

Community Commission on Housing and Homelessness  
December 18, 2019  
Police Department – Community Room  
3:00 p.m.

## Meeting Minutes

Commission member Alexis Ellis and Councilman Mark Aliff opened meeting at 3:00 p.m.

### Agenda Items:

#### 1) Work Group Updates

- A) Data Group: Eileen Dennis presented a draft of the metrics that will be put into the strategic plan in spring of 2020. The metrics will include both short and long term goals that the Commission can measure success by.
- B) Resource ID Group: informed the group that both Neighbor works and Health Solutions presented on their individual housing projects. Through this process, they are learning how they can inform the planning and zoning work group of bottlenecks in the development process. The intent is to get these projects developed faster than they would be with no intervention. CHFA will be presenting on Private Activity Bonds at their January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, and other Commission members are encouraged to attend.
- C) Rehab & Revitalization Group: work group met with Judge Ernst to determine why vacant properties are slow to work through the probate process in Pueblo. It was determined that the Public Administrator position that processes probate cases has been empty for two years. This group will continue to explore this topic and intends on making a recommendation to the BOCC in the upcoming months.
- D) Planning & Zoning Group: Intern secured for landscape template for multi-family housing designation. New zoning designation will remove multi-family housing from the commercial zoning designation.
- E) Community Education & Engagement: 1/13/2020 Kathy Cline will make a presentation to City Council on the Anti-Panhandling campaign and messaging.

- 2) Kathy Cline informed the commission that the temporary warming shelter has reached up to 96 homeless on colder nights. 27 women staying with most being elderly and disabled. 100 beds have arrived for the Rescue Mission remodel. Pre walk-thru today. Finally, able to get 4 in. fire line installed. Work starting very soon. Good progress. Projected opening date 1/17/20.

- 3) Explanation of Term Renewal Procedure: Tracey Sample explained procedure in place for new applicants and existing commission members. Seven current commission members have terms expiring on 12/31/19. Openings posted in newspaper. Applications due January 6, 2020. Mayor reviews applications for appointment. Current members that do not apply to renew their term will still be able to participate in the meetings but will no longer have voting rights. In the future, recruitment will be done in the fall for end of year term expirations.
- 4) Shelter for families with children is still an issue. At least 5 families/day turned away from Posada. Bramble Tree and Vista Inn are only hotels that will accept vouchers. There is no government funding for operation of family sheltering. Cost of housing 5 families = approx. \$5,000/mon or \$300,000/year.
- 5) Posada is looking for new location for office. Current location, 111 N. Union, is not ADA accessible. Could lose funding. Needs space for 4 staff members around 1,500 sq. ft.

Brief discussion about the use of the cottages at the old El Pueblo Boys Ranch (Health Solutions) for temporary housing. Some neighbors adamantly opposed.

Mobile showers have not received any pushback from citizens.

UC Health nurses provided Rescue Mission sleeping bags made of surgical blankets. Police Dept and Fire Department will receive some of them.

Officer Burns and Eileen Dennis are working on a PPD Resource list. Teah Miller will help with a list she currently has. List will be living document online for first responders to access.

Alexis Ellis discussed the survey that was e-mailed. 146 responses as of today. Will be part of 2020 Housing Study.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

*Tracey Sample*  
Recording Secretary