



## OFFICE OF MAYOR DONNA DEEGAN

### HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES COMMISSION

#### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, 12 May 2025**

**Time: 9:04 a.m. – 10:37 a.m.**

#### **Committee Members**

***PRESENT:***

Shantel Davis  
Jolita Wainwright

Dr. Megan Allyse  
Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll

#### **Committee Liaisons**

***PRESENT:***

Commander James Ricks  
CM Jimmy Peluso

Capt. Jennifer Parramore

***ABSENT:***

Christopher Crothers (Excused)

Jitan Kuverji (Excused)

#### **COJ Support Staff:**

Kenny Logsdon  
Shannon MacGillis (OGC)

Neolita Maharaj  
Kaylee Jones

#### **Guests Present:**

Dawn Gilman (Changing Homelessness)  
Dimitri Demopoulos (Urban Core CPAC)  
Kari Messer (Sulzbacher)  
Cindy Funkhouser (Sulzbacher)  
John H. Wyche (Community at Large)  
Malloy Tinhomme (Community at Large)  
Cheron Corbett Waller (Jacksonville Housing Authority)  
CM Ronald Salem (Unsigned)  
Sandy Simpson, COJ (Unsigned)

Carol Register, COJ  
Clarence Harper, COJ  
Monique Elton (Changing Homelessness)  
Earnest Smith (Urban Core)  
Tania Mechling (Community at Large)  
Dr. Joy Hervey (Genesis Ed Solutions)  
Brenda Boydston (Salvation Army)  
Annette Leslie-Burney, COJ (Unsigned)  
Tracye Polson, Mayor's Office (Unsigned)

**Board Meeting called to order by S. Davis (Chair) at 9:04 a.m.**

**Section I.-** approval of the following minutes: April 14, 2025. Moved by S. Davis, Second by M. Allyse, Voice vote: pass, unanimously.

**Section II.-** Update from Capt. J Parramore. Total served-110, 92 men and 18 women. Trinity Rescue Mission for women-18 beds, 1 available. Trinity Rescue Mission for men-26 beds, 0 available. City Rescue Mission for men-26 beds, 2 available. Salvation Army-40 beds, 3 available.



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Update from Commander J. Ricks. As of 5/12/2025, Camping Violations-869 Warnings; 238 Arrests; and 63 NTAs. Homeward Bound from January 2025 to 5/9/2025-182 Travelers/Cost \$33,335. From October 1, 2024 to Present (5/9/2025)-278 Travelers/cost \$50,685. Chief J. Ricks reported that it costs \$60 per day for a homeless individual, \$250 with intake and \$310-\$420 for 2 nights in jail.

Rev. K. Carroll asked if the City of Jacksonville paid the legal costs. S. MacGillis (OGC) reported that they are State costs, not the City. J. Wainwright inquired if there is assistance in place for the physically challenged (wheelchair bound) individuals. Chief J. Ricks said that the ADA cells can accommodate wheelchairs and if further assistance is required, they are transported to the University of Florida (Shands Hospital). J. Wainwright worried about the wheelchairs getting wet.

**Section III.**-S. MacGillis (OGC) reported that there were no filed litigations against the Homeless Legislation.

**Section IV.**- Consultant RFP. This was moved after the PowerPoint Presentations.

**Section V.**-Sulzbacher Presentation-The CEO, C. Funkhouser, provided a copy of the presentation to the Committee Members and Liaisons, staff, and other guests. These were the highlights of the Urban Rest Stop. Budget for 2024-2025-funded by COJ for \$270,000, True cost-\$400,000. Sulzbacher provides match with the cost of meals, all health and staff employment. Services-showers, bathrooms, mail service, storage facility (100 units), lunch and dinner 7 days per week /365 days per year, Goodwill Job Junction on site, Federally Qualified Health Center on Site (all medical and mental health services), and data entry for HUD CoC HMIS System for housing. Outcomes for 2024-532 people placed into Permanent Housing, 19,390 Clinic Visits, 6,713 unduplicated Patients seen, 348 Secured Employment, 382,790 Meals Served, 227 Military Veterans Served, 1,985 Outreach contacts made, 12,376 Hot Showers, and 347 Loads of Laundry.

