

Minutes 3/21/17

Housing and sheltering sub committee

Of VSSTF

Present: Ron Mulvilhill, chair, Jerry Breiner, Kate Mills, Laurie Kail, Karol Shulkin, Judy Alexandre

1. Reviewed the various reactions to and understandings from the city council meeting on 3/20/17. Many questions and concerns were raised. Clarity is needed to ensure ongoing support. Judy is to call Jeff Lambert, Dir. Community developments and request:
 - a) Meeting with Jeff and Larry h from Mercy Housing and at least 2 from our committee (note Judy has talked with Jeff, an appt. will be set, asked for clarification on several concerns)
 - b) Points to clarify:
 - zoning in regards to commerce, commercial, residential, community meetings, m1m2 as this impacts the shelter with services
 - police expectations, number of beds, how paid for
 - Shuttle service?
 - Numbers of shelters? Size...number of residents? How decision is made? Concerns re cost of running to shelters, availability of full time services at 2 small shelters?
 - Expectations of day use?
 - Current map
 - What is actually being voted on the 4/10/17 meeting? Likelihood of being continued beyond 4/10?
 - Overall a clarification of operator expectations, program expectations, what changes are being made to the staff report and recommendations
 - c) What needs to go back to the stakeholders group as a result of the proposed changes
2. Discussed the op-ed from Paul White that was in the Citizen's Journal. Concern regarding the total untruth of the piece and of the statements about the faith community. Agreed to write a factual op-ed for the VCStar and the Journal after we have more clarity. Will emphasize the zoning area and update the community at large. Ron agreed to begin to work on this. Judy to contact some of the more conservative pastors (theologically) for response to the article; assuring that they are not being duped, facts re the plan and reasons they are supportive and even promoting. This would go to the Journal and the Star specifically to address those who might be more influenced by material written in the Journal. The Journal contact is George Miller or Millens) { Judy has contacted Mark Patterson, Matt Hoyt, Dave Schulze...Dave will bring up the idea of a joint response at their meeting this coming week}

Next meeting is April 18, 3:00 Orchard Community Church Library

Submitted by Judy Alexandre