

MINUTES

HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007 – 11:30 AM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: Hugh Grogan, Carol Twedt, Shirley Halleen, Lori, Blom, Judy Buseman, Randy Bartunek, Vernon Brown, and Tam Baker via conference call.

Members Absent: Alan Graff

Other Present: Suzanne Schroeder, Community Development staff.

AGENDA

- I. **Approval of Minutes – 1/22/07.** Upon motion by Hugh Grogan, seconded by Shirley Halleen, the Board voted to approve the minutes as mailed.
- II. **Committee Reports – Review Accomplishments & Target Dates**
 - A. **Need Committee** – Hugh Grogan handed out a copy of the homeless dashboard and tracking system which records where homeless people are spending the nights. He said it seems that there are enough beds in the community, but the beds we have don't meet the needs of some of the potential users. Carol Twedt suggested adding a column for the Detox Center homeless dashboard. He said he is still waiting for bed and bed roll counts from the Union Gospel Mission.
 - B. **Strategy Committee** – Vernon Brown reported he had a meeting with Wells Fargo staff on the use of tax credit funding for the HAB staff person position. He reported that various agencies who serve the homeless will be meeting with the Strategy Committee to propose solutions and Carol Twedt said the Strategy Committee should have a meeting before the agency meeting is set up. Discussion was held on the need for Homeless Advisory Board staff person and the need to develop a job description for the position. Discussion was held on the need to arrive at a consensus on the job description before approaching the City Council and County Commission for funding. Discussion was also held on the possibility of using an intern from one of the colleges for research work. It was decided that the subcommittee would meet later in the week to discuss the job description and to come back to the HAB with their recommendations.
 - C. **Financing Committee** – Randy Bartunek said there has not been any change and the Finance Committee will need to wait until the Need and Strategy Committees come back with their recommendations.
 - D. **Faith Based Community Committee** – Tam Baker said she feels the \$20,000 funding gift given by Gloria Dei Church to the St. Francis House needs to be publicized.

III. Old Business

- A. **Homeless Coordinator Position Document** – Discussion was held regarding the job description and that any subsequent request will need to be made at the Joint City/County meeting.
- B. **County Pilot Project Proposal** – Hugh Grogan said he had no new update on the proposal other than as the units become vacant at the project building, no new families are being moved in. He said he will have more information on the project at the next meeting.
- C. **Website – Definitions** -The HAB decided to defer discussion to a later meeting.

IV. New Business

- A. **Homeless Survey Results** – Hugh Grogan said that during the survey period, 42 people signed up and 40 persons were interviewed. He said the Needs Committee will bring the report to the HAB. He said they had an excellent turnout and the HAB needs to hear the personal stories shared during the interview process. Discussion was held on the proposal by Public Transit to discontinue free bus passes to low/no income persons through the agencies that serve them.
- B. **Teleconference with Phil Mangano 1/29/07** – Tam Baker thanked those HAB members who were able to attend the teleconference call with Phil Mangano.

V. Next Meetings – February 26 and March 12 – 11:30 a.m.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.