



OFFICE OF MAYOR DONNA DEEGAN

HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES COMMISSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, 10 February 2025

Time: 9:02 a.m. – 10:29 a.m.

Committee Members

PRESENT:

Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll
Jitan Kuverji
Capt. Jennifer Parramore (Liaison)

Christopher Crothers
Jolita Wainwright
Asst. Chief James Ricks (Liaison)

ABSENT:

Dr. Megan Allyse (Excused)
Isaiah M. Oliver (Unexcused)

Shanel N. Davis (Excused)
CM Jimmy Peluso (Liaison)

COJ Support Staff:

Kenny Logsdon
Neolita Maharaj

Guests Present:

Dawn Gilman, Changing Homelessness
Cindy Funkhouser, Sulzbacher
Chip Harper, COJ
Minerva Torres, Salvation Army
Kaylee Jones, COJ

Brenda Boydston, The Salvation Army
Erika Hooper, Downtown Vision
Carol Register, COJ
Schnell Chin, COJ

Meeting called to order by Jitan Kuverji, Secretary, at 9:02. a.m.

Captain Parramore discussed the number of individuals served at Sulzbacher (40) and City Mission (26).

J. Wainwright asked Assistant Chief Ricks how many individuals were received from Downtown Vision staff.

Assistant Chief Ricks reported the following:

- Homeward Bound-30 were served in December 2024, and 40-43 served in January 2025.
- 593 Warnings.
- 19 Arrests.
- 38 Citations to appear.
- 40+ Calls about the homeless population going to the Library.

He said that Downtown's main concern is that the shelter is always full.



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C. Crothers asked if repeat offenders were getting assistance as well as how other cities are addressing this issue. This may be an ongoing question.

J. Wainwright questioned the absence of City Council Member J. Peluso and also requested the article in the *Florida Times Union* to be put on file.

J. Kuverji had a discussion to hold Board and Special Meetings on the same week.

Substantial discussion on the Request For Proposal (RFP). K. Logsdon reported that this is currently in the process of completion and K. Jones briefly discussed the progress of the tool (RFP). These were the RFP questions:

- When will the RFP be available for review?
- When will the rubric be published?
- What is the reason for the RFP delay?
- Who are the evaluations on the 4 step Matrix?
- Who is reviewing the rubric?

C. Crothers made the motion to adjust the numbering scores, seconded by Rev. K. Carroll. The motion was unanimously passed and amended the grading points to:

- Organizational Capacity- 30
- Prior Experience- 20
- Approach and methodology- 30
- Cost- 20
- Total: 100 points

The three identified evaluators are C. Crothers, S. Davis, and J. Kuverji. Further conversations on the RFP Matrix to be discussed at the next meeting, 2/18/2025. Friday, 2/14/25, meeting was moved.

C. Crothers invited Dawn Gilman from Changing Homelessness to discuss the recent impacts of Federal Funding to the organization. She discussed how her agency's operations were impacted from the Federal decisions with reference to the clients and services.

C. Crothers spoke about the vulnerability of non-for-profits with providing critical services and potential cash flow challenges.

C. Crothers made the motion to add the Impact of Federal Funding on future Agendas to add the impact of Federal Funding on the Agendas moving forward. The motion was unanimously passed.

The next Board Meeting (Public) is scheduled on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Ed Ball Building, 8th Floor, Room 851.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Neighborhoods Initiatives Commission
Meeting Minutes for 10 February 2025

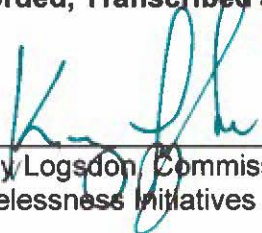


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CERTIFICATION

Homelessness Initiatives Commission
Board Meeting 10 February 2025

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Homelessness Initiatives Commission

Approved by:



Jitan Kaverji, Secretary
Homelessness Initiatives Commission