



OFFICE OF MAYOR DONNA DEEGAN

HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 10, 2025

Time: 9:09 a.m. – 10:07 a.m.

Committee Members

PRESENT:

Dr. Megan Allyse
Rev Kate Moorehead Carroll
Commander James Ricks (Liaison)

Christopher Crothers
Jolita Wainwright

ABSENT:

Isaiah M. Oliver (Unexcused)
CM Jimmy Peluso (Liaison)
Jitan Kuverji (Excused)

Shantel Davis (Excused)
Capt. Jennifer Parramore (Liaison)

COJ Support Staff:

Kenny Logsdon
Shannon MacGillis

Neolita Maharaj

Guests Present:

Cindy Funkhouser, Sulzbacher
Kaylee Jones, COJ
Brian Snow, Sulzbacher
Brenda Boydston, Salvation Army

Carol Register, City Council
Karissa Lepley, Ability Housing
CM Ronald Salem

Meeting called to order by Dr. Megan Allyse, Acting Chair, at 9:09 a.m.

I. Approval of Board Minutes- for January 16, 2025, February 10, 2025, and Special Meeting for February 18, 2025, were deferred until the next Board meeting 14 April 2025.

II. JSO Updates- Commander J. Ricks reported the following homeless numbers: 673 warnings; 159 arrests; 47 Notice to Appear; and 179 Travelers (Homeward Bound). A total of \$33,836.36 was spent on this program since 10/1/2024.

J. Wainwright asked if the facility was wheelchair accessible and C. Crothers wanted to know if Downtown Vision funded Homeward Bound.

III. OGC Updates and Impact Legislation-S. MacGillis reported that there were no filed lawsuits regarding the homeless population in the City. C. Crothers inquired about lawsuit cases from other cities and, the Acting Chair, Dr. M. Allyse asked if there is any intent to file cases in the City.



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K. Logsdon informed the group that the RFP is in the final stages of approval from the Procurement Department. K. Jones said that the RFP may be available online within this week. Once posted online, it will be available for 3 (three) weeks or 21 (twenty-one) days, and there are another 14 (fourteen) days for scoring. K. Logsdon said that only City employees can score the RFP application.

IV. Public Comments

C. Funkhouser, Sulzbacher, spoke about the Urban Rest Stop and reported that the agency has secured full funding for JSO until October 1, 2025. She said that the Urban Rest Stop will not open if there is no JSO security. She said that for the past 5 (five) years, the agency received a flat rate of \$270,000 for security, but the agency needs an additional \$130,000 to cover JSO fees. In total, the agency needs \$400,000 total budget for JSO security for the Urban Rest Stop.

V. Unfinished Business-B. Boydston, Salvation Army, discussed reimbursements from City funding for \$38,000 on 40 transitional emergency beds and \$27,000 for renovations at the agency. The security issue seemed to be a concern for the Salvation Army as well.

VI. New Business-C. Crothers asked about potential draws on 2025-164 Special Contingency Budget and the HIC Budget.

CM R. Salem spoke about the great job and about the impact on homeless agencies and the HIC Committee. C. Crothers asked about funding resources for the second Urban Rest Stop.

The following is to be **added** to the next April 18, 2025, Special Meeting (Ed Ball Building, 1st Floor, Room, 1002):

- Approval of Minutes for January 16, 2025, February 10, 2025, (Board meeting) and Special Meeting for February 18, 2025.
- Sulzbacher to present on the Urban Rest Stop.
- A financial section and a representative to speak early on the agenda... (when does the finance year begin?)
- An update on the number of Proposals received.
- An update and Impact of Legislation.
- Results from the poll with reference to the best dates and times for Board and Special Meetings when the CM is available.
- Ask Chief Powers to talk about downtown Urban Rest Stops.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.



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CERTIFICATION

Homelessness Initiatives Commission
Board Meeting-10 March 2025

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