



Hamilton

Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes

6pm

Tuesday February 6, 2018

Meeting room 264

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

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Present: Marie Raftis, Julia Verbitsky, Eileen Campbell, Thomas Mobley, Obaid Shah, Sandy Leyland, Elske de Visch Eybergen, Lance Dingman, Tyson Benn, Yim Chung, Michael Slusarenko, Councillor VanderBeek, Trevor Jaundoo

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Green, Chelsea MacDonald, Stephanie Greenaway, Councillor Collins

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes the agenda

(Leyland/Mobley)

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

Minutes from November 7, 2017 – approved
(Raftis/Shah)

CARRIED

4. Presentations

4.1 Tiny Houses Presentation – Social Planning and Research Council and Good Shepherd --- Emma Qubitt / Alan Whittle

Discussion re:

Pocket housing in Winnipeg inspired team to look at options – 8 suites – 210 feet.

Co-Housing community in Nashville – market rate – co-owned – co-operative main purpose for the community to share life

Discussion about Detroit Tiny House Community – difficult to replicate – works for Detroit due to land costs. Cost of construction in Hamilton and land prohibitive.

Proposing – Patterson Lane site – laneway – vacant piece of land had 8 houses on the property - City owned land

Suggestion to consider onsite laundry or plumbing in the units. Units are not electric heat – possible to connect to district heating plant. Air conditioning Investigating electricity paid by tenant or included in rent.

Zoning issues – building on lots not facing a street.

Donor financing – requesting the City to donate land – sustainable building – target rent – ODSP and OW ratio

(Leyland /Vanderbeek)

Motion: presentation to be received.

CARRIED

4.2 Point in Time Connection – Greg Tedesco, Housing Services

218 people housed through the Housing First program, the program stays with them to be able to report if they remain housed over a 24 month period. The 218 represents exceeding targets of those who were housed and go with a high retention rate of 92% for Housing First Programs

The Point in Time Count (now connection)- PiTC - began with the Housing 20,000 homes campaign by 2020. This initiative has pushed PiTC's to produce actionable components for programs.

Discussion about sustainability – sustainable is critical

The PiTC is a Surveying of individuals who are homeless and living in shelters, transitional housing or hidden homelessness.

The PiTC is April 22nd and 23rd, 2018, with results expected in May/June 2018.

This initiative is looking for volunteers and there will be online training for volunteers and Team Leads. The training will be centralized.

(Dingman/Leyland)

Motion: presentation to be received.

CARRIED

5. Discussion Items

5.1 Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee work plan – Working Group

Trevor and Marie reviewed 5 outcomes of the action plan -- focus on action 1 – increase housing – secondary units, Housing First – landlord / tenant relationship – idea – best practices for landlord / tenants / tenant’s rights / landlord rights

Different ways to entice developers and developer’s incentives. Need for flow chart re: funding and other ongoing initiatives, discussed other presentations.

James to provide Housing Services overview – operating and capital. Capital dollars from Federal funding. 50MM funding from City – 20MM going to new builds

Housing Services task force looking at affordable lands for housing.

Follow up meeting to be scheduled with the Working Group to further the conversation

6. Motions

That the Housing and Homeliness Advisory Committee recommends that Michael Cameron be removed as a member of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee due to his continuous absence including the last three meetings.

Tom Mobley / Marie Raftis

CARRIED

Rationale: Michael has not been attending meetings and staff can’t connect with him. Michael to be officially removed from the Advisory Committee as per motion.

That the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee strike a working group to plan a 2018 consultation event around the 5 year review of Housing and Homelessness Action Plan.

Leyland /Dingman

CARRIED

Single event to be planned. Motion to strike a working group to host an event passed, those interested in working group – Julia / Tom / Marie / Sandy/Yim/Michael

7. Notice of Motions

8. New Business General Information / Business

- March 6th agenda – Rising Star presentation – Lance presenting

Is there interest in tenants solidary network presentation - Elske de Visch Eybergen brought forward question. James to reach out to the group

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

That, there being no further business, the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:50pm.

CARRIED

(Sandy/Thomas)

Next meeting, March 6th, 2018
City Hall – Room 264 – 2nd Floor

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Verbitsky
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