



EVANSTON HOMELESS TASK FORCE MINUTES-FINAL

September 16, 2011

Present: Alderman Dolores Holmes, Sue Calder, Co-Chair; Karen Singer, Co-Chair; Paola Flores, Sue Murphy, Janet Winslow, Dorothy Williams, Bill Kolen, Debbie Bretag, Dan Lewis, Kevin Mott, Janice Lindquist, Oscar Hawthorne, Joyce Bartz,

Absent: Alderman Ann Rainey, Walter Cody, Paul Hamnn, Sidney Caselberry, Kav Hagopian, Joe Liss, Rev. Velda Love, Kate Mahoney, Paul Selden, Karen Hunt

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 July 15, 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

- a. Data Packet Review
 - i. Joyce Bartz commented on her data for District 65. The column titled Low Income Housing refers to housing where students are living in a unit that is subsidized
 1. The numbers for 2011-12 will most likely be higher. Data will be ready by Sept. 30.
 - ii. Oscar Hawthorne discussed District 202 data. There are new procedures for counting the doubled up families.
 - iii. Sue Calder reviewed the profile of the street homeless and the funnel.

VII. Brainstorming Strategies and Implementation procedures for Evanston plan

- a. Group One:

- i. Housing First model
 - ii. Look at Hidden units-Units hidden in the City that are in disrepair and with some funds or convincing to landlord, they could rent to low income families.
- b. Group Two: Clinical and Supportive Services
 - i. Look at the coordination of services
 - ii. Employers need to know about the services available
 - iii. Work with Employers on the hiring of persons with a record
 - iv. Prevention money is critical
- c. Group Three:
 - i. Housing first model
 - ii. Centralized intake system
 - iii. The City of Evanston residents need to step up with money
 - iv. Educating the community is key
 - v. Finding out why people are homeless
 - vi. Build Empathy-convince me why this is important for me to caer
 - vii. Media Strategy
 - viii.

VIII. Communications

The next meeting will be Friday October 7, 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