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CITY SECRETARY  
DALLAS, TEXAS

## Agenda

### 1. Call to Order – 3:03pm

### 2. Roll Call (see attachment)

A quorum was determined.

### 3. Approval of February 14, 2019 Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Tallis to approve the minutes of the Commission's February 14, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Crews seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Public Comment

Robert Ceccarelli

Chair Webb commented on the following matters:

- Chair Webb and Vice Chair Ragan accompanied Office of Homeless Solutions staff and other city officials, including Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Medrano, to visit New Hope Housing, a single room occupancy-based permanent supportive housing organization with multiple sites, in Houston.
- Salvation Army's zoning request was approved by the City Planning Commission last week, but still has to be approved by City Council.
- Carl Falconer, President of MDHA, delivered the State of Homeless Address earlier that day. Chair Webb acknowledged Mr. Falconer's presence in the audience. Results of the Point-in-Time Count showed an overall increase in homelessness of 9% in our community. Approximately 4,100 homeless individuals were identified on the night of the count. Mr. Falconer made a number of excellent points including the need to continue improving coordination in the CoC community with the use of resources and funds. It is also important to dispel misconceptions about who the homeless are. He also noted that MDHA has recently released an RFP seeking proposals for the development of a new HMIS system and related data warehouse for the Continuum of Care, and that Commissioner Crews had volunteered to be the Commission's liaison to the RFP review committee that MDHA will be creating to review proposals.
- The City's budget process has begun. The Commission should explore ways to be more intentional on input for the budget.

### 5. Community Courts "Transition from Poverty to Self-Sufficiency"

- Dianne Gibson, Section Head for the Community Courts Division of the City Attorney's Office, provided an overview of the Community Courts programming.
- The programs reduce barriers for individuals once they enter a plea of not guilty or no contest.
- Each individual is linked to a case worker to identify the underlying issues that may have led to criminal behavior.
- There is strong collaboration and partnerships with over 32 non-profit and faith-based organizations.
- All community service projects are identified for the individual and supervised by city staff.
- Staff makes sure the individuals go back into the community where they committed the crime to do beautification, graffiti cleanup, trash pick-up and/or minor home repairs.
- Twice a year, on a city-wide level, Community Courts identify 21 projects throughout the City of Dallas and collaborate with the faith-based organizations in Act of Kindness Weekend.
- Once all community services hours are completed and the underlying issues are mitigated there is a graduation ceremony for the individual. At that time, they take a picture with the judge and prosecutor, are given a certificate, a gift bag and a copy of all of their cases that were dismissed.
- In order for a person to participate in the programs offered by the Community Courts, they have to have either a V-Citation or C-Citation.
- Last year, Community Courts saved the taxpayers \$173,000 through services provide through community services.

- Night court is also available from 1-9pm. The program is two years old and it averages 40 people a night.
- If a person is issued a Criminal Trespass Citation, the City has a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with the District Attorney's (DA's) Office on how to handle that situation. After citation issuance, the DA's Office will call the clerk's office to see if they have Class C citations. If so, then it is up to the Assistant DA to put them in a MOU to dismiss the case if the person takes care of all Class C citations.

#### 6. Office of Homeless Solutions Report

- Homeless Solutions Strategy Update and New Funding Opportunities Update
  - Monica Hardman, Director, acknowledged Dr. Woody, Bridge CEO, in the audience.
  - Funding was approved for the Pay-To-Stay Program at The Bridge in September and implemented in October.
  - As of February 28th, the program has served 328 people. The goal of the program is not only to get them off the street but also to connect them to case management opportunities. This has helped place 17 people into housing.
  - On average, 90% utilization has been trending. The guest profile is 63% men, 35% women, and 2% transgender; 66% Black, 28% Caucasian, 6% other and 9% Hispanic/Latino.
  - Out of the served population, 86% received case management services and 26 people obtained employment.
  - Track 2 of the OHS's 4-track Strategy Plan, relating to Inclement Weather, will go before the Human and Social Needs Committee on April 15<sup>th</sup> and City Council on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - If Council approves, then staff will release the Request For Qualifications (RFQ) in April or May. Based on the responses to that RFQ, a Request For Proposals (RFP) will be released in August or September.
  - The Landlord Subsidy/Tenant Assistance Leasing Program, Track 3, RFCSP closed today [March 14] at 2pm. The \$1.3 million budget enhancement was to solicit an administrative entity to manage that program.
  - Track 4 on Bond Development is in the process of final vetting by the Office of Procurement. Once the Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA) or Request For Developer Interest is available the potential city-owned properties will be released.
  - Applications were due today [March 14] for the budget enhancement to strengthen the homeless response system. Funding available in the RFCSP is listed as follows: \$250,000 for strengthening the system enhancements, \$735,000 for emergency shelter services, \$250,000 for supportive housing for seniors and approximately \$212,000 for the homeless workforce sustainability program.
- Update on Citizen Planning Commission's Review of Salvation Army Zoning Application

#### 7. Upcoming Events

Chair Webb reminded the Commissioners to look at the upcoming events on the agenda.

#### 8. Adjourn – 3:56pm

- Commissioner Crews motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Tallis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED BY:



Kenn Webb, Chair  
Citizen Homelessness Commission

**CITIZEN HOMELESSNESS COMMISSION  
MINUTES ATTENDANCE SHEET  
DALLAS CITY HALL, L1FN AUDITORIUM  
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

**Attendance Sheet**

**Commissioners Present**

Kenn Webb, Chair  
Linda Garner, District 2  
LeTitia Owens, District 3  
Tanya Ragan, District 6  
Louis Henry, District 7  
Chase Headley, District 9  
Sam Merten, District 10  
Alan Tallis, District 11  
Casey McManemin, District 13  
Chad Crews, District 14

**Commissioners Absent**

Chris Culak, District 1  
VACANT, District 4  
VACANT, District 5  
VACANT, District 8  
VACANT, District 12

**Staff Present**

Monica Hardman  
Monica Moreno  
Lori Davidson  
Charletra Sharp  
Latrisce Johnson  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano  
Dianne Gibson  
Gloria Sandoval