

BROWARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ad Hoc Central Action Committee

June 15, 2018

MINUTES

Time Called to Order: 10:05am

Time Adjourned: 10:57am

Location: Government Center Room-318

Minutes by: Ebony Dorcelus

Members Present: **Robin Martin**, Chair Advocate for the Homeless; **Jeri Pryor**, City of Fort Lauderdale; **Curtis Walker** TaskForce; **Steve Werthman**, Hope South Florida; **Debbie Perry**, Henderson Behavioral Health

Members Absent: **Tom Campbell**, Broward Partnerships for the Homeless

Guests Present: **Desire' Hill**, Broward Partnerships for the Homeless; **Curtis Walker**; The TaskForce

Staff Present: **Ebony Dorcelus**, Homeless Initiative Partnership; **Susan Batchelder**, Homeless Initiative Partnership

Welcome & Introductions: Meeting was called to order by Chair Robin Martin who began with introductions.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes for April 20, 2018.
Motion: Jeri Pryor
Second: Robin Martin
Result: Minutes were approved as written.

New Business: **Purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee**

Chair begin with discussion on attendance barrier for the Ad Hoc Committee.

Committee begin to discuss the recommended priorities.

1. Insufficient Day Respite Center Availability.

This item has been added to the agenda of the Bertha Henry County Housing Workgroup and Business Community has added this item to their agenda. During the breakout group when the Day Respite topic came up, S. Werthman asked L. Gallardo if the option of 30 beds, no showers, no lockers at the Salvation Army for \$200,000 a year was still open, and she replied, yes. This option can be implemented now.

In coordination with the efforts of the Day Respite topic brought the committee to pose Stranhan Park.

Vice Mayor Sorenson eluded to an ongoing search by the city for "permanent day shelter" sites, where there will be on site lockers, showers.

A request was made at the Housing Workgroup Homeless Encampment Abatement Policy be shared with the members who were working on item 1. There was a motion made to recommend to the HIP board that a hot weather shelter be established.

Debbie will be putting together something in writing for Michael regarding some research of other cities that are doing hot weather shelters.

Group Remarks and Discussion: How do we best address the encampments in the downtown library? When will there be a proposal presented from the Salvation Army? Why is this committee still meeting?

Motion: The urgency to support the concept of a temporary day shelter at the Salvation Army, and that the county staff explores funding between the county, the city, and the business community to operate the temporary shelter for one year. Also, in the process, seek to find a permanent full-service day shelter.

Second: Debbie Perry

Discussion: Without Salvation Army being at the table, how can the discussion move forward without a fair process? Also, ensuring that the Ad Hoc Central Action committee is not duplicating efforts from the other committees as in the business committee, housing committee, and Bertha's committee.

-Have the documents that have been referenced from this committee been presented to Bertha Henry and her team? (The Homeless Encampment Abatement Policy, the Respite Center, and the Personal Property Storage paper that came from the Ad Hoc Central Action committee.

Result: Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Lack of Personal Property Storage area/services**
3. **Establishment of an Advisory Group of Business and Faith Based individuals, organizations and companies.**
 - A Business and Faith based Advisory group has been established within the community, and the committee considers it a success.
4. **Increased access to A). Restrooms and B). Showers**
 - There are two organizations that are providing showers.
5. **Reduce/Eliminate Enforcement of No Trespass Ordinances and tagging of personal properties.**
6. **Adopt clear position supporting constructive alternatives to criminalization of homelessness.**
 - Committee has been formed to specifically address this item. Criminalization Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee formed by Senator Nan Rich.
7. **Increased coordination of Food Sharing**
 - Communication Group – used items that were in the Homeless Encampment Abatement Policy Recommendations to not sanctioning any feedings at the encampments and encouraging them to get connected and coordinate with the Faith based site.
 - There is another church in the community that will like to host feedings on their site.

Good of the Order:

**Adjournment &
Next Meeting:**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:07am; next meeting will be held on *August 17, 2018*.