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**City of Albany  
Homeless Task Force  
Thursday, October 18, 2012 – 7:00 pm  
Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Avenue – South Room**

**Meeting Notes**

Members present: Ruth Cashmere, Barbara Chambers, Andrew Franklin, Lisa Kleinbub, Gordon McCarter, Paul O'Curry, Francesco Papalia, and Julie Ann Winkelstein

Members Absent: Brian Johns and Sharon Pipkin

Staff present: Ann Chaney and Isabelle Leduc

**1. Meeting Process – Adoption of September 20, 2012 Meeting Notes, Discuss whether or not to select a Chair person, December meeting date**

**Motion:** Motion was made by Member Winkelstein and seconded by Member McCarter to amend the September 20, 2012 minutes to add under staff update that the census of the homeless population should include the homeless at the Bulb and city wide. Motion carried all in favor.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Member Kleinbub and seconded by Member McCarter to accept the September 20, 2012 minutes as amended. Motion carried all in favor.

- The Task Force chose not to elect a Chair at this time and to revisit the item in the future if needed.
- The Task Force decided to meet on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Staff Update**

- Staff Leduc reported on her meeting with Alex McElree from Operation Dignity. Operation Dignity is ready to come and meet the homeless at the Bulb to distribute blankets, sock and sandwiches, but would prefer to meet with Solano Community Church first to share information. A meeting will be arranged. Doing a census was also discussed, but funding will be needed for this effort.

- Staff Leduc announced that the Council approved a seat for a homeless person on the Homeless Task Force. Members Thrush and Chambers will follow up with the distribution of the application and report back at the next meeting.
- Staff Leduc announced that the City of Berkeley is recruiting for new members on the Mental Health Services Act Advisory Committee and distributed the application.

### **3. Task Force Members report on research regarding existing programs that serve the homeless**

- Alternate Member Thrush reported on his visit to Dignity Village in Portland Oregon
- Member Cashmere reported on the Ritter Center in San Rafael
- Member Chambers reported on Seven Directions in Oakland
- Member Winkelstein reported on Remote Area Medical (RAM)
- Member Mc Carter reported on Judge Manley
- Staff Chaney reported on WET houses in Seattle
- Member Papalia reported on the use of 2-1-1 to help a distressed citizen find housing
- The Task Force agreed to make this an ongoing item for future meeting outlines to allow members to report on research they make throughout the month.

### **4. Report from April on concerns from the homeless at the Bulb**

- Tabled. April was not at the meeting.

### **5. Identify and prioritize short-term and long-term goals Task Force Members created a list of goals to be reviewed at the next meeting.**

Due to time, Staff Chaney suggested that this item be tabled until the next meeting, but pointed out that throughout the evening; the Task Force had identified potential ideas for Council:

- Conduct census of homeless city wide
- Evaluate what other cities have done (education)
- Provide Task Force with various program funding sources
- WHAT? How would funding be used
- Dignity Village transitional Housing model (Portland)
- Stabilized housing with casework (Ritter Center)-Housing located county wide/no housing projects
- Judge Manley's approach out of a cycle of law enforcement
- Remote Area Medical (RAM) – offers dental (Health)

- When people are housed they self-impose “harm reduction”
- 2-1-1 (Needs pay phone access); Albany pays \$5,000/yr to 2-1-1 from CDGB funding
- Create Community Resource Guide
- Showers and Laundry facilities

## **6. Frame January City Council report**

Staff Chaney suggested that the Task Force create a subcommittee to work on the report during the next month and report back in November. Members Kleinbub and Winkelstein agreed to be on the subcommittee and Member Pipkin would be contacted to see if she was interested.

## **7. Items for the Next Agenda**

- January report to Council to be first on the Agenda
- Review, identify and prioritize short term and long term goals
- Report out from Task Force members on research regarding existing programs
- Report from April Anthony on greatest concerns from the homeless at the Bulb
- Toilets at the Bulb
- Homeless seat on the Task Force

## **8. Adjournment: 9:20 PM**