

MINUTES

Housing and Human Services Advisory Board
Tuesday December 8, 2009 6:30-8:30pm
110 N Fourth Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
1st Floor Conference Room

Members Present: R. Konkell, N. Staebler, T. Myers, B. Eichmuller, A. Erickson, D. Blanchard, S. Pontoni, A. Ramirez, R. Kerson, S. Smith

Members Absent: K. Martin, S. Mithani, S. Rapundalo

Staff Present: Andrea Plevak

Guests: None.

- I. Convene Meeting:
N. Staebler convened the meeting at 6:36pm.
- II. Public Comment:
None.
- III. Approval of Agenda:
S. Pontoni motioned to approve the agenda; T. Ramirez seconded. Motion approved (R. Konkell, N. Staebler, T. Myers, B. Eichmuller, A. Erickson, D. Blanchard, S. Pontoni, A. Ramirez; 9 Aye, 0 Nay).
- IV. Approval of Minutes:
B. Eichmuller motioned to approve minutes from 10-13-09; R. Konkell seconded. Motion approved (R. Konkell, N. Staebler, T. Myers, B. Eichmuller, A. Erickson, D. Blanchard, S. Pontoni, A. Ramirez; 9 Aye, 0 Nay).
- V. Discussion Issues
 - A. Homelessness Presentation (Update)
 - i. A. Plevak reviewed the presentations on homelessness in Washtenaw County to the Ann Arbor City Council, the Washtenaw Board of Commissioners, the Washtenaw Urban County and the Ypsilanti City Council. The City of Ann Arbor committed \$159,500 to support emergency shelter needs and Washtenaw County committed \$175,000. Interfaith Hospitality Network—Alpha House, the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County, SOS Community Services and Ozone House will be providing emergency overnight shelter or 12 month housing vouchers to individuals and families respectively.
 - ii. Members discussed.
 - B. Board of Realtors Presentation (Update)
 - i. B. Eichmuller presented to the Board of Realtors after the last meeting regarding housing and homelessness in the community. The Board asked the HHSAB to provide them with a specific proposal on what they can do.
 - ii. Members discussed. Members suggested that the Board educate Realtors, landlords and property owners on Section 8 and other subsidized housing vouchers to match people in need of

Section 8-accepting housing with empty units. Staff could be of assistance in presenting to the BAR and the Washtenaw Area Apartment Association. B. Eichmuller and S. Smith volunteered to get together and identify ideas for the Board of Realtors and the WAAA.

C. PUD Draft Policy (Discussion)

- i. Staff will report back next month.
- ii. Members discussed the passing of A2D2 and whether there will be many PUD requests.

D. Y-Replacement Units/100 Units (Update)

- i. A. Plevak provided an update on the Y-Replacement Units. Mary Jo Callan met with representatives from the primary downtown site in October, but has yet to be able to speak with the owner company more specifically about the possibility of utilizing the property for the Y-Replacement Units. Efforts to further this discussion are ongoing. Additional properties are being explored by staff, including two properties on the north side of Ann Arbor near downtown. Staff will report back on the status of these inquiries next month.
- ii. Members discussed how funding for these units will be difficult to identify given the decreasing budget of both the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County.
- iii. Members also discussed the status of City covenant properties and the status of homeownership education/qualification processes for potential buyers. Members asked staff to report back next month.

E. Membership (Discussion)

- i. The sub-committee has not yet met to review the by-laws. B. Eichmuller will take the lead and the sub-committee will report back next month.

F. 2010 HHSAB Schedule (**ACTION**)

- i. A. Plevak reviewed the proposed 2010 HHSAB Schedule.
- ii. Members requested that a meeting notice be sent out via e-mail.
- iii. **S. Pontoni motioned to approve 2010 HHSAB Schedule; D. Blanchard seconded. Motion approved (R. Konkol, N. Staebler, T. Myers, B. Eichmuller, A. Erickson, R. Kerson, D. Blanchard, S. Pontoni, A. Ramirez; 9 Aye, 0 Nay).**

VI. Public Comment
None

VII. Adjournment
S. Pontoni moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm; D. Blanchard seconded. Motion approved (R. Konkol, N. Staebler, T. Myers, B. Eichmuller, A. Erickson, R. Kerson, D. Blanchard, S. Pontoni, A. Ramirez; 9 Aye, 0 Nay).