

ACPD's Housing Working Group Meeting Notes

November 19th, 2024

Virtual Teams Meeting

10:00AM – 12:00PM

Members in Attendance: Paula Kilburn, Robert Westbrook, James Kemp

Members Absent: Benjamin Cullimore, Hargun Kaur, Lance Dingman

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of November 19th Agenda: Agenda was approved.

3. Approval of October 15th Meeting Notes: After a brief discussion on transitional housing and our next steps, the meeting notes were approved.

4. Review of Encampment Letter to Council: Chair read the letter as written so far for the HWG's review. Robert suggested the addition of local knowledge being leveraged by agencies already doing this work

like Good Shepherd and Helping Hands for example. We discussed encampments in general, supervised, sanctioned and otherwise and the challenges the face in becoming housed. We discussed the stigma of drug addiction and how it is being used as a pretense or excuse for harsh action. We discussed the erosion of social housing and the commodification of the housing market. We discussed mental health as well as RCFs and stagnant social assistance rates. We discussed the need for modification of the housing units being installed on the Barton and Tiffany Lands and those of the HATS program. Chair will finish the letter for ACPD based on these discussions and the previously made delegation.

5. Housing Guide Review: We discussed the upcoming housing guide review. Paula suggested we begin in the New Year. Chair gave Robert an overview of the Housing Guide so far. While the previous term reached chapter 8, it is best that we begin from scratch so the new term can weigh in on all issues. Previous term discovered that the guide is not as useful as it should be and we plan to begin anew.

6. Other Business: Robert asked Chair to attend the ACORN gala in order to meet with a member of the

Indwell board. Chair will purchase a ticket and attend as a member of ACPD.

7. Adjournment