

Minutes
HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
January 5, 2009 – 11:30am
Siouxland Health & Human Services Building

Members present: Shirley Halleen, Carol Twedt, Randy Bartunek, Vernon Brown, Hugh Grogan, Judy Buseman, Wendy Giebink, and Kerri DeGraff

Members absent: Tam Baker

Others present: Alan Graff, First Premier, Ken McFarland, County Commission Office, Julie Becker, St. Francis House, Shireen Ranschau, SF Housing, Larry Crane and Ryan Kranz, Perspective, and Stacey Tieszen, HAB Homeless Coordinator.

I. Approval of Minutes – 12/08/08 Minutes

Upon motion by Randy Bartunek, and seconded by Hugh Grogan, the HAB approved the minutes of the 12/08/08 meeting as provided. Carried unanimously.

II. Old Business

None.

III. New Business

A. Housing First Site Development

- Ken McFarland, County Commissioner's Administrative Staff, provided a briefing to HAB members of the significant developments in selecting the properties, the closing date is to be February 25th, and in hiring Perspective to do a conceptual drawing and provide more specific cost estimates to further discussion between the City and County in regards to any potential cost shares for the building and operating expenses. At this point it is a County project, but a Building Committee needs to be created. Carol Twedt made a motion for the Committee to consist of Hugh Grogan, Carol Twedt, Ken McFarland, Judy Buseman, Vernon Brown, Kari Benz, and Stacey Tieszen. Hugh Grogan made a second for the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Larry Crane and Ryan Kranz from Perspective met with the HAB and others who attended the meeting to solicit input in regards to the Housing First design. Larry went over a Schedule along with Goals and Objectives. Focus will be on 24 units and 32 units programmatically. Issues will involve zoning, the steepness of the location, parking, the image/perception of the community, durability, secure access, environmental responsiveness (low maintenance, green, energy efficient), operations (office space, who manages, snow/lawn care, general up-keep, long-term survival of the building), and then the look, image and expandability of the program and building. Asking the consumer/client for their input was recommended. Examples of other Housing First Programs were mentioned. Larry Crane's schedule has one more meeting in January and then two in February with a possible presentation in March to the joint City and County meeting. Carol Twedt made a motion which was seconded by Shirley Halleen that Stacey Tieszen will work with Perspective to define meeting

schedules and include input from our Community Partners along with City and County officials. The motion passed unanimously. Larry Crane mentioned the need for a geotechnical or site survey which will need to be done soon.

IV. Homeless Coordinator Updates

- Discussed efforts made since the last meeting. Also focused on the Annual Statewide Count that takes place on January 29th. Melanie Bliss, Homeless Coalition, discussed Wendy Giebink's presentation at the last Forum meeting. Wendy provided a handout that was also given out during Forum. It was a letter written by an 8-year-old boy who had watched the Homeless in Sioux Falls video. Discussed the importance of continuing to increase community awareness.

V. Committee Reports

- **Program Committee – Hugh Grogan**
No report at this time. Committee meets January 6th.
- **Faith-Based Committee – Tam Baker**
No report at this time.

VI. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 1pm.