

## MINUTES

Housing and Human Services Advisory Board  
Thursday, June 11, 2015 6:30-8:30pm  
200 N. Main Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: E. Pollack, A. Gilroy, T. Jabzanka, A. Erickson, A. Freundl, N. Wright, R. Sarri, A. Baker-White, S. Briere, D. Blanchard, G. Pratt, J. Lumm

Members Absent: T. Jabzanka, A. Carlisle

Staff Present: Mary Casey, Mary Jo Callan, Brett Lenart

Public: Sharon Peterson

I. Convene Meeting:

**A. Erickson, Board Chair, convened the meeting at 6:38 PM.**

II. Approval of Agenda:

**A. Freundl moved to approve the agenda; N. Wright seconded. Motion approved (T. Jabzanka, E. Pollack, R. Sarri, A. Gilroy, A. Erickson, A. Carlisle, A. Freundl, N. Wright, A. Baker-White; 9 Aye, 0 Nay).**

III. Approval of Minutes:

**A. Gilroy moved to approve the March meeting minutes; N. Wright seconded. Motion approved (T. Jabzanka, E. Pollack, R. Sarri, A. Gilroy, A. Erickson, A. Carlisle, A. Freundl, N. Wright, A. Baker-White; 9 Aye, 0 Nay).**

IV. Public Comment:

None.

V. Action Items, Discussion Items and Updates:

A. Housing Equity Leadership Group Representation

One of the first steps is to create a regional leadership group on housing equity. We had the first meeting with community leaders. We want to take the report and use it to allocate resources and make policy decisions. We have had one meeting and another coming up. A second component will be to create a larger group and cast a wider net. B. Lenart would like to see what sort of representation HHSAB wanted on that group.

N. Wright asked what the current group makeup looked like. B. Lenart said it's currently made up of 12-15 elected representatives and community leaders from the cities and townships in Washtenaw County.

S. Briere discussed her thoughts on the Housing Equity meeting and the initial meeting in May.

J. Lumm would like to see notes or minutes from the meeting. S. Briere said the meeting didn't quite get to a point where minutes needed to be taken. J. Lumm said that if there are representatives from the city, she and her colleagues would like to have some information shared regarding the discussions.

Members discussed.

J. Lumm expressed concern over the expertise of the current leadership makeup. N. Wright asked what the size of the larger group should be.

B. Lenart said what he would like to have this group choose a representative or representatives from HHSAB to participate in the larger group. A. Erickson asked for volunteers. A. Freundl and N. Wright agreed to participate.

#### B. City Budget Update

B. Lenart discussed the budget increase of \$25,000 to affordable housing. Over the next two years, city shifted the \$100k to the AAHC to help fill a structural operating deficit. They are also forming a committee to develop a more sustainable structure. Looking to be creative and figure out best approaches to sustainable funding. S. Briere mentioned the city's allocated funding to planning department and the emphasis on ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units).

Members discussed.

#### C. Continuum of Care Updates

B. Lenart stated that much of the discussion during the meeting was about the appropriate notice for the clearing, moving, and storage of private property, equipment and supplies. It became clear that the application of those steps happened in two ways. Private property there are statutes that call for 48 hours. Public property has a longer notice. The Continuum of Care Board recommended a 7 days' notice. A description of the process has been provided.

M. Callan said B. Lenart summarized it well. She added council has a policy that they cannot accommodate campsites on public land, but they appreciate that those folks have human needs and unique barriers and challenges.

Members discussed.

D. Blanchard asked if there was discussion about recommending this policy on a larger level, county-wide or state-wide. He said it would be good to have a uniform policy and practice on dealing with encampments on public land, as well as practices for storing personal belongings.

D. Coordinated Funding Update

How do you fund new and emerging services and agencies while sustainable funding the long term projects? How do we make sure Coordinated Funding investments are reaching organizations with the capacity to provide services, but not the capacity to write grants?

R. Sarri asked if we have an obligation to have organizations build their capacity. She's not sure we're actually developing the capacity we think we are. A. Erickson says there is capacity building, and the question should be how much we spend on capacity building. Right now we mostly spend on services and not much on capacity building. Maybe we should change that.

A. Gilroy said he believes that it's important to bring money into a community, not necessarily focus on what organization gets the money. R. Sarri and S. Briere disagree. S. Briere believes it's not only important to bring money into a community, but to build up the skills of the organizations and individuals within the community. S. Briere said that there is an overall lack of representation by people of color and the working poor on the boards and in leadership roles in the organizations that deliver services.

Members discussed.

S. Briere asked if there was a way to change the date to coordinate with the with budget Council approves in May, effective in July, the amount is decided at the wrong time to affect the council's budget. We can't significantly increase that amount. She recommends panning for 2017 to really look hard at not what the city gave you last year, so it would be included in the city administrator's budget.

Members discussed.

E. Public comment:

Sharon Peterson is here to talk about people staying in their homes instead of going into nursing homes. They plan to apply for funds in the future to be sustainable in the long run. She looks forward to applying for Coordinated Funding in the next cycle.

F. Adjournment:

**D. Blanchard moved to adjourn the meeting; A. Baker-White seconded. Motion approved ((T. Jabzanka, E. Pollack, R. Sarri, A. Gilroy, A. Erickson, A. Carlisle, A. Freundl, N. Wright, A. Baker-White; 9 Aye, 0 Nay). Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.**