



## EVANSTON HOMELESS TASK FORCE MINUTES-FINAL

October 4, 2011

**Present:** Alderman Dolores Holmes, Sue Calder, Co-Chair; Karen Singer, Co-Chair; Paola Flores, Sue Murphy, Janet Winslow, Dorothy Williams, Debbie Bretag, Dan Lewis, Kevin Mott, Joyce Bartz, Sidney Caselberry, Kav Hagopian, Paul Selden, Rev. Velda Love

**Absent:** Alderman Ann Rainey, Walter Cody, Paul Hamnn, Joe Liss, Kate Mahoney, Karen Hunt, Bill Kolen, Janice Lindquist, Oscar Hawthorne,

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

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 am

### **II. Approve Minutes**

A motion to approve the September 16, 2011 minutes passed unanimously.

### **III. Public Comment**

No Public Comment

### **IV. Welcome & Introductions**

- a. Co-Chairs, Sue Calder and Karen Singer welcomed the Task Force
- b. Introductions were made by all present

### **V. Unfinished Business**

N/A

### **VI. New Business: Writing the Plan**

- a. Name of Plan: End Homelessness, Address Homelessness?
  - i. Rev. Velda Love suggested "Addressing & Reducing"
  - ii. Alderman Holmes and Dan Lewis suggested "End"
  - iii. Discussions led to "Working Towards Ending Homelessness"
- b. Length of Plan: 5 Years, 10 Years, No Length?
  - i. Group seemed to lean towards a 5 year plan.
- c. Discussion on strategies
  - i. Alderman Holmes voiced the need to use existin groups, there are many committees and commission in the City already
    1. Educating the community should be a top priority
- d. The remaining time was an open discussion on strategies. At the end of the discussion, it was decided that the smaller working group would pull together a

format for the next meeting to allow for discussion under each specific population.

**VII. Communications**

The next meeting will be Friday November 4, 2011 at 7:30 am. Location: Parasol Room at the Civic Center.

**VI. Adjournment-**The Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Poole, Housing Planner