

MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN HOMELESSNESS COMMISSION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019

PRESENT: Kenn Webb (Chair), Jennifer Snow, Linda Garner, LeTitia Owens, Laurice Fischer-Taylor, Josh Cogan, David King, Alan Tallis and Chad Crews
ABSENT: Brandon Vance

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m.

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE COMMISSION

Item 3 Approval of the September 12, 2019 Minutes

The minutes were not approved. Chair Webb asked that members send their corrections before the commission's next meeting on October 14, 2019.

Item 4 Public Comment

Robert Ceccarelli spoke to the commission about addressing homelessness.

Item 5 Briefing: Update on Inclement Weather Shelter Program and ZOAC recommended amendment to Chapter 51A

Monica Hardman, Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) shared with the commission staff recommendations, Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee (ZOAC) action and next steps regarding the inclement weather shelter program. Members provided feedback on the information presented.

Item 6 Briefing: Strengthening the Homeless Response System

Monica Hardman, Director of the Office of Homeless Solutions, briefed members on the upcoming procurement process for general funds administered by OHS. Members provided feedback on the information presented.

Item 7 Review Dallas Homeless Investment Program Contract Awards (Voting Item: Receive Feedback and Recommendation to Forward to City Council for Consideration and Possible Action)

Alan Tallis recommended that no action be taken due to the need for additional information to evaluate the proposed vendors.

Item 8 Review Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Awards (Voting Item: Receive Feedback and Recommendation to Forward to City Council for Consideration and Possible Action)

No action taken by the commission.

Commission asked that a CHC subcommittee develop a process for staff to follow for sharing procurement and award information (as allowed by law) with the CHC.

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Item 9 Review Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Awards (Voting Item: Receive Feedback and Recommendation to Forward to City Council for Consideration and Possible Action)

Motion made by Chad Crews to defer Items 7, 8 and 9 to the CHC Coordination and Strategic Planning Committee for discussion and action.

Motion seconded by Alan Tallis.

Approved 9-0.

Item 10 CHC Subcommittee Appointments

Chair Webb announced a list of subcommittee appointment requests he received from commission members. The following appointments were made based on the list and his request that Jennifer Snow serve as Chair of the Short-Term Solutions Committee:

David King – Housing Subcommittee

Josh Cogan – Community Engagement, Housing and Short-Term Solutions Subcommittees

Jennifer Snow – Short-Term Solutions Subcommittee Chair

Chad Crews – Short-Term Solutions Subcommittee

Motion made by Alan Tallis to accept the appointments.

Motion seconded by Laurice Fischer Taylor.

Passed 9-0

The commission adjourned at 5:15 p.m.