

MINUTES

Housing and Human Services Advisory Board
Tuesday October 13, 2009 6:30-8:30pm
110 N Fourth Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
1st Floor Conference Room

Members Present: R. Konkel, N. Staebler, T. Myers, S. Mithani, K. Martin, B. Eichmuller, A. Erickson, R. Kerson, S. Smith

Members Absent: D. Blanchard, S. Pontoni, A. Ramirez, S. Rapundalo

Staff Present: Andrea Plevak, Mary Jo Callan

Guests: None.

- I. Convene Meeting:
N. Staebler convened the meeting at 6:47pm.
- II. Public Comment:
None.
- III. Approval of Agenda:
K. Martin moved to approve the agenda; B. Eichmuller seconded. Motion approved (R. Konkel, N. Staebler, T. Myers, S. Mithani, K. Martin, B. Eichmuller, A. Erickson, R. Kerson; 8 Aye, 0 Nay).
- IV. Approval of Minutes:
S. Mithani motioned to approve minutes from 9-15-09; B. Eichmuller seconded. Motion approved (R. Konkel, N. Staebler, T. Myers, S. Mithani, K. Martin, B. Eichmuller, A. Erickson, R. Kerson; 8 Aye, 0 Nay).
- V. Discussion Issues
 - A. Human Services Review Team Member (Update)
 - i. T. Myers was unavailable to act as the HHSAB representative on the Human Services Funding Review Team. K. Martin will represent the HHSAB instead.
 - ii. Mary Jo Callan gave an update regarding the rest of the Review Team membership and funding availability.
 - B. "Camp Take Notice" (Update)
 - i. S. Smith gave an update regarding "Camp Take Notice." "Camp Take Notice" has been coming to City Council to discuss homelessness issues in Ann Arbor. They have been referring to 700 to 800 people who are homeless each night. Camping in tents; CTN wants City land or churches to continue a homeless rotating camp.
 - ii. An ad-hoc task force was brought together to address policy issues surrounding homelessness encampments. Staff has been meeting with the Mayor, City Council members and some non-profit representatives. The task force is working with the City and the County to increase emergency shelter for individuals and families for this winter (short-term) and bring affordable housing discussion back in front of Council (long-term).

- iii. Members discussed data questions, various methods to address increase in demand on homelessness system, and funding for additional need in Winter 2009.
- iv. **R. Kerson moved to have Chair of HHSAB to present to City Council regarding the urgency of homelessness needs in the coming months and that they ask City Council to find increased resources to address the increased need.**
- v. **B. Eichmuller seconded. Motion approved (R. Konkel, N. Staebler, T. Myers, S. Mithani, K. Martin, B. Eichmuller, A. Erickson, R. Kerson; 8 Aye, 0 Nay).**

C. PUD Draft Policy (Discussion)

- i. Staff will report back next month.

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

- i. Mary Jo Callan gave an update regarding City Council's interest in and focus on replacing the Y-units. In large part, the lack of movement on the issue is due to not having a viable site for replacing the units.
- ii. Courthouse Square is a potential option, but there has not been a response from the management company or ownership group until yesterday. M. Callan will be meeting with the management group tomorrow. Staff will report back to HHSAB next month on the status of Courthouse Square.
- iii. Members discussed need to remind City Council that the units could be viable on the former Y-site and to remember that this is a different environment politically and financially today.

E. Membership (Discussion)

- i. A sub-committee will examine the By-Laws and make recommendations to the Board at next month's meeting. K. Martin, B. Eichmuller & D. Blanchard will meet as the task force.

VI. Public Comment
None

VII. Adjournment
K. Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm; B. Eichmuller seconded. Motion approved (R. Konkel, N. Staebler, T. Myers, S. Mithani, K. Martin, B. Eichmuller, A. Erickson, R. Kerson; 8 Aye, 0 Nay).