

Community Commission on Housing and Homelessness

February 19, 2020

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Police Department – Community Room

3 PM

Meeting Minutes

General Update – Alexis Ellis – Tracy Sample back – New Commission members will be announced soon.

**Agenda Items**

- 1) Work Group updates
  - a) Data Group – Eileen Dennis – Strategic Plan should be
  - b) Resource Identification Group – Teah Miller/Christine Zeitvogel – February meeting Canceled – looking at funding for this year
  - c) Rehab and Revitalization Group – Richard Burns/Galen Beaver – looking at document provided by Bryan for decision on Plan goals going forward
  - d) Planning and Zoning Group – Chelsea Stromberg – 1<sup>st</sup> draft of new Housing Code was critiqued
  - e) Community Education and Engagement – Kathy Cline/Sara Rose – Asking City and County for \$8050.00 each for the Pan Handling Campaign – School contest is in planning phase
- 2) Shelter open – 3 weeks ago, have had some challenges with those who were not appropriate to be there – 1 person got job after 2 weeks – 2 have been enrolled at PCC – Meal preparation is also a challenge, but all is working out. Trying to get everyone a bunk but we still need the warming shelter space as well. Open 24/7 now. Needs? Money and food. Thanks for everything!! What programs are planned case management – AA meeting – having other agencies on site, we are moving forward over the next time. Target March 1<sup>st</sup>. Is there housing for them to get into? Coordinated entry is the process that will be used to move them to housing. General discussion about increasing # of homes available and challenges. Other partners will be having units available over the next couple of years. What some of the challenges for landlords to accept vouchers. Councilman Aliff discussed possibility of partnering with developers to expanding # of homes. Discussion of both public and private \$ to make this happen. City is looking presently how to allow a tiny home concept being developed. Seattle model was suggested to investigate.
- 3) March 3<sup>rd</sup> permanent affordable housing presentation
- 4) HMIS (continuum of care) piloting coordinated entry in Pueblo starting Friday 2/21/20 – for tracking up and down the I-25 corridor – no fees are being charged now for all agencies that want to be involved
- 5) Multi-family availability must be investigated/ 75 units at \$14 million/year is needed.
- 6) Ann Ladd LCSW, PHD – Youth and Chronically Homeless - presentation

PCC and CSU-P students struggling with homelessness

Working at both ends of the problem Youth and Chronic Homeless – utilizing youth to work with the chronic homeless. We have a work force problem and a gang problem that this program

could address. Data – cost of homeless (comment – POSADA does have a program now that is similar) H.O.P.E. Heart of Pueblo Engaged

Ask of group – looking for those who want to make this happen. Help change the community attitude.

- 7) Volunteers of America office move. 627 Main Street
- 8) NPR interview focused on affordable housing – Alexie, Ruth Nerenberg, Ashleigh Winans have been interviewed – also interviewed homeless woman that has been a real success story.
- 9) Introduction of
- 10) Outreach to homeless, March 11<sup>th</sup> weather allowing.
- 11) End 4:07

Eileen Dennis (in Tracey Sample's absence)