



City of Albany
Homeless Task Force
Thursday, November 15, 2012 – 7:00 pm
Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Avenue – South Room

Meeting Notes

Members present: Ruth Cashmere, Barbara Chambers, Andrew Franklin, Brian Johns, Lisa Kleinbub, Gordon McCarter, Paul O'Curry, Sharon Pipkin and Julie Ann Winkelstein
Staff present: Ann Chaney and Isabelle Leduc

1. Adoption of October 18, 2012 Meeting Notes

Motion: Motion was made by Member Winkelstein and seconded by Member O'Curry to accept the October 18, 2012 minutes. Motion carried all in favor.

2. Staff Update

- Staff Leduc reported on the meeting with Operation Dignity, Solano Community Church volunteers, Sage Foster from Abode and staff. Operation Dignity will meet the homeless at the Bulb to distribute blankets, sock and sandwiches on a Thursday when Steve and Andrew provide pizza. Doing a census was also discussed, and Operation Dignity will prepare a proposal for services.
- Steve Thrush applied to the MHSA Advisory Committee and was chosen.
- Staff Leduc mentioned that there are two Albany vacant seats on the Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Commission.
- Staff Leduc briefly described the reappointment process for members belonging to existing City boards.

3. Report on framing January City Council report – Members Pipkin, Kleinbub and Winkelstein

- The subcommittee met November 12 and reported on the work they have done to prepare the January City Council report.
- The draft report will be sent to all Task Force members for comments and reviewed again at the December meeting.

- The final report must be sent to staff by January 11 to be included in the January 22, 2013 Council meeting packet.

4. Report on the recruitment of a homeless person to the Homeless Task Force - Members Thrush and Chambers

Motion: Motion was made by Member Thrush and seconded by Member O'Curry to appoint April Anthony to the Task Force and Amber Lynn Whitson as an alternate. Motion carried all in favor.

5. Presentation on concerns from the Homeless at the Bulb - April Anthony

- Need for dumpsters to be consistently delivered every three months
- Need for a second porta-potty
- No toilet seat cover available in the one there
- Golden Gate Fields parking lot lights are too bright
- Anti Scavenger Ordinance

6. Report on past efforts to locate toilet at the Bulb – Staff Chaney

- City met with EBRPD 5-6 years ago which resulted in EBRPD placing and servicing the porta potty at end of Buchanan Street.
- Staff pursued question again a few years ago, with EBRPD, regarding a toilet ON the Bulb.
- Explored Porta Potty and Vault Toilet options and neither seemed feasible at the time.

7. Identify and prioritize short-term and long term goals

- Due to the shortness of time, Staff Chaney distributed a revised list and suggested that Task Force Members review it over the next month and bring comments to the next meeting.

8. Research on programs that serve the homeless.

- Member Winkelstein reported that RAM would be hosting their next event in Coachella.
- Peggy McQuaid presented the Your Albany Teen – A resource Guide for parents and said that she would bring more to the next meeting.

9. Items for the Next Agenda

- January report to Council
- Review, identify and prioritize short term and long term goals
- Expanding options to Council
- Berkeley's Public Common for Everyone's Initiative – Berkeley's attitude towards homelessness
- Day job listing
- MHSA report from Member Thrush
- Inviting Police Chief McQuiston to the January meeting

10. Adjournment: 9:30 PM