

City of Dallas  
 Citizen Homelessness Commission (CHC)  
 Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** July 12, 2018

**Meeting Start Time:** 10:21 am

<b>Commissioner Members Present</b>	<b>Staff Present</b>
Kenn Webb (Chair) – At Large Chris Culak – District 1 Linda Garner – District 2 LeTitia Owens – District 3 Wendy Conrad – District 5 Chase Headley – District 9 Cara Mendelsohn – District 12 Casey McManemin – District 13 Chad Crews – District 14	Monica Hardman, Managing Director of OHS Nadia Chandler-Hardy, Chief of Community Services Charletra Sharp, Program Administrator Latrisce Johnson, OHS Lori Davidson, OHS Patricia French-Sanders, OHS Lillie Logan, OHS Barbara Martinez, CAO Sarah Jacobson, OHS Veronica Burnett, OHS Emily Jandrucko, OHS Soyol Dander, OHS
<b>Commissioner Members Absent</b>	
Louis Henry – District 7 Oscar Castillo – District 10	

**AGENDA:**

1. **Roll Call**  
 Roll was called by Latrisce Johnson and a quorum was established
  
2. **Call to Order**  
 Chair Kenn Webb called the meeting to order at 10:21am. The CHC was not originally scheduled to meet in July, consistent with City Council and other City bodies, but a special meeting was called due to the need for further discussions about the OHS Proposed Strategy Plan.
  
3. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**  
 As amended to reflect comments made at the meeting, the June 14, 2018 minutes were approved unanimously.
  
4. **Public Comment**  
 Comments made by Robert Checcarelli  
 Comments made by Thomas Hendricks

5. **VOTING/RECOMMENDATION ITEM**

**Homeless Solutions Proposed Strategy Plan**

Presenter(s): Monica E. Hardman, Managing Director

Managing Director Hardman made a presentation updating the status of the OHS Proposed Strategy Plan, which included details on Track 2 that had been added since the last meeting. The presentation included three options for Track 2 – one that would use public and private facilities and land, one that would use City of Dallas facilities only, and a third option (which would be in addition to, and not replace, the other two) that would involve a safe place to allow homeless persons to sleep in cars. The presentation also outlined the need for an amendment to the City Code to allow facilities to be used for overnight sheltering on a temporary basis.

The Commissioners had a detailed discussion about the proposal for Track 2.

Chase Headley recommended that staff considers the newly vacant Timberlawn facility for temporary shelter space.

Wendy Conrad recommended a vacant facility located at 1209 S. Buckner Blvd for temporary shelter space.

Linda Garner recommended that staff exhaust all other options before amending code.

**Motion was made by Chad Crews that**

- CHC recommends that staff pursues Option 1 (Public & private facilities and land) & 2 (Operated in City facilities only) of Track 2 with preference for Option 2
- CHC recommends against option 3 (Public/Private Land for Homeless to sleep in cars) for now
- Staff to include Sunset Provision in Code amendment (to be considered by CHC) with a preference to find ways to do without changes to Code
- Preference to include perimeter limit based on proximity to other shelters in Code amendment or policy for all temporary homeless centers

**Motion was seconded by Chris Culak**

**Vote: Passed by majority vote. Opposed by Cara Mendelsohn**

6. **Community Engagement Subcommittee**

Presenter(s): Linda Garner, Subcommittee Chair

- Public Outreach Meetings are being held throughout the months of July and August to allow public input regarding the Office of Homeless Solutions Proposed Strategy.

7. **Housing Subcommittee**

Commissioner Chris Culak, Chair of the subcommittee, reported that the subcommittee has begun deliberations on Tracks 3 and 4 of the OHS Proposed Strategy Plan, and that more work is needed to flesh out the proposals.

8. **Upcoming Events**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:11 pm

Approved by: Lee W. Wick

Date: 10-4-18