

Minutes  
April 30, 2012  
Ad hoc Homelessness Steering Committee  
Ashland Library  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

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

Absent

Saldana

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

Parker called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Minutes

Rohde/Hopkins-Powell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Voice Vote-Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Update on adding new members

Parker met with the Mayor and they have been going through the list of potential new committee members. Some of those that have been contacted have declined, some are undecided. There were several audience members in attendance who have submitted or are considering submitting letters of interest regarding serving on the Sub-Committee to the Mayor. The process includes a letter of interest to the Mayor and filling out an application through the City Recorders office (the application can be found at: <http://www.ashland.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=9128> ) Currently the City Recorder's office does not have the vacancies on the Ad-Hoc Steering Committee listed on the website.

Agenda Item #4: Discussion items for Joint Study Session with city council

Parker stated that she spoke with City Administrator David Kanner, who was looking at the June 4<sup>th</sup> date to hold the joint Homeless Steering Committee/City Council study session.

HSC members discussed what questions they would like to ask. Parker will forward those questions to the Mayor and the City Administrator.

Agenda Item #5: Sub-Committee Updates

- a.) **Community Forum** (Rohde/O'Bryon): The education sub-committee will work with Seles to determine whether the HSC should sponsor a community forum or not. The sub-committee will be updated at the following meeting.
- b.) **Outreach to Faith Community**: This effort was discussed at length and it was suggested that the committee members e-mail Parker any questions that they would like to be asked of the Faith Community. How that effort will move forward was not decided at this time but will be a discussion topic at the next meeting.
- c.) **Exclusionary Zone/"Time Out" recommendations** (Connie/Laura): O'Bryon and Saldana met with Chief Holderness to discuss the new ordinance. O'Bryon was able to give the committee members an overview of the how the ordinance would work. (see summary attached) A discussion ensued and it was decided that the committee members would prefer to spend their time and energy developing resources and solutions to assist homeless populations and those at risk of homelessness rather than

looking at altering the exclusion zone, which most members see as a law enforcement function.

- d.) **Day-Use Center Ideas:** Committee members are still working on this but have no update at this time.

Public Comments

Announcements

Adjourn

Next meeting: May 09, 2012 4:00-6:00 P.M.

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Respectfully Submitted by Linda Reid, Housing Program specialist