

**MINUTES
HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2006 – 11:30 AM
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

Members Absent: Judy Buseman

Others Present: Julie Becker, St. Francis House; Ken McFarland, Minnehaha County Commission; and Suzanne Schroeder, Community Development staff.

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – 11/13/06 Minutes

Upon motion by Tam Baker, seconded by Hugh Grogan, the Board voted to approve the minutes as mailed. Carried unanimously.

II. Julie Becker – St. Francis House

Julie Becker visited with the Board on the best use of property they have recently purchased at 223 N. Van Eps Avenue and their plans to involve the neighborhood residents in addressing parking issues and the need for transitional housing for families.

III. Committee Reports – Review Accomplishments & Target Dates

- A. **Need Committee** – Hugh Grogan reported the presentation on the chronic long-term homeless was made to the Joint City Council/County Commission meeting on November 20. He reported that Mary Lou Johnson, Maria Krell, and Peter Holland will be joining the committee. He discussed the fact that there have been open beds every evening at the Union Gospel Mission and St. Francis House, though this may change when the weather becomes colder.
- B. **Strategy Committee** – Vernon Brown reported the Strategy Committee has been working on establishing objectives; and when they are completed, they will be posted to the website.
- C. **Financing Committee** – Randy Bartunek said the committee has done all that it can at this time and is waiting for the Strategy and Need Committees to complete their required tasks.
- D. **Faith Based Community Committee** – Tam Baker distributed discussion notes for the Faith Community Breakout held November 29, 2006. Discussion was held on the need to involve all the churches in serving the long-term homeless.

IV. HAB Faith Community Candidates – Upon motion by Carol Twedt, seconded by Vernon Brown, the Homeless Advisory Board voted to forward the name of Shirley

Halleen to the City Council and County Commission for consideration as a member of the Homeless Advisory Board from the Faith Community. Carried unanimously.

V. **Homeless Count** – Alan Graff said the results have been posted on the South Dakota Housing Development Authority website and is available for review..

VI. **Norm Suchar – National Alliance to End Homelessness.** Alan Graff pointed out the “What is Housing First?” article was in the agenda packet and the article has a strong emphasis on landlord-based housing.

VII. **Homeless Connect** - Alan Graff reminded the HAB that the Homeless Connect event will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army building.

VIII. **Joint City/County Meeting – December 18, 2006.** Randy Bartunek said he will proceed to have a resolution prepared for the Joint City/County meeting to add Shirley Halleen to the HAB with the goal of having the resolution on the agenda for the meeting of December 18, 2006.

IX. **Website** – Randy Bartunek mentioned that the 2006 Homeless count was also posted on the HAB website.

X. **Discussion Items** – Alan Graff said the HAB will discuss the urgent need for support staff in the near future in light of the increasing need for staff to accomplish the HAB’s goals.

XI. **Next Meetings – December 18 and January 8, 2006 – 11:30 a.m.**

XII. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.