

10-Year HOAC Meeting notes March 30, 2016

Present:

Biff Traber, Anne Schuster, Martha Lyon, Paula Grace, Roxanne Shaw, Kenny Lowe, Jennifer Chen, Chris Hawkins, Bob Lowen, Aleita Hass-Holcombe, Pegge McGuire, Bill Glassmire, Wendy Younger, Sue Shulz, Barbara Ross, Letetia Wilson, Jennifer Moore, Kirk Schlesinger, Richard Hervey, Sara Hartstein, Tanarae Greenman, Jon Sassman, Craig Kinney, Emily Kinney, Abraham Griswold, JoAnn Miller, Jim Swinyard, Gregg Olson, Tom Sherry, Brad Smith, Dan Hallgrimson, Brigetta Olson, Kevin Young, Tina Mills, Jenna Baker, Robert Stebbins, Glin Kindred, Sheree Daniels, Judy Ball, Roberto Smith, Tatiana Dierwechter, Kari Whitacre, Jessica Taylor, Andrea Myhre

1. Minutes from the last meeting were approved.
2. HOAC Proposals to County and City
 - a. Funding proposals to update the 10 year plan
 - b. Lead administrator proposal
 - c. Anne Schuster – County update:
 - i. The county is ready to go when the city is ready.
 - ii. City: The proposals are an item on Monday's city council meeting agenda.

The city has talked about this topic at a work session; there have been questions about funding and funding levels. The city manager has an updated staff report with alternatives listed. It would be value to offer support at 6:30pm Monday night or online.

 1. The online form can be found at Corvallisoregon.gov/publicinput
 - iii. Anne recapped the proposals to the city that discussed two needs. One need was to update to ten year plan surrounding homelessness. Second need was for more structure around project management of all the activities going on in the community – a lead administrator position.

Benton County Health Department came up with a 6 month planning

project to update the 10 year plan and prioritize what needs to happen and when. They solicited a proposal from United Way to be a lead administrator. These are the two proposals looking at funding this fiscal year and moving into the next fiscal year.

- d. Bill Glassmire stated that he supported this, but it would be helpful if there were ways this would help the city's budget, adding in that it might be a useful argument

3. Committee/Delivery Team Updates

a. SMART Committee – Andrea Myhre

- i. Talked about proposals to city and council, and what that would mean to the structure of this group
- ii. SMART team could help interface with the health department to plan; come up with some contingency plans.
- iii. Next smart meeting (all invited to attend) will be going over the SWOT analysis.
 - 1. SWOT analysis was reviewed.

b. Funding Committee:

- i. Brigetta Olson – state wide there has been new money. Money going to housing stability council, program development projects. Housing advocates looking at writing letters to use the money.
- ii. Low income federal tax credits will be out this summer, this organization has used that money in the past. Applications will be open in the summer.
 - 1. Trying to figure out ways we can replicate this long term. Will be discussing that in Portland this Friday and will follow up with the group with what happens.
 - 2. Anne stated that they are pushing to have grant writer/finder to assist with funding.

- a. There was discussion revolving around applying for the different ways and things needed to be done to apply for the grants.
- 3. Paula Grace mentioned a new funding opportunity through the Meyer Memorial Trust Fund → opened their RFP for 3 areas -- building community, healthy environment, housing opportunities and equitable education. There is a fund for 2-3 year projects with \$150,000-\$400,000.
- 4. Anne mentioned that the Meyer Memorial Fund came to Habitat for Humanity.
 - a. Jenna Baker responded that in the next few weeks they will have the first draft of the findings
 - b. Andrea asked for which agencies were thinking of applying to the Meyer Foundation.
 - i. Corvallis Housing First, Habitat for Humanity, United Way, Corvallis Day Time Drop In Center, Community Services Consortium, and Jackson Street Youth Services raised hands.
 - c. Barbara Ross discussed other funding opportunities through Oregon Community Foundation.
- 4. Governance committee
 - a. Biff sent out the updated governance charter along with a graphic to explain the levels of participation.
 - i. The new graphic was discussed in detail.
 - 1. The number of seats was compromised in the governing committee from 32 to 25.
 - 2. Co-chairs act as facilitators and would only vote if there was a tie or something couldn't be resolved.

