



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Monday, November 16, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Linda Ketcham called the meeting to order at 6:02pm with a quorum present.

Staff present: Sarah Lim, Casey Becker, Jim O'Keefe, Ben Doing

Others present: Sara Allee-Jatta, Karen Andro, Heidi Wegleitner, Robin Sereno

New committee member Alder Lindsay Lemmer and committee members introduced themselves.

Present: 8 - Lindsay Lemmer; Jason N. Ilstrup; Katherine S. Kamp; Michele Doolan; Elena Haas; Sarah Smith; Linda J. Ketcham and Sarah Baldwin

Excused: 5 - Michael J. Tierney; Dan Nale; Ulysses Williams; Victor T. Banks and Kat Koski

roll call

Ulysses Williams joined at 6:09pm

Michael Tierney joined at 6:12pm

Present: 10 - Lindsay Lemmer; Michael J. Tierney; Jason N. Ilstrup; Ulysses Williams; Katherine S. Kamp; Michele Doolan; Elena Haas; Sarah Smith; Linda J. Ketcham and Sarah Baldwin

Excused: 3 - Dan Nale; Victor T. Banks and Kat Koski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A revision to the minutes was requested by Linda Ketcham to correct the spelling of "Ketcham".

A motion was made to Approve the minutes of October 19, 2020, with revision, by Katherine Kamp and seconded by Michele Doolan. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Michael J. Tierney; Jason N. Ilstrup; Ulysses Williams; Katherine S. Kamp; Michele Doolan; Elena Haas; Sarah Smith; Linda J. Ketcham and Sarah Baldwin

Abstentions: 1 - Lindsay Lemmer

Excused: 3 - Dan Nale; Victor T. Banks and Kat Koski

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [63024](#) Public Comment

Attachments: [Public Comment-11-16-20 912PM_CCHIC.pdf](#)

Jeremy Ryan gave general public comment
Benny Ramirez gave general public comment
Mia Maysack gave general public comment

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Jason Ilstrup - paid lobbyist for "Downtown Madison, Inc."

PRESENTATIONS

2. [63026](#) Encampment current state and needs

Attachments: [Encampments - CCHIC 11.16.20.pptx](#)

Sarah Lim, Community Development Specialist at City of Madison, provided an overview of unsheltered homelessness in Dane County, and introduced the presenters.

Sara Allee-Jatta, Homeless Outreach Supervisor at Sankofa Behavioral and Community Health, shared their team's observation on the trends, challenges and needs of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Downtown Madison and McPike Park.

Karen Andro, Director of Hope's Ministry at First United Methodist Church (FUMC), has been providing outreach services at various encampment sites including Starkweather Creek and Dutch Mill Park and Ride, and shared their observation on the trends, challenges and needs of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in those encampments.

Presenters spoke of the coordinated outreach efforts and answered the committee questions regarding connection to mental health services, access to the vulnerable population hotel, and challenges vehicle campers face.

3. [63027](#) Eviction Moratorium

Attachments: [CCHIC Presentation on Eviction Moratorium.pdf](#)
[UPDATE Dane Co. Housing Crisis Response Efforts.pdf](#)
[CARES 10.16.2020 Data.pdf](#)

Heidi Wegleitner, Staff Attorney at Legal Action of Wisconsin, provided information on the evolving COVID legal landscape, CDC moratorium, what happens January 1, and how Wisconsin compares to other states regarding COVID-19 housing policy. Discussion followed.

Robin Sereno, Executive Director at Tenant Resource Center (TRC), provided information on the Dane County CARES program, other assistance programs TRC provides, eviction- and displacement-related needs in the community, and TRC recommendations to address current and upcoming needs.

ACTION ITEMS

4. [63028](#) Discussion and possible recommendations regarding encampment current state and needs

Discussion regarding city ordinances related to vehicle campers, couple's shelter needs, and men's shelter development.

The Committee would like to receive presentations on the following topics in future meetings: Occupy Madison's tiny house village, city ordinances affecting vehicle campers, and safe parking program examples from other communities.

5. [63029](#) Discussion and possible recommendations regarding eviction moratorium

The Committee would like to receive presentation or updates on resources available for households who need to attend the eviction court hearings online and do not have the resources to access.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. [63030](#) Future meeting items

Next meeting is at 5:30pm on December 7, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jason Ilstrup, and seconded by Michele Doolan to Adjourn at 9:04pm. Motion passed by voice vote.