

Red Deer Housing Committee Meeting Minutes
February 24th, 2009 – City Hall, Crimson Star Room

In attendance:

Mel Sawyer, Sheralle Graystone – Red Deer Native Friendship Society
Kimberley Wickens-Wilson – Berachah
Chris Thomas – Schizophrenia Society of Alberta, Red Deer
Geoff Olson – Piper Creek Foundation
Terry Zibin – Alberta Health Services
Cindy Hay – Service Canada
Lynn Cwiklewich – Persons with Developmental Disability
Kevin Barnes – CMHA (Buffalo)
Sherry Albrecht, Jackie McCallum – Catholic Social Services
Charlie Turnbull – Central Alberta Women’s Outreach Society
Kelly Dodds – CIRS, Landlord and Tenant
Shae Godden – Alberta Employment and Immigration

Regrets:

Norma Chitrena – Housing and Urban Affairs
Twila Harries-Olson – Employment Placement and Support Services
Arlana Tanner - Dress for Success

Chair: Jennifer Vanderschaeghe

Recording: Andrea Lane

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - Roundtable introductions
2. Approval of agenda
 - Approval
3. January 2009 meeting minutes
 - Approved as presented
4. Housing management committee
 - 4.1. Housing Management Committee
 - 4.1.1. Terms of reference
 - The final version of the terms of reference was distributed for your information
 - 4.1.2. Membership
 - Membership forms are available on line (www.cirsonline.ca/housing) either for yourself or your agency
 - 4.1.3. Dreaming of Data
 - Discussion about the purpose of the Dreaming of Data consultation and form

- The deadline was extended from Feb 9 to Mar 9 for completion and submission to Jennifer

TASK Jennifer will email out the form

4.1.4. Housing Website

- The website is up – www.cirsonline.ca/housing
- For changes or additions connect with Jennifer

4.1.5. Committee Logo

- The Housing Committee has never had a logo, a request for a logo has been included in the On The Edge, (Berachah is looking for one as well)
- There is no deadline for the logo contest

4.2. On the Edge Newsletter

- It is available on the RDHC website and threw volunteer distribution
- The newsletter is done, it is 10 pages long, 4 people are remembered in it
- submissions are now being taken for the next edition, send to Mel or Jennifer
- a request for financial support was sent to the St Mary's Social Justice Committee. A donation of \$140 to support honorariums of those who submit articles, art, etc.

4.3. Seniors Housing Committee

- The research project is waiting for ethics approval before proceeding
- Should be ready to go by summer

4.4. EveryOne's Home Advisory Committee / Community Leadership Initiatives

- The Advisory Committee meets this week
- The committee sent a letter of support for street ties funding

4.4.1. Social Marketing Campaign

- No word yet on funding the social marketing campaign

4.5. Events

4.5.1. Red Deer Home Show

- The show is March 6,7,8 at Westerner Park
- So far there has been a lack of volunteers committed to staffing the booth
- Does anyone have anything they could donate for the raffle?
- Agencies need to include any information they want distributed to Stacey by March 2nd

4.5.2. Community Advisory Board, Housing Community Consultation

- The event is scheduled for Wednesday, there are 50 people signed up so far
- People were encouraged to go
- Jennifer recommend that the City follow through with their commitment to evaluate the funding model

5. New Business

- No new business

6. Government Representatives Updates

6.1. Federal

- The Homelessness Partnering Strategy has been extended to 2011

6.2. Provincial

- No update

6.3. Municipal

- No update

7. Horizon Issues and Community Housing Updates

- The Central Alberta Women's Outreach Society has a fundraiser on the 25th
- CMHA, all 40 units at the Buffalo are full, renovations in the club café are still underway
- Gathering Place is moving into the old Club Café space
- Alberta Health Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services
 - The change is underway
 - There is a province wide committee created to look at housing issues
 - Optimistic about more housing for persons with mental illness
- The Piper Creek is looking for funds to support a new building, and upgrades to old buildings
- The Gathering Place is aiming toward an April 1st move
- Berachah has seen a 10% increase in homeless people. They hope to remain open on weekends during the summer. They have just received a donation of an energy efficient washer. The units upstairs remain full.
- The Red Deer Native Friendship Society has their fundraiser scheduled for this Saturday. Shane Yellowbird will be performing, gourmet buffet and Don Burnstick.
- The Lindsay Thurber students will be providing bag lunches for Spring Tune Up, which is scheduled for April 1st

8. Next Housing Committee Meeting

March 31st at 1:15