

## TASK FORCE

Homelessness task force

DATE 12/06/23

## LOCATION

Zoom only

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Erica Reil, Chip Castle, Miriam Ben-Dor, Jeremy Spiro-Winn, Joe Mueller, Stephen Finner and Philip Moros

## MEMBERS ABSENT

## OTHER ATTENDEES

Staff Liaison Brooke Pouliot, Samatha Hiscock Tess Taylor Housing and Homelessness Liasion, Rebecca Baruzzi Barre City School

### 1. Call to order.

Call to order 7:01 PM

### 2) Adjustments to Agenda

Teresa Woods was invited to attend the meeting to report on state actions per H171 She was given short notice and there was no response.

Stephen will give VIA update re: housing actions

### 3) Public Comment

none

### 4. Approval of minutes from the previous meetings

no minutes

### 5. New agenda items:

- a. Survey suggestions from last meeting

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- a. Survey suggestions from last meeting—interaction between police and housing insecure.

Jeremy will contact Barre Up. They have done some data collection. The survey will be designed to capture and include data that can be quantified. Broadly the idea is to address how people are being treated by police and collect number of interactions and how was the interaction. Stephen suggested Jeremy develop a survey. There was some of whom to survey and where to survey. Should we only survey people who are not using the shelters? Should we start with the shelters and broaden the scope. It is felt each group may have a different set of concerns.

Chip will start the survey by asking the homeless how they are being treated by police. Miriam hand out surveys at the various shelters and evening meals. Develop a survey. Safe streets barre facebook page. are resident chat put a survey on Churches. Chip feels the survey should apply only to people who are not using the shelters people who are using the shelters may have issues. Miriam make surveys available at the shelters and evening meals. Jeremy will send out questions we will review them and clear it with chief. See attached. The survey should be repeated and include a question about unmet needs. Preliminary survey questions were sent out.

- b. updates from overflow in Montpelier

Miriam and Erika  
Shelter is full every night

- c. updates about warming shelter in Barre

Library is not interested in hosting a warming shelter this year. There were complaints about cleanliness and safety. The city did allocate money (6000.00) Churches are not interested it. But that may change. Overall the ask need to be more focused. Tess Taylor Homelessness and Housing Liaison suggested we have criteria for a warming shelter. Space ,size, staffing. This is an in between place where people can be warm waiting for other things to be available. Ericka and Miriam will write up a proposal for the warming shelter to include space requirement/staffing/liability issue. Churches might contribute monies. They did in 2022.

## ACTION ITEMS

## MOTIONS

The Homelessness task force write a proposal for a warming shelter.

Moved By Stephen

Seconded by Chip

## RESULT

passed

d. conversations about portlets

The funding for the portlets from the state is gone.

Stephen motion:

Chair and Vice chair appear at next city council meeting asking that 5 portlets be placed and maintained around the city.

2nd Jeremy

unanimous.

e. updates from other committees

New DCF commissioner best case scenario 500 unhoused people.

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Adjournment 8

PM.

6 Next meeting

Jan 3rd.

Respectfully,

Philip Moros