

Commission on Homelessness for Volusia and Flagler Counties
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 11, 2016

Public Health Department, 1845 Holsonback Dr., Daytona Beach, Room: 516A

Attendees: Sam Willett, Jeff White, Victoria Brown-Searle, Anthony Woods, Bob Williams, Carl Falconer, Fire Chief Dru Driscoll, Edward Davis, Jr., Janet Hamer, Jim Cameron, Mark Geallis, Ray Salazar, Robin King (by phone), Shannon McLeish (by phone), Sgt. S. Schlieper, Susan Clark, Michael Cornell for Tony Deobil; **Absent:** Dr. Maria Barbosa, Amanda Nixon, Carmen Hall, Candice Wilkie, Dave Beck, Pastor Douglas Hautz, James Rose, Michael C. Boyd, Sgt. Michael Lutz; **Public in attendance:** Carol Raymond, Carol P., Big John, Linda Smiley, Tom Bonarrigo, Sharon Warriner, Ken Strickland, Thomas Rebman, Brad Carter, Mike Pastore

I. Call to Order- Sam Willett, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Sam Willett explained the purpose of the emergency meeting to the attendees.

II. Discuss Opinion Letter

Sam Willett presented the draft opinion letter to the Board for discussion. He stated the letter will not be sent out until it is approved. Mr. Willett read the letter aloud, a discussion ensued and several revisions were made. A motion was made to move forward with the letter with stated revisions by Sgt. S. Schlieper and seconded by Edward Davis, Jr. Motion carried with 14 yays, 2 nays, and 1 abstained from voting.

III. Discuss Strategy for Short Term Emergency Shelter Solutions

A discussion took place on a short term emergency shelter solution. Sam Willett suggested the language state "access to a populated area", after much discussion, a motion was made to support as a preference for an emergency shelter location within accessible/reasonable walking distance of services by Edward David, Jr. and seconded by Ray Salazar. Motion carried with 14 yays, 2 nays, and 1 abstained from voting.

A motion was made to add long term resolutions to the agenda by Michael Cornell and seconded by Carl Falconer. Motion carried. Sam Willett presented the following resolutions to the Board for discussion and approval:

- COH supports a Housing First approach that employs both rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing. An integral part of this housing approach is to provide appropriate case management. A motion was made to support the housing first approach by Michael Cornell and seconded by Carl Falconer. Motion carried.
- The COH supports a strategy that prioritizes solutions for the chronically homeless. A motion was made to prioritize solutions and end chronic

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homelessness by 2017 by Carl Falconer and seconded by Susan Clark. Motion carried.

- The COH supports a locally developed adaptation of the “Opening Doors” document created by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. A motion was made to support the “Opening Doors” document by Susan Clark and seconded by Ray Salazar. Motion carried.
- The COH supports the efforts of the City of DeLand and the Neighborhood Center to expand emergency shelter capacity within the City of DeLand. A motion was made to support the efforts of the emergency shelter expansion, the City of DeLand and Hop Place at Hurst Elementary by Ray Salazar and seconded by Susan Clark. Motion carried.

IV. Public Comments

COMMENT: I'm happy with everything. If you put the shelter outside of city area, it won't help. It didn't help Pensacola. I withdraw as Vice-Chair. I don't agree with the Armory location.

COMMENT: There is a lack of integrity. The CoH has great leadership. If you don't agree with others, they will make the issues worse. You need to move those people who are sabotaging the situation out.

COMMENT: I appreciate the body trying to stay relevant. Attendee read text message. I had Pam Woods on the radio to talk about the safe zone. There is no compassion on the city level. The shelter is out of the way.

QUESTION: How many Board of Directors are there?

ANSWER: A minimum of 25, but there are 28 currently.

QUESTION: Do you have a legal advisor?

ANSWER: No

QUESTION: Do you have insurance?

ANSWER: Yes

COMMENT: People want help and guidance. About the meeting with Halifax, what do we do if there is a hurricane?

Question: Has the CoH heard about the new safe zone? Board of Directors recommend to close safe zone?

ANSWER: The CoH Board of Directors did not make a recommendation for the safe zone.

V. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Minutes prepared by: Victoria Brown-Searle

CoH Chair: _____

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