Chief J. Ricks thanked the Sulzbacher staff for their overall leadership in this field. K. Messer (Sulzbacher) reported on trends via counts. There are four daily counts: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. She gave an example that in January 2025, there were 760 more individuals than the January 2024, at the 4:00 p.m. count.

Dr. M. Allyse queried about permanent staffing. C. Funkhouser stated that they have 75 health care staff and that they have representation from on hospitals on the Sulzbacher Board, as well active collaboration from Mental Health Resource Center. J. Wainwright wanted to know if there were any follow-up protocols for individuals placed in permanent housing. Sulzbacher staff reported that they have an 18-month follow-up system for placing individuals on permanent housing.

**Section VI.**-Changing Homelessness Presentation-The CEO, D. Gilman, provided a copy of the presentation to the Committee Members and Liaisons, staff, and other guests. These were the highlights of *People Count, 2025 Point-In-Time Report*. They reported that people who are experiencing homelessness are the (1) Chronic Homelessness (2) Veterans (3) Families with Children (4) over 55, and (6) youth/young adults who are 18-14 years old. The chronic homelessness population increased by 16% from 2024 to 2025. There was an active discussion for Veterans using point-in-time (PIT) vs by-name-list (BNL). In 2024 to 2025, the PIT number decreased by 48%, but the





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BNL showed an increase by 62%. It is documented that the BNL is a real-time record of every Veteran connected with services.

Chair S. Davis asked if this report is on their website, and D. Gilman confirmed. Both Chair S. Davis and Rev. K. Carroll suggested simplifying the data so that it would be less perplexing for others.

Rev. K. Carroll asked if there were mortality counts on the street. D. Gilman affirmed and said that there is a Homeless Memorial Day in the month of December.

J. Wainwright reported that there is an increase in the homeless population in Arlington, where they have numerous tents, and most of the time, the tents are empty. This makes it challenging for accurate individual counts since tents cannot replace individual counts.

**Section IV.-** Consultant RFP. A. Leslie-Burney and S. Simpson from the Procurement Division described the process. K. Jones (Housing and Community Development) is the staff leader in this process. Both staff will return on May 16, 2025, to attend the Special Meeting to discuss the cost analysis and the top three candidates. Chair S. Davis wants to know who the three candidates on May 16, 2025, are. Rev. K. Carroll made the motion to share the names of the top three contenders, second by Dr. M. Alleyne, and voice vote passed unanimously.

**Section VII.-**Public Comments. Chair S. Davis welcomed CM R. Salem and C. Corbett Waller, the newly appointed CEO of the Jacksonville Housing Authority (JHA). CM R. Salem spoke about allocation of funds for HIC. S. MacGillis reported that she will contact the Accounting Division for representation for the May 16, 2025, Special Meeting.

Public Comments 1- C. Waller, the newly appointed CEO of the Jacksonville Housing Authority, expressed her future collaboration between JHA and the Committee.

Public Comments 2- T. Mechling gave her personal and sensitive account of the new type of homelessness in the community.

Public Comments 3- E. Smith from Urban Core spoke very briefly about the allocation portion for HIC.

**Section VIII.-**Unfinished Business- Committee Board vacancy. S. MacGillis reported that May is the election month. K. Logsdon will provide the by-laws for Chair S. Davis.

**Section IX.-** New Business. No new business discussed.

**Meeting Adjourned-** Meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ed Ball Building.



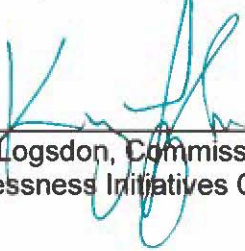
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**CERTIFICATION**

**Homelessness Initiatives Commission**  
**Board Meeting 12 May 2025**

**Recorded, Transcribed and Submitted by:**

  
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Kenny Logsdon, Commission Staff  
Homelessness Initiatives Commission

**Approved by:**

  
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Jitan Kuverji, Secretary  
Homelessness Initiatives Commission