

JUNEAU HOMELESS COALITION

Juneau Homeless Coalition Meeting Minutes - DRAFT December 20, 2012 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority

I. Roll Call/Introductions

Mandy O'Neal Cole called the meeting to order at 11:40AM.

II. Approval of Minutes

November 15, 2012

Sandi Kohtz made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes; seconded and the minutes were approved.

III. Action Items:

A. Approval of Project Homeless Connect Signage

Margaret O'Neal presented cost estimates from Alaska Litho and Commercial Signs and Printing and Jessy Post's recommendation for a banner and 36 12" high service signs which could be re-used. Ruth Danner moved that Jessy be given authorization to purchase signs at her discretion up to the low cost options on the two proposals – approximately \$1,300. Jorden Nigro seconded the motion and it was passed without objection. Laura Lucas suggested mock ups be made to ensure the signs were legible at the distance anticipated.

IV. Discussion Items:

A. 2012-2013 Priorities Follow-up

1. Affordable Housing Commission Meeting

a. Finalize future representation at AHC Meetings

Mandy said that she found the AHC meeting fascinating and would like to continue to attend as much as she can and would report back but that it would also be a good idea to have others there for a broader perspective. Ruth and Scott also frequently attend. There was no one appointed to attend the next AHC meeting.

b. Report from Mandy

Mandy reported on the AHC meeting held December 11. After the presentation of JEDC's 2012 Juneau Housing Needs Assessment, the AHC discussed how the CBJ would be responding to affordable housing shortages. She said Heather Marlow reported her group was waiting for direction from the CBJ Assembly. A working group, led by Mary Becker was attempting to define barriers to residential construction, perhaps to intervene directly in housing. Mandy said there was no talk of staffing at CBJ to address a housing plan, but staff was poised to work on it.

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Regarding the tentative January 8 Housing Summit that had been worked on by the working group, the latest info is they are not having it. They didn't get enough input from groups who were already working on affordable housing.

Mandy said the AHC's emphasis will be on writing a housing plan for Juneau with milestones for homelessness, accountability for implementation of the plan.

Ruth Danner and Scott Ciambor suggested a letter from the JHC to the Assembly to encourage the plan, ensure addresses homelessness let everyone know JHC expects a seat at the table so the plan will improve housing for all residents. Dan and Mandy will draft a letter and distribute it for comments.

Mandy plans to continue to follow the housing plan issue and will attend Assembly and AHC meetings.

c. Report from JEDC on 2012 Housing Needs Assessment

Margaret O'Neal from JEDC presented the key findings of the 2012 Juneau Housing Needs Assessment and answered questions from the group. She provided a handout and the link for the full report which is on JEDC's website.

<http://www.jedc.org/sites/default/files/2012%20Juneau%20Housing%20Needs%20Assessment%20v%2011%2020%2012.pdf>

B. Project Homeless Connect

Kiel reported planning for the event was going well. He encouraged folks to sign up as volunteers if they hadn't already. He said a planning team was needed for an event to release PHC numbers to promote awareness – possibly a lunch time event. He will send an email to the group about that.