

AD HOC HOMELESSNESS STEERING COMMITTEE
*January 28, 2013, 4-6 p.m. in the Siskiyou Room of the Community Development
building*

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes from 1/09/13
3. Sub-Committee Reports:
 - a. Winter Shelter –**New Shelter Update**
 - b. Veteran’s Court sub-committee report/update
 - c. Car Park
 - d. Showers
4. Quarterly Report Discussion Update (City Council Meeting Feb. 19)
5. Senior Center Resolution Review and Discussion
6. Announcements/Public Comments
7. Adjourn

“True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it is not haphazard and superficial. It comes to see that an edifice that produces beggars needs restructuring.”

Martin Luther King, Jr., civil-rights leader (1929-1968)

Draft Minutes
January 09, 2013
Ad-Hoc Homelessness Steering Committee
Ashland Library
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

Ayars, Parker, O'Bryon, Hopkins-Powell, Sohl, Rohde, Lewis, Morris (Council liaison)
Reid (Staff)

Absent

Saldana

Guests

Corrienne Matthews, Wendy Eppinger, John Wieczorek

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

Hopkins-Powell called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Minutes

Rohde/Parkers m/s to approve the minutes, Voice Vote-Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Sub-Committee Reports:

a. Winter Shelter report/update

The Council voted to open a weekly winter shelter on Thursday nights at pioneer hall in partnership with the Universal Unitarian Church and Temple Emek Shalom. No dogs will be allowed for liability reasons. Parker reported that five people have gone through the background check and are ready to volunteer at Pioneer Hall. The volunteer training will be taking place tonight. Parker stated that City Staff and especially Lee Tuneberg have really helped to expedite the process to get the shelter open so quickly. Audience member John Wieczorek stated that he felt that the HSC inviting the faith community to their meetings helped to open a dialog about the need for shelters. Rohde and Lewis felt that there should be a follow up story about the shelter. Hopkins-Powell offered to take that on. Some concern was expressed about minors who may show up at the shelter. Audience Member Corrienne Matthews stated that generally there are beds available at Hearts With a Mission (HWAM), the shelter for homeless youth located in Medford, and that if someone needed transportation to HWAM she could provide that. Hopkins-Powell reported that Trinity has hosted 58 guests since opening weekly on thanksgiving week. During that time 39 of the guests have been different each time and one individual has utilized the Wednesday night shelter every week. Trinity has not compared the shelter list with that of the Presbyterian Church.

b. Veteran's Court sub-committee report/update

Lewis and O'Bryon have coordinated with Paul Skinner from the VA and Councilor Lemhouse to take a field trip to Klamath on January 29th.

c. Car Park report/update

Due to all of the activity around the additional shelter night there have been no new developments on the overnight parking program. Parker suggested that the sub-committee members take a field trip to Eugene to meet with the St. Vincent program staff, to see what they are doing. Parker suggested that any sub-committee members who

were interested in taking a field trip should e-mail her any potential dates that they would be available.

- d. Showers report/update
No new update.

Agenda Item #4 Quarterly Report Discussion

A HSC update is on the Council Regular Meeting Agenda for February 19th. Reid will find out if the Council expects a written or verbal update. The HSC members agreed that the report should provide an update on the Vet. Court and on the winter shelter efforts as well as touching on the three focus areas; overnight camping program, showers, and additional shelter resources.

*Additional agenda items:

Council liaison Morris provided an update on the RFP for a resource center. Councilor Voisin asked to have a discussion about the RFP put on the Study session agenda for January 14th. Rohde asked if anyone would want to lobby for the continuation of the group. Hopkins-Powell stated that she didn't feel that the committee needed to continue, but that the committee should use the time they have left to accomplish as much as possible. Reid mentioned that the City also offers social service grants which could be used for a resource center. Parker felt that there were not any non-profits who could or would run a resource center at this time. Lewis felt that the location is as much of a stumbling block as the non-profit. Sohl wondered if the Parks Department could take on a resource center. It would be similar to the senior program and the youth program that they already have. Councilor Morris stated that a proposal like that would likely need to be approved through the Parks Commission then the Council. Reid will research the establishment of the senior center. Sohl stated that she felt confident that as a City we could figure it out.

Agenda Item #5: Announcements/Public Comments

None

Adjourn-5:45

Next meeting: January 28, 2013 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Siskiyou Room of the Community Development Building-51 Winburn Way

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Reid, Housing Program Specialist

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE "ASHLAND SENIOR FORUM" AND A CITY-FUNDED ASHLAND SENIOR CENTER TO BE LOCATED AT 59 WINBURN WAY, ASHLAND

WHEREAS, the City of Ashland has heretofore sponsored a Senior Citizens Center in cooperation with the Rogue Valley Council on Aging (RVCA); and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has withdrawn financial assistance for RVCA as well as other social service programs in Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to continue the operation of the Senior Center for the benefit of the senior citizens of Ashland, and to establish an ad hoc committee to oversee the activities and needs of the center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND:

Section 1. That a committee to be known as the Ashland Senior Forum be appointed by the Mayor. Its membership shall be made up of representatives of all Ashland organizations which are concerned with helping senior citizens. Each interest organization shall be permitted to have one representative on the Senior Forum Board and may nominate one of its members for appointment by the Mayor. In addition the Mayor shall appoint three members of the City Council to serve on this Senior Forum Board.

Section 2. The Senior Forum shall meet at least once monthly and shall be responsible for integrating and coordinating all activities for the elderly that are available through various organizations. The Senior Forum shall attempt to determine other unmet needs of Ashland's elderly citizens and find ways of meeting these needs. The Senior Forum shall also make every effort for finding those elderly citizens in the community who need assistance and provide them with information as to where they can obtain assistance in meeting their needs. Minutes of each Senior Forum meeting shall be kept and submitted to the City Council within two weeks following each meeting of the Forum.

Section 3. From among the membership of the Ashland Senior Forum the Mayor shall appoint a five-member Executive Committee, two of which shall be City Council members. From this five-member Executive Committee the Mayor shall appoint one member to serve as Chairman of the Forum, one to serve as Vice-Chairman, and one to serve as Secretary. The Executive Committee shall meet as often as needed to carry out the policies established by the Ashland Senior Forum. One of the first responsibilities of the Executive Committee shall be to work with the Director of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging in determining the qualifications to be considered in the selection and employment of a part-time director of the Ashland Senior Center. This director shall thereafter be responsible to the Executive Committee.

Section 4. That the office and Community Center at 59 Winburn Way continue as the facility for the Ashland Senior Center, under the supervision of a part-time director who shall be a city employee. Such part-time director shall work closely with the Director of Parks & Recreation.

Section 5. That a contract be secured with the Rogue Valley Council on Aging setting forth the responsibilities of the City and the RVCA in the operation and services offered by the Ashland Senior Center, and the relationship to and responsibilities of the part-time director.

Section 6. That for 1973-74, an amount of \$3,000 be transferred from the General Fund operating contingency to the Parks & Recreation Fund-Recreation Division to be distributed as follows:

Personal Services

Salaries	\$ 2,000
Employee Benefits	200
Total Personal Services	<u>\$ 2,200</u>

Materials & Services

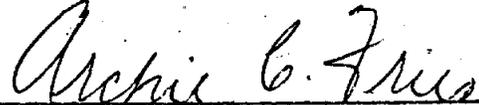
Vehicle Maintenance Fuel	\$ 360
Supplies & Expense	440
Total Materials & Services	<u>\$ 800</u>

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$3,000

PASSED and ADOPTED this 21st day of August, 1973



Joseph M. Butler
City Recorder



Archie C. Fries
Mayor