



Rochesterians Engaging in Action for the Chronically Homeless

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Agenda July 30, 2018

Reflection was led by Jeanette Creighton who offered a prayer for the Homeless. The reflection for the next meeting will be led by Mike VanAlst.

Minutes and Agenda were approved.

Financial Report. In the absence of Dave, Peter reported that there was no change from the last meeting and Andy reported that REACH is up-to-date with payments to MC Collaborative and the House of Mercy.

Board Creation Development.

- There will be a meeting with Causewave, August 14, 11:30 a.m. to assist us in the move toward becoming a board run incorporated not-for-profit organization. Andy, Dan, Heide, Jeanette, & Peter will attend.
- Marg raised the question of the current Nomination Committee's work. The Committee had been charged with identifying potential community board members and were assured that their good work will not be ignored, but it was agreed that we should not make any actual invitations until we are clear about what REACH's expectations of Board members will be. We are looking to Causewave to assist us here.

St. Paul St Tiny Home Village

- Peter reported that at this moment Pastor Santos has not been returning any phone calls or emails. Not sure whether this is because of long vacation or a lack of interest.
- We determined that we need to anticipate a possible downsizing of the project, but at the same time we are aware that there is a possibility for us to acquire one, or even two, houses on Ave A which could serve both as a permanent address for REACH and offer support and shelter services.
- We agreed to keep Nana-Yaw Andoh, our architectural consultant of these and all developments.
- Andy meeting with councilman Patterson.
- A meeting is being planned for information sharing by the City of Rochester Housing/Zoning staff. The following Team members wish to participate: Jeanette, Andy, Dan, John, Oscar, Peter. We proposed the following dates that we could meet with the city: Aug 13,15,17 at 10a.m.
- John reported that a University of Brockport team will be helping with a clean-up of the vacant lot on August 25 & 27, with some final work being done on or around October 6 when the City celebrates RAFT week—Restoring A Forgotten Terrain. John is pleased that this effort will provide good will to the neighborhood. Marg said that Scantron will want to be involved.
- John agreed to take some photos and write a piece for our September Newsletter.

City Sanctioned Tent Area

- Reports on City's plan to create a sanction tent encampment to be managed by and the creation of a not-for-profit group. Discussion was held concerning REACH's role. We agreed that we

wanted to be at the table but that we need to wait and see just what the details of the plan includes. We will continue to monitor.

- Closing date of the current encampment has been scheduled for September 1

Reach Home 2018

- In the light of the earlier discussion concerning houses on Ave 5 several members of REACH will survey the properties and assess the potential for a shelter. We asked Dan and John to take the lead in this. Team members Oscar, Lulu, Marj and Jeanette would like to be a part of this if available, Andy will be in the back drop.
- We continue to acknowledge the potential of returning to N. Union Street if we do decide to open a shelter
- Andy is monitoring the new regulations that are coming from the State and how the County will choose to implement them.

REACH Phase 3

- John gave us an update of both the proposal and more details about the extent of the brownfield involved. He will continue to monitor and develop relationships with significant people both in the neighborhood and in the city.

Tiny Home Collaboration

- Peter reported that PCHO will host a meeting on August 6 to explore the potential for collaboration on Tiny Home projects. Peter and John have been to two earlier meetings and reported that at this stage it did not feel very collaborative.
- Peter will attend on August 6 and report back.

The next REACH Team meeting will be on Aug 20th.

Respectfully submitted by

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