MINUTES: Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee  
Approved Thursday, June 10, 2010 - 2:00 to 4:00pm

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

PRESENT: Ron Sharegan, Craig Foye, Denise Arkell, Carmen Salciccioli, Joanne Santucci, Barb Terry, Larry Huibers

REGrets: Tom Davies, Allison Jones, G Roman, Wendy Roy, Vaden Vincent, Jeff Wingard, Carol Cowan

Also Present: Caroline Anderson, Molly Elliott, Michele Attard (minute taker)

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

   Request for Item 5.5 Condo Conversions to be included.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

   None declared

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   **Motion** to approve the minutes of May 13, 2010.
   Deferred to meeting in September

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

4.1 **Future of Food Shelter and Housing Committee**

   Members discussed whether the committee was to be an advisory committee to Emergency and Community Services and to report back to them. Molly distributed notes from the discussions from the May 13th meeting. Again members thought that the information sharing and having a voice to council was an important piece. Members thought they should operate as normal until notified otherwise.
Molly mentioned that she is doing research on other volunteer committees in preparation to report to council. City staff will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

5. **BUSINESS/Standing ITEMS**

5.1 Affordable Housing Flagship (AHF)
Larry mentioned that there is an AHF & Housing Help workshop June 17th, “There’s no place like Home” at the Waterfront Conference Centre 8:30, sponsored by Ontario Trillium foundation, City of Hamilton and SPRC.

5.2 Emergency Food Action Committee (EFAC)
Joanne informed members that EFAC had a meeting yesterday to strategize on how best to distribute the funding of $350,000 for the emergency response from the City. Joanne will put out a communication strategy. A Project Coordinator has been hired for the Emergency Food System Planning her name is Crystle, she will be meeting with all the agencies to get familiar with the food programs offered.

5.3 Emergency Shelter Report
The Blueprint implementation continues. Wesley has a plan starting June 1st to implement the closing of beds. Good Shepherd has hired additional staff to start August 1st. There will be a significant change in the emergency shelters with the implementation of the shelter blueprint.

5.4 Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS)
City staff are presenting a report to council on the future of Federal Homelessness funding in Hamilton and will bring a copy to the next meeting. Currently the Community Advisory Board have been discussing the possibility of inviting David Sweet to a meeting to share the successes of HPS.

5.5 Condo Conversions
Members expressed a concern that apartments within the city are being converted into condos and how would this impact on rental stock. City staff will talk to Dave Brodati and bring back for discussion at the next meeting. Caroline will follow up with this issue and see if this is a problem with Ontario Works clients.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 Election of Vice-Chair
Ron asked member is anyone would like to take on the role as Vice-Chair; he will be on vacation in September. Denise Arkell was nominated as Vice-Chair, Denise accepted.
Motion that Denise Arkell assumes the role on Vice-Chair in Ron’s absence. Joanne Santucci moved/ Carmen Salciccioli seconded, Carried

6.2 Homelessness System Planning forum
Molly informed members of the Housing and Homelessness Community Forum being held at Good Shepherd Centers on June 29th, at 9:00am. The forum is called “Planning as a System”, members form HEDAC, HESICC, SYPC and EFSPC will be presenting. Molly will send out the invite to members.

6.3 Process for input into design of Housing and Homelessness Planning Process
City staff have used input as feedback for the Housing and Homelessness Plan to Joe-Anne, once recommendations are in place the plan will be brought back to the committee.

6.4 On any Given Night Report
Brian gave an update that the 3rd addition of “On any Given Night” report will be presented to Emergency & Community Services Committee next Wednesday. The report will also be on the City website; City staff will be distributing copies.

6.5 Human Services Presentation to Committee of the Whole.
Brian informed members that the Human Services Plan will be presented to the Committee of the Whole on Friday June 18th for those interested. Brian will send out the time of the meeting to members.

7. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting will be September 9, 2010.

Future Topics: