



Rochesterians Engaging in Action for the Chronically Homeless

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Minutes July 2, 2018

Welcome, Introductions

We welcomed several new people to our REACH meeting today. Eleanor Coleman who works with OACES teaching refugees and is a placement specialist for a youth build program, Jason Fisher, a new employee with McCollaborative, an addiction counselor hired to do outreach and Tracey Coleman who is interested in the plight of the homeless.

The minutes from June 18 and the agenda for July 2 were approved.

Reflection

- Thank you, Oscar for the silent reflection time concerning REACH and our future together. Also the reminder of our results this past year ; Approximately 170 residents and 40% permanently housed.
- Next meeting Reflection: Dan.

Financial Report

- No official report today
- Security deposits paid by HoM owed in the amount of \$5150.00
- RG&E: may still owe money-will know by the end of the month
- Approximate balance of \$12,000 in FLACE account.

Board Development

Peter

- Becoming a board driven organization will expand our opportunities but is quite different from what we have done in the past. Mary Hadley currently from Causewave is offering a plan to prepare the board with a reduction in cost to about \$900. Some of the parts of her proposal such as phase one and two are completed, but phase three is needed. REACH needs to have a conversation with Causewave about their proposed plan and discuss modifications.
- Motion to authorize expenditure of up to \$950 to hire Causewave with 2 -3 people from REACH meeting with Mary or other Causewave staff to modify the plan. The motion passed.
- Dan, Andy, Peter, Heide or Jeanette will meet with Mary and Causewave staff.

REACH Board Selection Committee

Dan

- Current elected board members: Andy, Peter, Dan, Kevin, Jeanette, Heide, Lulu
- One outside board position still available, contacting people
- Draft bylaws should be resent to all, need some editing first.

St. Paul Street Tiny Home Project

Dan/Peter/Andy

- A meeting was held with Nana, an Associate Professor at RIT who has agreed to have his students work on a design for a tiny home village for REACH this fall and winter semesters
- Meeting tonight at 7:00 with Pastor Santos and some others from his congregation
- City has potentially authorized a vacant lot to PICO for a tiny home location



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- If the St. Paul building falls through we will need to find another building, but it has to be more of a permanent, transitional shelter in order to be approved by the State
- It will take several or up to ten years to build our Tiny Home Village due to all the steps needed according to a person Peter spoke with who has been through the process.

PATHS@West Main

John

- Partners Advocating Tiny Home Systems at West Main
- John spoke about his plan to address the issue of truly affordable housing
- Need a place that provides support services, a housing village and provides construction of tiny homes done by the residents
- Looking at West Main where many services are already located
- Concentration of factory buildings, a railroad line, empty space
- Can educate residents/youth being released from incarceration on how to build homes
- Large parking lot where village sites could be located
- John contacting people to help move this dream forward
- Let John know if you are interested in working on this.

o They meet Tuesday's at 9:00am at the 1872 Café on West Main

Announcements

All

- Ideas for September Newsletter
- St Stephens working with Providence Housing to purchase homes in their area for transitional housing

Next Meeting: July 16, 2pm at REACH House

Reflection: Dan

Agenda: