

Homelessness Task Force
Oct 5.2022

Public Safety Building and ZOOM

Minutes

- 1) Called to order 7 PM
- 2) Present : Loren Polk, Chip Castle, Stephen Finner, Ericka Reil, Philip Moros
Brook Pouliot
Absent Tammy Menard
Guests Joe Mueller, Amanda Carlson, Joe Reil, and Mike Deering
- 3) Adjustments to agenda
ARPA funding
- 4) Update from other task forces none.
- 5) Warming Shelter at Aldrich Library in Milne Room.
A motion was made to sponson a request to use ARPA monies to fund a warming shelter at the Library.
Discusion: Other venues considered—-Rainbow Bridge and Churches. Accessibility and availability concerns were voiced.
Motion carried.
- 6) Joe Reil did a presentation on a Modernization Housing Grant. It would adjust zoning to encourage affordable housing. An adjustment in zoning could affect where homeless shelters can go.
- 7) Amanda Carlson did a presentation on public transportation. A new service will begin in January 2023 to enhance the public transportation. Its goal is to make public transportation more available. It would be a prebook service and try to fill gaps in the public transportation now available.
- 8) Winter Sheltering

Currently there are no warming shelters or overnight shelters in Montpelier. A space has been offered by one of the churches. Staffing is the issue. Samaritan Haven and Another Way have offered to train personnel. Unfortunately, there is no one to train.
- 8) Ericka will work on a meal calendar.
- 9) Loren felt one of our priorities should be to make sure services are handled equally.
Stressing unhoused people are part of our community.

Adjourn 8 Pm

Respectfully,

Philip Moros