- a. Other details regarding the governing committee were discussed.
 - i. The charter states that the goal is a consensus between members of the group, not necessarily always voting.
 - ii. If the lead administration is a member of one of the organizations represented by the standing committee, the organization would not serve in that position.
- b. Some of the language was changed to abide by legal requirements.
- c. HOAC would not override your personal organizations.
- d. Some language was added in to include housing and home ownership as an overall goal
- e. Would like to move forward without continuing to revise the document. The next step is to collect Declarations of Cooperation.
 - i. Blank Declarations of Cooperation were handed out to members to fill out if they felt comfortable
 - ii. **Action item:** Please send signed Declarations of Cooperation to Biff Traber or Jessica Taylor
 - iii. Would like to send out nomination forms to those who have signed DOC and to have elections at the next HOAC meeting.
 - iv. Anne commented that there is not anything legal about the document, and that the Declaration of Cooperation is a cooperative and informative letter.
- f. Kari Whitacre asked if the city and council put money towards the lead administrator, would they be paying someone to lead the committee?

- i. Anne answered yes, and that the contract would be between the city, county, and that organization.
5. Adult Services Team Update (AST)
 - a. AST statistics were reviewed
 - b. AST needs a facilitator
 - c. Multiple members explain the work that AST does, commented that it is a multi-agency effort and that clients meet with a case manager before, during, and after their time with AST.
 - d. If you have a client who you would like to refer to AST, please have them contact Jessica Taylor.
6. Project Resource Connect
 - a. This year's event will be held at the 1st United Methodist Church in Corvallis on May 19th from 1pm-6pm.
 - b. **Action item:** If your agency would like to attend, please contact Jessica Taylor ASAP.

Community Proposals:

1. Catherin Mater/COI Temporary Men's Shelter
 - a. At the City Club Meeting, there was a proposal made for an alternative men's shelter that involves COI and a temporary location
 - b. Much discussion has ensued with the parties involved
 - c. Biff asked if Catherine or COI have had a chance to discuss and asked what the status was as of now, commented that his consensus is that it was not moving forward.
 - i. Anne described the proposal stating that the group is hoping to find a temporary location. The Flomatcher site, owned by the City of Corvallis and Linn County, is being considered. Catherine Mater believes that COI would be the best agency to run the seasonal men's cold weather shelter and has agreed to raise \$35k to help fund the

services. Catherine has also asked the City of Corvallis and Benton County to contribute \$35k each to help offset the expense to run the shelter in 2016-17.

- ii. Biff added that the meeting included Corvallis Housing First, Community Outreach, Inc, Anne, Biff, and Catherine. He commented that there was no direct path after the meeting.
- iii. Angela Clark added that she knew of many organizations and advocates that are starting some big things in the past week that could help finance these ideas. She discussed many different aspects of the ideas including work programs, life skills programs, education programs, case management, medical support, etc. Angela also commented that she is concerned with the men's shelter continuing and suggest education to support safety for the community.

2. Legal Camping Pilot Proposal – referred by City Council

- a. The feedback from council was to ask the HOAC for their comments and reaction, as well as what their involvement would be for the Legal Camping Pilot Proposal.
- b. Richard Hervey and Jim Swinyard discussed – please see Request Proposal Handout
 - i. Members of the support team for this proposal
 - 1. Started by informal committee working with homeless in our community as a support group for the community and individuals experiencing homeless.
 - 2. Cold Weather Shelters close this week
 - 3. Move individuals towards permanent housing
 - 4. Internal members will govern the camp.
 - 5. A Code of Conduct has been created which included no criminal activity, no illegal drugs, follow the law, and take care of yourself,

6. The group is Looking at different locations and initiating a conversation with the neighbors
 7. To move forward, city has to change its regulations
 8. If city does that, HOAC should have oversight
 9. Discussion about the next steps that would be needed to take to make this happen.
- ii. Much discussion was had surrounding the proposal. There was an overall consensus from most members to go ahead with supporting the proposal. It was decided that an ad-hoc group would be formed underneath the SMART committee and spearheaded by Aleita Hass-Holcombe.