

**MINUTES
HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2006 – 11:30 AM
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members Present: Alan Graff, Lori Blom, Tam Baker, Randy Bartunek, Carol Twedt, and Vernon Brown.

Members Absent: Judy Buseman and Hugh Grogan.

Others Present: Dr. Peter Holland, Sioux Falls Ministerial Association; Ken McFarland, Minnehaha County; Jodi Schwan, Mayor's Office; Russ Sorenson, Planning Department; and Suzanne Schroeder, Community Development.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 9/25/06 MEETING

Upon motion by Lori Blom, seconded by Vernon Brown, the Board approved the minutes of the September 25, 2006, meeting. Carried unanimously.

II. DISCUSS JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING

Alan Graff reported he had sent the Homeless Advisory Board letter on October 2, 2006, to the City Council and County Commission via email, which is the same day the Salvation Army released their press release. All-in-all, he felt the issue of shelter beds this winter for the homeless was given balanced coverage by the Argus Leader. Discussion was held on the Joint City/County meeting to be held this evening at 5 p.m. Alan Graff said he will be there to discuss the letter the HAB sent to the City Council and County Commission and make himself available to answer questions on how the HAB came to their conclusions. He said the protocol of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness is a very aggressive plan and to put the responsibility for all of it on a volunteer board is to set them up for failure. He said there is a need for a person with the authority and license to work with agencies who serve homeless persons. He said he will not talk about what the HAB has not been able to accomplish but will emphasize the need to move in the right direction to achieve their objectives. He suggested that Hugh Grogan should do a presentation to the City Council and County Commission on the cost of homelessness to the community. It was suggested the presentation should be made during the month of November which is Homeless Awareness Month.

Amendments to the Joint Cooperative Agreement – Randy reported the City Attorney's office did approve the Amendment to the Joint Cooperative Agreement. After discussion, the Board decided to amend the Amendment, "3.2 Membership, Line 2," to read "A member of the Minnehaha County Commission;". Randy said he will place the Amendment to the Agreement on the agenda of the November 20, 2006, Joint City/County meeting. Upon motion by Tam Baker, seconded by Lori Blom, the HAB voted to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Joint Cooperative Agreement for County Involvement with the Homeless Advisory Board as amended and to recommend the rescission of the present city ordinance and adoption of the Amended Joint Cooperative Agreement. Carried unanimously.

III. HAB – Faith Community HAB Member – Randy/Vernon

Dr. Peter Holland, Director of Avera Health Clinic Pastoral Education Center, was introduced to the HAB. Randy Bartunek said Dr. Holland was proposed as a board member by the Sioux Falls Ministerial Association. Dr. Holland shared with the board his background and interest in the problems of the homeless and ending homelessness in Sioux Falls.

IV. DISCUSS HOMELESS COALITION INTERACTION WITH HAB.

This topic was deferred to the October 30, 2006, meeting since Hugh Grogan was not able to attend the meeting. Tam Baker told the HAB that the Homeless Forum, sponsored by the Homeless Coalition, will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2006, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. She said the agencies that serve the homeless send their directors to the forum to report on what is going on with their group, the needs of the agency, and share information on the homeless.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Need Committee** – Tam Baker reported the Need Committee has not met since the last HAB meeting.
- b. **Strategy Committee** – Vernon Brown, Carol Twedt, and Russ Sorenson reported this committee has not met since the last HAB meeting.
- c. **Financing Committee** – Randy Bartunek reported the Financing Committee met last week and has been working to identify different financial resources in the community. He distributed a spreadsheet of the different resources that may be available to the HAB to achieve their goal of supportive housing for the chronic homeless. He said the committee's work is complete until the Need and Strategy Committees are able to complete their tasks.
- d. **Faith Based Community Committee** – Tam Baker said the committee has not met since the last HAB meeting. She said they have been discussing how to reach out to the area churches.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Website Link** – Randy Bartunek said development of the Website Link is on hold until the subcommittees are able to complete and provide information related to their areas of responsibility. .

- VII. **A motion was made and seconded to recommend the addition of Dr. Peter Holland to the Homeless Advisory Board. The motion carried.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.