just talking. But I think that we also need to focus on the adults too. We're hearing a lot of the youth things. Someone needs to step up to the plate and try and figure out a way that one of their goals can be targeting remediation or...

Mr. Boldin stated I just wanted to say that while we tend to look at the different areas where our services focus, that substance abuse doesn't work that way. Substance abuse affects families, communities, and even though each of us have specific missions that can have a tendency to divide our focus, it's absolutely important to focus or refocus on what Elaine is saying by saying that we need to really be careful not to forget all of the different aspects and ways that this has an impact on our community. It is incredibly important for us to attach to.

Alderman Pinard stated back to what she was saying and I'm going to be working on this because I think it is a good idea, I don't know how many of you have seen an actual arrest of a DWI. I happen to be on a patrol a few weeks ago in one of the towns and we stopped a DWI and went through the process, which takes about two and a half-hours with the booking alone. And if I can get my hand on a copy of the actual booking from the sobriety checkpoint to cell, I think there would be a message to everybody adults, youth and whatever, and I don't think that's ever been done. Is there such a thing Chief?

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig answered I'm not sure. I'm sure there's probably some educational films out there, but for you to get that from the Manchester Police Department I think it would be very difficult.

Alderman Pinard stated I'm going to look at the State level because I think that she had just mentioned and I think that's why we're out here to send a message and if we can get these tapes out there, then we'll get the message out.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig asked are there any other comments that anyone wants to bring up?

Ellie Therrien stated one thing that I wanted to mention when we're talking about the youth, we should really get a representative from YDC too involved. We're so lucky to have that facility close by to utilize their experiences.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig stated great idea.

Judy Cooper stated I'd like to add something. As a frontline worker with the kids, one of the overarching attitudes that I hear all the time is everybody uses. Everybody drinks. So I think that we ought not to ignore the voice of the kid who has chosen to stay clean or had dabbled a little bit, but is basically trouble free. That is a voice that the kids who use need to hear. Not from us. They need to hear from other kids that there are other ways of staying happy, being happy and successful without using, and that's a voice that we really can't afford to ignore. The kid who is successful. Now maybe not using, but the kid who is successful.

Chairman Pro-Tem Craig stated just to recap for the next meeting. The School Department is going to have people here, we would like everybody to review the forum remarks, and the forum remarks will be given to everybody, and it is hoped that everybody come up with three or four action points that they would like to discuss. I would like to bring out one point now that I'd like to see at least on the January or February meeting, I think we better start talking about Oxford Houses here in the City of Manchester. If we could have a representative from an Oxford House. I'd rather have somebody living in an Oxford House. So that's food for thought for the future.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Judy Cooper, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee