MINUTES: Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee
Approved Sept 10, 2009

Thursday, June 11, 2009 - 2:00 to 4:00pm

Location: Good Shepherd Family Centre, 143 Wentworth St. S.,

PRESENT: Housing Help Centre: Larry Huibers, GSC: Carmen Salciccioli, Salvation Army; Vaden Vincent, Neighbour to Neighbour: Denise Arkell, SPRC, Jeff Wingard, Hamilton Food Share: J. Santucci

REGRETS: G. Roman, A. Jones, Mission Services: Tom Heeney, Wesley: Thom Davies, McQueston Legal: Bob Wood, St. Matthew’s House: Wendy Roy;

Also Present: Housing Division; Michele Attard,

Welcome: Ron welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. *ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA*
   
   **Urgent** items to bring forward: None
   
   **Additional items**: None

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

   None.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   May 14, 2009.

   Approval must be *1st and 2nd* by voting members who attended meeting of May 14, 2009.

   Minutes approved, moved by Denise Arkell and seconded by Jeff Wingard
4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

4.1 **Planning for Summer Food Needs**
Brian informed members that the “Assessment of Food Bank Inventory Shortage” report will be presented to Council June 17th along with the Emergency Food Services Report which identifies the gaps in service and food supplies as summer months draw near to deal with the urgent food and volunteer needs in the food banks.
City staff are in support and members asked how we can engage the broader community, possibly a food drive, need more volunteers, need more food donations.
Members thought that this is a bigger crisis that what a food drive can do, more is definitely needed. Agencies have to turn people away; they do not have the capacity to serve all the clients.
City staff will be in contact with Joanne from Food Share regarding any updates.

5. **BUSINESS/Standing ITEMS**

5.1 **Affordable Housing Flagship (AHF) – Jeff Wingard**
Jeff distributed a copy of the flyer “Through the Front Door” a forum on accessible housing in Hamilton sponsored by the Affordable Housing Flagship and encouraged members to attend. Highlights will be regarding best practices of Accessible Housing and how we get people moving.

5.2 **Emergency Food Action Committee (EFAC) –**
No updates, staff are currently doing an analysis of the HIFIS data.

5.3 **Emergency Shelter Report**
The Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) proposals have been received and recommendations will be going to Joe-Anne Priel this month so that agencies can be notified by June 30th.

5.4 **Homelessness Partnering Initiative (HPI) –**
No updates see above.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 **Notes from Sarah Wakefield meeting with Campaign for Adequate Welfare**
Sarah Wakefield is the co-chair of Hamilton's Food Security Committee and members are not sure why Sarah is involved in this campaign.
Members were concerned about the process and why is it going to the public, the process is not good. It was suggested that Sarah should make a presentation to EFAC to clarify their mandate. Ron mentioned that he could talk to the chair of the Food Security Committee; it was agreed that Joanne will talk to Sarah to get a sense of the mandate and whether members of FSHAC should be on their committee. Joanne will let members know the details at the next meeting.

6.2 **Ontario Rent Bank**
There was some discussion on the new Rent Bank Program. It was suggested that Keith Extance, Acting Director Housing be invited to the next meeting to discuss this and how the new changes will affect tenants. City staff will bring a copy of the council reports to the September meeting.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting**
Thursday, September 10, 2009    2:00 – 4:00
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