



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - SUB-COMMITTEE on Eviction Crisis Plans and Protocols 2/15/2017

Public Safety Subcommittee

Re Eviction Crisis Plans & Protocols

Organization Meeting

February 15, 2017

Minutes

Public Safety Committee Representative: Councilor David Hartnett (DH)

Additional City Staff: Richard Haesler (RH), City Attorney's Office

Also Present: Laura Wilson (Cathedral Square); Sarah Russell (BHA); Josie Curtin (CHT); Donna Walters (Wharf Lane); Tammy Boudah (Howard Ctr); Justin Verette (Howard Ctr); Sandy Baird (Caroline Legal Clinic); Jessica Radbord (Vermont Legal Aid); Corrine Yonce (VT Affordable Housing); Trine Bech (Family Outcomes); Nadine Scibek (Attorney)

At 5:12 p.m. Councilor Hartnett commenced the meeting. As an organizational meeting, there was no formal actions proposed or presented and as such not a precise agenda. All persons attending were invited to participate and were invited to comment. There will be a reach out to the Police Department and the Fire Department. Ms. Scibek noted that COTS should be invited to participate.

The meeting was conducted as a discussion which sought to identify issues/topics for this subcommittee to take up over the next few months and to lay out a schedule for doing so. The January 30 City Council resolution on the issues to serve as a template although the discussions can address a somewhat broader scope; to include general policies/concerns relative to eviction.

Those present introduced themselves and offered a brief outline of their backgrounds and their respective interests as stakeholders in the issues.

Schedule of meetings: from 5 to 6:30 on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month beginning on March 8.



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The first meeting will feature discussion: Understanding the Eviction Timeline/Process & the Laws re Eviction

Second Meeting: Existing Prevention/Crisis Resources and how they intersect (Note that it is important for Police/Fire to attend)

Subsequent Meeting will focus on (a) Crisis in Housing when Eviction is not the issue; (b) What might alternative resources and responses look like; (c) What can be steps/proposals for Eviction Prevention Going Forward; and (d) Proposed Best Practices.

The finalization of these proposed discussions and their sequence will be taken up by the close of the second meeting.

The Organizational Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

