

MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN HOMELESSNESS COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020

PRESENT: Ann Margolin (Chair), Jennifer Snow, Linda Garner, LeTitia Owens, Brandon Vance, Josh Cogan, David King, Alan Tallis and Amy Desler.

ABSENT:

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE COMMISSION

Item 2 Public Comment

Robert Ceccarelli, Chase Headley and Brian Jennings addressed the commission.

Item 3 Approval of the November 14, 2019 Minutes

Motion to approve by Mr. Tallis and seconded by _____.

Passed unanimously.

Ms. Margolin gave a Chair's report to welcome representatives of homeless service organizations in attendance. She also acknowledged the resignation of commission member Laurice Fischer- Taylor and the City Council's election of David King as Vice Chair of the commission. An announcement was made about the need for volunteers for the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance's Point-In-Time count. In closing, she stated that, upon checking the board and commissions handbook, she confirmed that each member would be given two rounds of five (5) minutes to speak on an agenda item.

Item 4 Briefing: Overview of the Office of Homeless Solutions

Monica Hardman, Director, presented an overview of the Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS).

Item 5 Briefing: Ad Hoc Committee Reports

A. Request for Proposals (RFPs)

Mr. Tallis presented a report on behalf of ad hoc committee members Titia Owens, Kevin Cooper, Josh Cogan. He highlighted the fact that a one-time exception was made to allow the ad hoc committee (after each member signed a non-disclosure agreement) to review the RPS for the following grants: Healthy Community Collaborative (\$500,000 state grant), Youth Homelessness (\$358,000 state and city general fund grant), Dallas Home Investment Program (\$500,000 city general fund grant), Strengthening the Homeless Response System (\$521,000 city general fund grant) and Emergency Solutions Grant (\$882,000 federal grant), Shelter Plus Care (\$1,589,000 federal grant) and Shelter Plus Care for Veterans (\$99,000 federal grant).

Item 6 Briefing/Action Item: Inclement Weather Shelter Program Update

Monica Hardman, Director, presented an overview of the proposed zoning use and proposed Chapter 45. Following Ms. Hardman's presentation, Ms. Snow, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Inclement Weather Shelter (IWS) ordinance, made gave her report on behalf of ad hoc committee members Linda Garner, Amy Desler, David King and Ann Margolin. The ad hoc committee's feedback was included in Ms. Hardman's presentation.

Motion to accept the committee's report was made by Ms. Snow and seconded by Mr. Vance.

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Passed unanimously.

Ms. Margolin announced she is forming ad hoc committee meetings to address specific items that will disband once their work is completed. These committees will be used in lieu of standing committees. There are no specific requirements for service on the committees.

The commission adjourned at 5:12 P.M.

Approved By: _____

Date: _____