



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE

Monday, February 6, 2017

6:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 357 (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Marsha A. Rummel; Larry Palm; Brian Austin; Ulysses Williams; Heidi Wegleitner; Michele Ritt; Kat Koski and Linda J. Ketcham

Absent: 2 - Kristopher M. Wachowiak and Deedra G. Atkinson

Others present: Patricia La Cross, Linette Rhodes, Casey Becker, Lynn Green, Brenda Konkel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ritt, seconded by Rummel, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

NEW BUSINESS

1. [45546](#) Creating Section 23.60, renumbering current Section 23.60 to Section 23.70, and amending Section 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit lying down or sleeping in the public sidewalks and rights of way and specified other public places, during specified hours in the Central Business District, and establish a bail deposit schedule for violations thereof.

A motion was made by WEGLEITNER, seconded by RUMMEL, that this Action Item be recommended for denial. Co-Chairs to send a communication to City Council and Mayor's Office to include: 1) No lawful alternatives exist for sleeping during the day, and committee concerned for second and third shift workers who need places to sleep. 2) Concerns regarding broad language in legislation - inclusion of all City offices in Central Business Improvement District and the period of time ordinance would be in effect. 3) Concern for implications on federally funded homeless assistance grants. 4) Interest of the committee in helping the City find constructive solutions to assist individuals experiencing homelessness, including those that allow limited displacement and increased access to housing. The motion carried by the following vote: 7-0

Discussion of proposal as it relates to federal guidance regarding preventing laws that criminalize homelessness in favor of initiatives that focus on housing. Discussion of lack of legal places for individuals who are homeless to sleep.

A motion was made by Wegleitner, seconded by Rummel, to RECOMMEND TO

COUNCIL TO PLACE ON FILE - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: 2 - Kristopher M. Wachowiak and Deedra G. Atkinson

Ayes: 6 - Marsha A. Rummel; Larry Palm; Ulysses Williams; Heidi Wegleitner; Michele Ritt; Kat Koski and Linda J. Ketcham

Non Voting: 1 - Brian Austin

2. [46015](#) REDEVELOPMENT OF FORMER MESSNER PROPERTIES FOR AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING FOR FAMILIES

Sup. Wegleitner provides update on the legislation and background. More amendments may be coming to incorporate feedback from City of Madison staff. Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association supports the process to develop RFP. Alder Rummel shares concern from the Mayor's Office that City process be used to identify the best site for the project, rather than designating a particular site. Sup. Wegleitner met with City Staff, Mayor's Staff, to hear concerns and is committed to partnering with the City in development of the RFP.

Absent: 2 - Kristopher M. Wachowiak and Deedra G. Atkinson

Ayes: 6 - Larry Palm; Ulysses Williams; Heidi Wegleitner; Michele Ritt; Kat Koski; Linda J. Ketcham and Marsha A. Rummel

Non Voting: 1 - Brian Austin

REPORTS

3. [45296](#) Accepting the 120 South Fairchild Building Study report prepared by Engberg Anderson Architects.

4. [46022](#) Report to Committee

1. City of Madison Staffing Update
2. Update on Efforts to Reduce Veteran Homelessness
3. Update on Day Resource Center

1. City of Madison Staffing Update

Linette Rhodes reported that the City of Madison has hired Torrie Kopp-Mueller, formerly of the YWCA, to fill the position of Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinator. Position will focus on staffing the Homeless Services Consortium and other duties related to the consortium, such as the federal HUD NOFA application. Will also help implement Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

Instead of having one person specialize in one area, City is shifting to a team to approach homeless and housing programs.

2. Update on Efforts to Reduce Veteran Homelessness

Linette Rhodes reported that CoC goal to house 130 veterans, housed 208 in

the last two years. Focusing on placing individuals in the appropriate housing. 60 veterans currently left on the by-name list who are looking for housing. 20 veterans have HUD VASH vouchers - includes rental subsidy and case management. 160 VASH vouchers being used, another 20 individuals are shopping for housing. CoC housed an additional 161 individuals who are chronically homeless. 393 total.

Public Comment:

-Patricia La Cross works with families experiencing homelessness (play and learn). Concerned with families having to check out of shelter early in the morning and a lack of resources available at that hour for families with young children.

3. Update on Day Resource Center

Casey Becker, Dane County Human Services, reported:

- Day Resource Center in design stages. Request for bid for construction of the facility the next step, anticipated to be released in March. Anticipated Center opening in the fall of 2017.
- Center provider, Catholic Charities, has been touring other Day Resource Centers. Best practices for designs and programming are being implemented. Also planning a series of public meetings to keep people informed about the project's progress until the Center opens.
- Winter contingency/gap services will experience changes. Hospitality House anticipated to close in May. Catholic Charities will continue to provide day services in downtown Madison at a location to be determined until the Day Resource Center opens.

5. [43565](#) Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting March 6, 2017, 6:30 p.m., CCB 357

Future meeting agenda items:

- Invite family shelter providers to talk about program changes at the Salvation Army and their impact.
- Invite speakers to discuss disposition of property left in and around the downtown area.

6. [43897](#) Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

No other items presented.

ADJOURNMENT

8:00 p.m.

Recorded by Casey Becker