



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Homeless Issues Committee

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

6:30 PM

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A. Call To Order

Present: 8 - ULYSSES WILLIAMS, STEVE SCHOOLER, DEEDRA ATKINSON, HEIDI WEGLEITNER, LELAND PAN, RONNIE BARBETT, LARRY PALM and MARSHA RUMMEL

Absent: 2 - SUE KOZUBEK and LINDA KETCHAM

Others present: Lynn Green, Casey Becker, Al Muhaymin, Sarah Lerner

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

C. Consideration of Minutes

2014 2014_1125 Homeless Issues Committee Minutes
MIN-488

Attachments: [2014_1125 HIC Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by SCHOOLER, seconded by WILLIAMS, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - WILLIAMS, SCHOOLER, ATKINSON, WEGLEITNER, PAN, BARBETT, PALM and RUMMEL

Absent: 2 - KOZUBEK and KETCHAM

D. Fund Transfers

E. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

F. Items Requiring Committee Action

2015 2015_0324 HIC minutes. These links pertain to the public restroom
PRES-002 presentation (item F.)

Attachments: [recommendations from the ad hoc committee presentation that was handed out to HIC](#)

1. Discussion and action on recommendations from the City of Madison's Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee: Presentation – Sarah Lerner, City Parks, Recommendations from the City of Madison's Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee. Discussion of proposed recommendations and timeline for next steps. Motion to approve Palm, seconded by Schooler.

Discussion of where public restroom facilities are needed downtown, staffing needs, how to incorporate public restrooms into downtown development, and how to accommodate target groups for public restrooms. Discussion of alternative sites for public restrooms, including the Central Library and Philosopher's Grove.

Unanimous to open to public comment.

Public comment – Al Muhaymin. Appreciates portable toilet outside of the City County Building but would like to see it in a more visible spot. Offered suggestions for other public restroom facilities at the City County Building or at the old library building on Hamilton St. in Madison.

Discussion of funding level for recommendations.

Motion by Palm, second Schooler, to support a Downtown Coordinating Committee amendment to require an annual report on public restrooms to the Common Council. Passes unanimously.

Motion to approve recommendations passes unanimously.

G. Presentations

1. Presentation on Zero 2016 Campaign and Homeless Registry Week: Sup. Wegleitner updated the committee on the Zero 2016 Registry Week campaign. Discussion of how the local campaign fits into the national effort. Discussion of how project coordinator position is funded.

H. Reports to Committee

1. Affordable Housing Development Fund Update: Sup. Wegleitner updates the committee on the Affordable Housing Fund process. Some funding has been earmarked for re-entry housing. The Affordable House Fund RFP is anticipated to come before county committees for review in April and will be released in June. Sup. Wegleitner working with county planning staff with municipal elected officials and community members, funders, and municipal staff for May 27th at the Alliant Energy Center from 6pm to 9pm.

2. Winter/Gap Services Update: Casey Becker updated the committee on winter/gap services. Winter services continue through April 31st. Providers did not report any major issues. Becker will meet with advocates in April to get their feedback. The county is working with the City of Madison to secure funding to extend Porchlight's contract to run Hospitality House seven days a week for the remainder of the year to provide additional resources while the Martin St. day resource center location continues to move through the process.

3. Day Resource Center Update: Casey Becker updated the committee on the day resource center process. The Town of Madison filed their briefing with the Circuit Court. The County has until April 23rd to file a response. The Town has the option to respond to the county by May 8th. Dane County Corporation Counsel anticipates a ruling in June. Discussion of future legal steps. Discussion of renting temporary space at an alternate site, or alternate sites for a day resource center downtown. Discussion of timeline on renovations when the day resource center moves forward.

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting/appointments - The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30pm.

Williams expressed interest in holding future meetings at shelters to get more feedback from individuals who are homeless. Sup. Wegleitner proposed making the idea a topic of discussion at a future meeting.

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Announcement – a Madison Mayoral Debate on Homeless Issues will be held on Monday, March 30th at 3pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, sponsored by the Homeless Services Consortium.

K. Adjourn

8:04 p.m.

Recorded by Casey Becker