

## **SARA STRENGTHS – March 21, 2009**

### **PROCESS:**

IDENTIFYING STAKEHOLDERS MAKES YOU THINK FIRST

WORKING TOGETHER TO TRY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

FOCUS ON DATA HELPS IDENTIFY ROOT CAUSES

EFFECTIVE-HELPS REASSESS AND LOOP BACK IF NECESSARY PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

INVOLVEMENT OF MORE PEOPLE

BREAKS DOWN THE PROCESS INTO STEPS

GO FROM CAUSE TO SOLUTION

SHARES RESPONSIBILITY - INSTEAD OF BLAME

ENCOURAGES NEIGHBORS TO COMMUNICATE

PROVIDING SOLUTIONS THAT DON'T RESULT IN CRIMINAL CHARGES

CHEAPER/MORE EYES

DIRECTIONAL FOCUS

GETS IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS INVOLVED

SHOWS THE VALUE OF A GROUP WORKING ON A PROBLEM ONE PERSON DOESN'T DO IT ALONE

ANALYZE PROBLEM AND USE DATA METRICS TO SOLVE

CONVINCING TO OTHERS IF NUMBERS SHOW INCREASE PROPERTY VALUES, ETC.

WILL HAVE GREATER CHANCE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM LONG TERM

STRONG NEIGHBORHOOD CONTROL

TRANSPARENT

UNDERSTANDING CONSEQUENCE

CREATE A TEAM ENVIRONMENT

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS' STRENGTHS, ASSETS

COMMUNITY RESOURCES IDENTIFYING/UTILIZING

SHARING RESOURCES

ESTABLISH/MAINTAIN SAFETY

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STAKEHOLDERS

KNOW NEIGHBORHOODS NEEDS

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEDIATION

MEDIATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT/NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

INVOLVING NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES, CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, ETC.

VARIETY OF OPINIONS

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

ORGANIZED THOUGHTS

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

AVOID KNEE JERK REACTIONS

IDENTIFY ROOT CAUSE OF PROBLEMS

COMMUNICATIONS IMPROVED

SEES PROBLEM FROM A DIFFERENT GROUP POINT OF VIEW

BRINGS NEIGHBORS TOGETHER TO SOLVE PROBLEMS BEFORE CALLING OFFICERS

GIVES DIRECTION

INCLUDES ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE INVOLVED

HELPS STAY FOCUSED ON PROBLEM TO COMPLETION

**DESCRIPTION:**

SYSTEMATIC, BUT STRAIGHT FORWARD AND NOT TOO COMPLICATED

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

INVOLVEMENT OF MORE PEOPLE

STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION

FOCUSES ON CAUSE RATHER THAN SYMPTOMS

SOLUTION ORIENTED

EMPOWERS AND INVOLVES CITIZENS

STANDARD INDUSTRY PRACTICE

A WAY TO BUILD A COMMUNITY

GOOD APPROACH TO SOLVING PROBLEMS

COMMUNITY FOCUSED VERSUS GOVERNMENT HEAVY INVOLVMENT

SIMPLE PROCESS

WIDELY APPLICABLE

**RESULTS:**

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

SENSE OF OWNERSHIP  
IMPROVEMENT IN STORE FRONT APPEARANCE AND MAINTENANCE  
POTENTIAL INCREASE TO BUSINESS VITALITY  
INCREASED NEIGHBORHOOD AWARENESS  
SUSTAINABILITY BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER TO KEEP THINGS RUNNING  
SMOOTHLY  
MAKES BUSINESS SENSE TO KEEP A SAFE POSITIVE, CRIME FREE ENVIRONMENT  
REDUCES CRIME/VANDALISM  
RESOLVES ISSUES  
BRINGS A FACE TO VICTIMS  
COMMUNITY AWARENESS  
LESS STRESS FOR ALL BAR OWNER/NEIGHBORS  
HELPS BARS/BUSINESS  
REDUCES RISK THEREFORE LOWERS INSURANCE  
PUBLIC PERCEPTION  
NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT  
PREVENTION  
PROPERTY VALUES MAY GO UP  
MORE COMMUNITY BUY IN  
SENSE OF OWNERSHIP  
LESS POLICE RELIANCE  
INCREASES SAFETY  
REDUCES CRIME  
INCREASED COMMUNITY AWARENESS  
BETTER UNDERSTANDING FOR EVERYONE

**HOW CAN THIS (SARA) BE USED (APPLICATION)? – March 21, 2009**

**WHO CAN USE IT?**

STAKEHOLDERS GET ACQUAINTED  
NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT  
COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PEOPLE  
FORMAL LETTER FROM CITY ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

CONDO ASSOCIATIONS RULES PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
HIGHER PROFILE BY POLICE  
MUST HAVE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS AS FACILITATORS

**FOR WHAT?**

ORGANIZED PROBLEM SOLVING  
FLEXIBLE FOR ANY KIND OF PROBLEM  
ADAPT TO SPECIFIC PROBLEM SIZE  
GREATER AWARENESS  
CONFLICT RESOLUTION  
INFORMATION SHARING CONCERNING DRUG USAGE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD  
CONNECTION OF NEIGHBORS  
FUTURE PLANNING  
SOLVE PROBLEMS  
REDUCE CRIME  
INCREASE SAFETY  
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS  
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES  
REINFORCING NEIGHBORHOOD IMPORTANCE  
SENSE OF COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP  
IDENTIFY LARGER PROBLEMS  
IDENTIFY ROOT CAUSES OF PROBLEMS  
GROUND LEVEL RESPONSE  
ALLOWS FOR CREATIVE SOLUTIONS  
FLEXIBILITY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS  
DOES AWAY WITH BLACKLISTING AND RETRIBUTION  
BUILDING TRUST WITH NEIGHBORS  
WOULD MAKE A STRONGER NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSESS PROBLEMS FOR FURTHER FOLLOWUP  
NEIGHBORS WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE PROBLEMS  
TALK TO EACH OTHER BEFORE GOING FURTHER IF POSSIBLE  
TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER  
WE CAN SEE THIS WORKING (TO SHOW EFFECTIVENESS)

METHOD CAN BE USED TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS  
METHOD CAN BE USED PROACTIVELY TO ACHIEVE NEIGHBORHOOD GOALS  
CAN BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER FOR COMMON GOALS  
ALREADY IN USE IN PARCREST AND ELLIS HARBOUR  
SIMILAR TO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BUT MORE ABOUT BRINGING NEIGHBORS  
TOGETHER  
IN SMALL CLOSE KNIT NEIGHBORHOODS THIS ALREADY HAPPENS  
IMPROVES COMMUNICATION  
EMPOWERS THE GROUP INSTEAD OF RELYING ON ONE PERSON ALONE  
BY REACHING OUT TO EACH OTHER FOR HELP  
THIS GIVES ONE AN OUTLINE ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM  
ENGAGING THE STAKEHOLDERS  
LESS "POLICE" SERVICE INCREASES PROPERTY VALUES  
IT MAY BRING NEIGHBORS TOGETHER  
IT COULD BE SOLVED WITHIN A NEIGHBORHOOD  
DISPUTE/RESOLUTION/PROBLEM SOLVING GROUP  
VICTIM JUSTICE/OFFENDER MEDIATION WITHOUT CALLING POLICE