

MINUTES

HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007 – 11:30 AM

CARNEGIE BUILDING – LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM

Members Present: Alan Graff, Tam Baker, Shirley Halleen, Judy Buseman, Randy Bartunek, and Vernon Brown.

Members Absent: Hugh Grogan, Lori Blom, and Carol Twedt.

Others Present: Melanie Bliss, Sioux Empire Homeless Coalition; Nathan Herman, Russ Sorenson, Planning Department; and Suzanne Schroeder, Community Development staff.

1. **Approval of Minutes 5/14/07.**

Upon motion by Judy Buseman, seconded by Shirley Halleen, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2007, meeting as mailed. Carried unanimously.

2. **Committee Reports – Review Accomplishments and Target Dates**

A. **Need Committee** – Hugh Grogan. In Hugh Grogan's absence, Alan Graff reported that the pilot program is a little further along in the planning process and is assessing the availability of units for housing long-term homeless.

Nathan Herman introduced himself to the board and said that he is attending as an interested observer since he is a former homeless person.

B. **Faith Based Community Committee** – Tam Baker. Tam Baker reported that she and Shirley had met with Lori Blom at her home to hold a planning session. It was decided to contact churches to set up times to present the Board's Power Point presentation on homelessness. Discussion was held on utilizing a volunteer to canvas the local churches to find out what each church is doing for the homeless and make suburban churches aware of the problems of the homeless that downtown churches see every day.

C. **Implementation Committee**

- **Housing First Subcommittee** – Vernon Brown. Vernon Brown the Subcommittee is still looking at different housing options for SRO housing. Russ Sorenson distributed a map of 16 potential SRO housing sites. He said they have made progress in identifying potential properties.
- **Case Management Subcommittee** – Judy Buseman said since she was not at their last meeting, she cannot speak for the subcommittee.

- **Financing Subcommittee** – Randy Bartunek. Discussion was held on planning a date for the Financing Subcommittee to get together to discuss the pilot project and financing needs for the components of the pilot program. Discussion was held on the need to involve the business community in funding case management. Randy Bartunek said the Financing Subcommittee needs to receive a proposed budget from the County for the pilot program and what the program hopes to achieve.

III. Old Business

- a. **County Pilot Project Update** – Hugh Grogan. There was no update since Hugh Grogan did not attend the meeting.
- b. **2008 Community Development Action Plan** – Alan Graff said the Homeless Advisory Board did submit reports and homeless counts for inclusion in the 2008 Community Development Action Plan.
- c. **Homeless Coordinator Position** – To be discussed in executive session.

IV. New Business

- a. **Homeless Advisory Board Appointment Schedule.** Randy Bartunek pointed out to the Board that the ordinance creating the Homeless Advisory Board had a member replacement schedule whereby all members left the board at the same date. Thus, no experienced board members would be available to train/inform new appointed members of the Homeless Advisory Board. He said the ordinance should be amended to add staggered three-year terms for the board. Discussion was tabled until the June 25, 2007, meeting.

At this point, the Board did go into executive session.