



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

6/5/2018

Public Safety Committee

June 5, 2018

DRAFT Minutes

Committee Members: Councilors Adam Roof (AR)(Chair); Ali Dieng (AD); Brian Pine (BP)

Others Present: Richard Haesler (RH), City Attorney's Office (Committee Staff); David Hartnett (DH), City Council member; Marcy Esbjerg, (ME), CEDO; Erin Ahearn (EA), CHCB; Alison Calderara (AC), CHCB; Steve Marshall (SM); Nick Floersch (NF)

At 5:32 p.m. Chair Roof commenced the meeting.

1. **Agenda:** Motion to amend by BP - removal of 4.02 per request of the City Attorney in light of ongoing negotiations

Second by AD – passes 3-0

Motion re Agenda as amended by BP

Second by AD; Motion passes 3-0

1. **Approval of minutes of 5/3/18:**

Motion by BP; second by AR– passes 3-0



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1. **Public Forum:**

SM asks for drafts produced by the committee regarding encampment issues to be circulated in advance of the meeting going forward.

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- i. **Discussion re Low Barrier Shelter – to include inquiry as to cost and benefit of 12 month vs. extended monthly operation – Homeless Initiative #1**

Presentation by Erin Ahearn (EA) and Alison Calderera (AC) from Community Health Center re Warming Shelter report. Health Center new to being a housing provider (2 years) – while providing health care to the homeless since 1988.

See handout posted to Boarddocs. EA and AC then walk the committee through the handout and discussion follows.

BP – Is there a feedback loop in place for persons served by the shelter to provide feedback concerning staff? Those who are effective and those who are not?

EA – absolutely – always strive to make/allow for open communication lines

Proposes adding 60 days to the warming season.

DH – wants year round low barrier shelter – wants to push for more funding in order to make this happen

AR – data shows that there are currently vacancies at other shelters when the warming shelter is full.

Note – the information that 600 K is needed to run the shelter year round is helpful to future decision making.

ME – Check with Chittenden County Homeless Alliance – let's be careful not to duplicate efforts regarding information gathering – a lot of the information needed is already available – The Mayor intends to include 60K with no match



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requirement in the budget for next year so that the shelter could run until mid-June as requested

DH – Could notice of additional funding be impactful in terms of running the shelter longer if that notice was provided by February?

AC – Yes – I think so

AR – Motion: Committee fully supports the inclusion of the \$60,000 as discussed; i.e. with no match requirement and for purposes of running the warming shelter until mid-June in FY 19.

BP – seconds the Motion

Motion passes 3-0

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 - i. **As Amended to Agenda from 4.03 – Discussion: Funding and Advocacy re Vermont State Legislature – Homeless Initiative # 7**

AR reports that nothing came forward on the legislative front this year –

ME reports that Street Outreach funding in next year's budget – expansion is unlikely as Howard indicates that would necessitate expansion re staff into weekend/evenings and this would be an considerable undertaking extending beyond dollars.

Housing Retention Programs are funded through CDBG



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See also – Rehab programs for home renovations

Discussion

4.03 Discussion: Communications between CCHA and the City of Burlington – Homeless Initiative

Recommendation # 6

AR: Without taking any formal action, I would encourage a process where the CCHA provides quarterly updates to Marcy Esbjerg at CEDO so as to keep the lines of communication open and then an annual report to council. Serves everyone's interest.

Note that Margaret Bozik and Travis Poulin are the current chairs;

5.01 Other Business:

AR: Next meeting on July 11 from 5:30 to 7 – staff to identify room – Room 12 City Hall preferred.

6.01 ADJOURNMENT

AR: Motion?

BP - So moved



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AD – Second

Motion passes 3-0 – meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

