



OFFICE OF MAYOR DONNA DEEGAN

HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 16, 2025
2:00 – 3:30 PM

Committee Members

PRESENT:

Dr. Megan Allyse
Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll
Christopher Crothers
Shantel Davis

Jitan Kuverji
Isaiah Oliver
Jolita Wainwright
Asst. Chief James Ricks
Councilmember Peluso
Capt. Jennifer Parramore

COJ Staff Support:

Barbara Florio
Kenny Logsdon

Carla Lopera, OGC

Guests Present:

Monique Elton
Shannon Nazworth, Ability Housing
Ernest Smith III
Cindy Funkhouser
Brenda Boydston
Minerva Torres
Karis Lockhart

Vanessa Cullins Hopkins
Melissa Rompola
Deann Herring
Carol Register
Jake Gordon
Karissa Lepley
Chip Harper

Call Meeting to Order, Welcome

2:00 p.m. – Isaiah Oliver, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve November 21, 2024 Board Meeting minutes was made by Dr. Megan Allyse and seconded by Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve December 3, 2024 Special Meeting minutes was made by Dr. Megan Allyse and seconded by Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Capt. Jennifer Parramore updated the Commission on the current activity - 30 men and 22 female shelter beds have been filled. Challenge continues to be shortage of shelter beds. If placed, limited to 7 days in shelter beds. Finding there is a critical need for case management. Capt. Parramore responded to Commissioner Crothers about the staggering of placement in available beds – no current plans.

JSO – For this month JSO has warned 36 people; made 17 arrests; and issued 3 notice to appear citations. The partnership with JFRD has developed into good posture. Commend providers and JFRD. Multiple cases reached out to the providers, and they have stepped up. Asst. Chief Ricks answered Commissioner Allyse question, saying the length of stay in jail is one night. 80% of homeless are from out of town. They are working with Homeward Bound to help return them to their home state. Use JSO funds to fund this. Downtown Vision manages the work of this program.



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CERTIFICATION

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Homelessness Initiatives Commission

Approved by:

Jitan Kuverji, Secretary
Homelessness Initiatives Commission