

Minutes

HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

July 14th, 2008 – 11:30am

Siouxland Health & Human Services Building

Members present: Shirley Halleen, Judy Buseman, Carol Twedt, Hugh Grogan, Kerri DeGraff, Alan Graff, Tam Baker, Vernon Brown, Randy Bartunek

Members absent: Wendy Giebink

Others present: Russ Sorenson, Planning Department, Shireen Ranschau, Sioux Falls Housing, and Stacey Tieszen, HAB Homeless Coordinator.

I. Approval of Minutes – 06/23/08 Minutes

Upon motion by Hugh Grogan, seconded by Shirley Halleen, the HAB approved the minutes of the 06/23/08 meeting as provided. Carried unanimously.

II. Homeless Coordinator Progress Report

- Stacey Tieszen provided an update of the accomplishments and activities since the last HAB meeting. Attended the SD Housing for the Homeless Consortium meeting and the Continuum of Care statewide ranking presentation in Chamberlain. Discussed the work that has begun on creating the "Homeless in Sioux Falls" video. Developing a needs focus family survey. Will help facilitate the Site Committee meeting that will occur on July 21st. Hugh Grogan mentioned that City Councilor Kermit Staggers will tour Project Safe Home this week. Discussed that Timothy's House of Hope has closed and that will be a loss of approximately 15 affordable small apartments – both the land and the buildings will be auctioned off separately.

III. Old Business

A. Army/Navy Reserve Building Update

- A supplemental appropriation from the City and the County has been requested to provide financing to hire an architect to complete a thorough cost estimate of a potential remodel of the Reserve Building. Will need to discuss the design of the units (shared bathroom, individual bathroom, kitchen in unit, etc). Also would like a comparison of costs for building new along with the remodel estimate. Randy Bartunek shared that there is no deadline response yet for the application to the Federal Government, but it should be in October. Alan Graff mentioned that the building might not be available for 12-18 months if they don't move out. Randy Bartunek stated that he has been advised that it will be available as scheduled. Alan Graff shared with the Board that First Premier/Premier Bankcard had made \$35,000 available to help things move forward with the Business Plan and the funds could be used for construction or study costs.

B. Board Terms

- Judy Buseman discussed that the majority of the Board terms presently expire in August 2008. Randy Bartunek provided a form with staggered terms on it to prevent this from happening in the future. Discussed whether an amendment to

the Joint Agreement will be needed. Judy Buseman will request re-appointments to the Joint City/County meeting in August.

IV. New Business

A. Business Plan – Review of Project Estimate

- Discussed the cost estimates in the Business Plan that was presented in February 2008 to the City and the County and discussed its parallels and differences from the Army/Navy Building. Discussed that the Business Plan was a rough estimate and that in regards to operating costs, not all participants were going to want case management services. Discussed community involvement as the Board moves forward with the creation of a Family Business Plan as well as knowing just what services and options need to be provided.

B. Finance Committee – Consider New Partners

- Discussion of future potential partners and how and when to approach them for assistance. Discussed having Alan Graff, Vernon Brown and Kerri DeGraff work together to make contact and meet with funders and service providers. Alan Graff will talk with Citi staff to see if a meeting could be had in the near future to present the Business Plan.

V. Committee Reports

A. Program Committee – Hugh Grogan

- Working to develop appropriate surveys to glean needed information in regards to the community's homeless families. Working towards the development of the Family Business Plan.

B. Faith-Based Community Committee – Tam Baker

- No Report.

VI. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 1:08pm.