



EVANSTON HOMELESS TASK FORCE MINUTES

Feb 3, 2012

Present: Sue Calder, Co-Chair; Alderman Dolores Holmes, Sue Murphy, Janet Winslow, Dorothy Williams, Dan Lewis, Bill Kolen, Kevin Mott, Debbie Bretag, Sue Murphy, Sidney Caselberry, Paola Flores, Kav Hagopian, Janice Lindquist,

Absent: Karen Singer, Co-Chair Alderman Ann Rainey, Walter Cody, Paul Hamnn, Joe Liss, Karen Hunt, Oscar Hawthorne, Rev. Velda Love, Paul Selden, Kate Mahoney, Joyce Bartz,

Staff: Sarah Flax, Mary Ellen Poole, Ron Blumenburg,

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 am

II. Approve Minutes

A motion to approve the Jan 13, 2012 minutes passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment

No Public Comment

IV. Welcome & Introductions

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business: Review of the Draft Plan

The group had a very informal feedback session that listed out comments/suggestions:

- Include the recommendation of centralized database
- Include numbers from past year to show the problem has increased
- Note that the numbers included in the plan are across one year
- Too Long. Do an executive summary that states a recommendation then gives the supporting narrative below.
- Seemed editorialized and too casual
- Would all the parts hold up if we were forced to defend them
- Does the whole group support and defend his plan? List the recommendations that the whole group can get behind
- Keep things higher level, more broad and general recommendations and leave the details to the working groups
- Provide sources to the main document.
- Project out. Show what would happen if we don't do anything

- Add goals
- Show that the groups will be accountable, data driven and give timelines to reach goals.
- Layer in the Housing Commission work plan for the one work group. That has gone to council and has been approved.
- Layer in referencing to the Con Plan.
- Education and Outreach are critical
- Section 8: Do we bring it up at this point or let the working group tackle that?
- In the narrative of the executive summary, be sure to list out current and/or potential services and funding sources to show that we are not requiring new services or funding.
- Be sure to prioritize the goals under each working group
- Discuss the importance of health care, mental health services
- Bring in a real world example of success for the presentation
- **PLAN MUST BE FINALIZED BY MARCH 2, 2012.**

VII. Communications

Staff will send out the new draft with feedback incorporated as much as possible.
Group will vote if they need to meet again.

VI. Adjournment-The Meeting adjourned at 8:56 am

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Poole, Housing Planner