

Minutes Bridge Housing and Services

9/20/16

Present: Lauri Kail, Judy Alexandre, Jerry Breiner, Kate Mills

1. Reviewed tasks from last month's meeting

- a) Jerry identified **properties** in the potential approved zone. Only 3 properties are currently available they start at 1 million plus.
 - b) Jerry met with the pastor from **Gold Coast**. They lease their current building and are discussing whether to build on the adjacent lot, currently a parking lot. The site is not available for our plan
 - c) Jerry has made several attempts to reach out to John Saltee of the **Rescue Mission**. No response. Will try again.
 - d) Judy made contact with **PATH** (Jeremy Sidell), **People's Self Help Housing** (Karol S), and **Saint Vincent De Paul** (Larry Hurst and David Fields). SVDP has absolutely no interest. PSHH might be interested. PATH is interested if the project includes all components of crisis, bridge, permanent supportive housing and services. Both PATH and PSHH reported the need to have the site secured and an invitation for the project from the city.
 - e) Judy wrote a draft intro. for the **survey**. It was edited by Sue Brinkmeyer and the committee. A final version is now ready and will be attached in the email with these minutes.
 - f) Lauri reported that both the Breeze and the Reporter will run the survey. Judy reported that The Star (John Moore) did not respond to 3 phone calls and 2 emails. Kate is following up with schools and agencies to formulate the potential survey monkey.
2. Kate reported that in the city's **refinement plan** that was presented to council that there may now be a change and that services and sheltering may not be allowed in the industrial area, and that no housing may be allowed. This is a significant change if true. Jerry will check with the city. Our action plans are dependent on this information. Need to check with Jeff Lambert, Dave Ward and the city atty.
 3. Discussed the possibility of using the **old Brooks site**. Judy to check with Supervisor Bennett's office (Brian Brennan). This site could potentially be used for the winter and then developed into a year round facility.
 4. We agreed to recommend to VSSTF as a whole that we keep our focus on the Year Round facility and that we let the city do whatever it is going to do re the Winter Shelter. The city has known of the need for several years and knew after last year, specifically that a new plan needed to be developed. Using the Armory is very costly and does not accomplish a goal of moving people out of homelessness.
 5. Depending on the information that we receive from item #2 we will encourage a writing campaign from the faith community and VSSTF. The question regarding sheltering (crisis, bridge, permanent supportive) and services is to be addressed by all candidates at the VSSTF sponsored city council candidate forum on Oct. 11. We do want letters to support the development of the year round facility and of the need for the winter shelter. NOTE: Since we met the city has secured the armory for this winter and is seeking funding.

Submitted by

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Next meeting is Oct.18, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Orchard Community Church, Library