



Citizen Homelessness Commission Minutes

Thursday, August 9, 2018

Agenda


1. **Roll Call**
2. **Public Comment**
 - Robert Ceccarelli
3. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - July 12, 2018**
 - Comments from Commissioner Mendelsohn included “a vote was taken and passed” on a motion made by Commissioner Crews and seconded by Commissioner Culak on the July 12th minutes. A motion to approve the July minutes as corrected was made by Commissioner Crews and seconded by Commissioner Culak. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.
4. **Overview of Dallas Life**
 - Rev. Bob Sweeney, Director of Dallas Life, gave an overview of services provided to men, women, children, senior citizens and veterans.
 - Explanation of two programs offered: pay-to-stay at \$12/night and a 10-month long Homeless No More Program.
 - People of all ages, faiths, religions, sexes, and socio-economic backgrounds are welcome.
 - They offer 3 free meals a day and have a convenience store on site.
 - Dallas Life works in conjunction with other homeless service providers for intake and to help individuals obtain the necessary ID.
 - Dallas Life works with the Police Department, Fire Department, CPS, and other governmental agencies to be safe.
 - On average Dallas Life houses 360 people a day.
 - Homeless No More is specifically geared to the homeless veteran and focuses on post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury.
5. **Clean Up Dallas**
 - Office of Homeless Solutions staff presented the proposed housing and workforce solutions pilot program that will promote efficiency and stability.
 - This 12-month program will involve case management, volunteer hours, part-time employment, a transition to full-time employment, job training skill development, supportive services to increase success, as well as city sponsored housing.
 - The program aims to engage 40 individuals referred by the OHS street outreach teams in coordination with case managers.
 - Total budget implication is \$250K, \$6,250/person, which are mainly wages for part time employment, job training and skills development.
 - To evaluate success and next steps staff will look at positive exits from the program, including transition to full time employment, as well as housing, look at negative exits and how well the volunteerism of the program succeeds as far as attendance and write ups.
 - The goal is for all participants to positively exit with housing and full-time employment.
 - Case studies such as Clean Slate (Fort Worth) and There’s A Better Way (Albuquerque, New Mexico) were used to create this program
 - Next Steps: Present to Human and Social Needs and move forward with program in September if approved by Council.
6. **Update on Homeless Solutions Proposed Strategy**
 - Staff gave an update on the next steps on the strategy and when the items will be voted on by Council.
 - Council did not want Track II moved forward in the manner that it was proposed.
 - Track III & Track IV received positive feedback from Council but still need work. OHS staff will coordinate efforts with CHC. Meetings will be scheduled with the appropriate subcommittees in September.
7. **Upcoming Events**

- Reviewed the events outlined on the agenda.

8. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

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Kenn Webb, Chair
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