



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

City-County Homeless Issues Committee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, March 2, 2020

6:30 PM

Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Room 206

JOINT MEETING WITH CITY OF MADISON PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE

A. Call To Order

Others present: Gideon Amoah (PSRC), Charles Myadze (PSRC), Allen Rickey (PSRC), Mary Anglim (PSRC), Brenda Konkel (PSRC), Amber McReynolds, Adriana Peguero, Casey Becker, Sarah Lim

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

Present 9 - Supervisor KRISTEN AUDET, KATHERINE KAMP, LINDA KETCHAM, DONNA MORELAND, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, MIKE TIERNEY, Supervisor HEIDI WEGLEITNER, ULYSSES WILLIAMS, and Supervisor SARAH BALDWIN

Excused 3 - VICTOR BANKS, KATHRYN (KAT) KOSKI, and DANIEL NALE

B. Consideration of Minutes

Minutes from meeting on Feb. 3, 2020 approved at previous meeting

Disclosures and Recusals

None.

C. Presentations

1. Summary of the Martin v. Boise case and potential implications for the City of Madison – City of Madison Attorney's Office

Assistant City Attorney McReynolds provided information about the Martin v. Boise case.

Applicability to the City of Madison:

- Only binding in the 9th circuit.
- No City of Madison ordinance violation is a criminal violations.
- City of Madison ordinances are not as sweeping as those of Boise. In Boise, they were broad, all sleeping at all times at all places were not permitted.

Assistant City Attorney Peguero reviewed the list of the City of Madison ordinances related to sleeping in public spaces and how many citations were issued in the last five years 2015-2019 for each ordinance.

Konkel stated that these ordinances are used to “move people along”. The accumulative effect is that there are very few legal places for people to be able to sleep without risking a ticket. Konkel also pointed out that people get tickets for other things than just sleeping, such as public urination, possession and consumption of alcohol, and trespassing. Having fines from citations is a significant barrier to obtaining housing.

D. Action Items

1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Summary of the Martin v. Boise case and potential implications for the City of Madison.

The Committee would like to see information on tickets issued to people who are likely experiencing homelessness. The Committee would like to invite Sankofa again to present on the homeless restorative justice program.

Both committees unanimously decided to come back for another joint meeting to have a follow up discussion.

E. Reports to Committee

None.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

CCHIC-April 6, 2020, 6:30pm; joint meeting schedule to be determined

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by KAMP, seconded by AUDET, to adjourn. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Lim and Casey Becker