

Red Deer Housing Committee Minutes

January 27, 2009 – City Hall, Crimson Star Room

In attendance:

Donna Nye - Red Deer Housing Authority
Geoff Olson - Piper Creek Foundation
Tim Lowe, Lynn Lwiklewich - PDD Central Region
Shelly Carrier Lewis - AE & I Income Support
Bridey Edgar - Safe Harbour Society
Charlie Turnbull - Women's Outreach
Jeremy Bouw, Roxana Nielsen Stewart - City of Red Deer
Kimberley Wilson - Berachah
Kristine Bugayong, Stacey Carmichael - RDDCF
Kelly Dodds - CIRS – Landlord & Tenant
Barb Evans, Katherine Alexander - SSARD
Twila Harries-Olson - EPSS
Mickey Warkentin - A Gathering Place
Michelle Sluchinski - Habitat for Humanity for Red Deer
Norma Chitrena - Housing and Urban Affairs
Jackie McCallum, Sherry Albrecht - CSS
Sherralie Graystone, Mel Sawyer - Red Deer Native Friendship Centre

Regrets:

Shae Godden - AE & I
Terry Zibin - DTHR

Chair: Jennifer Vanderschaeghe

Recording: Jackie May

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Roundtable introductions.

2. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion:** To approve agenda with the following additions:
5.3.6 Red Deer Home Show
5.3.7 Letter of Support – Youth Shelter

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 25th, 2008

- **Motion:** To amend minutes as follows:

Addition of Jeremy Bouw – City of Red Deer to attendance list.
M/S/C Bridey/Charlie/Carried

4.0 New Business

4.1 Dreaming of Data – Vital Signs and Everyone’s Home

A data collection form was distributed prior to the meeting requesting all committee members submit suggestions for the data they would like to see collected for the Vital Signs document. The information collected will be compiled and brought back to the committee for priority setting.

Task: Jennifer will send the form via email to all committee members.

Committee members are requested to complete the form and return to Jennifer by fax or email by **February 9th, 2009**.

4.2 Committee Strategic Direction

4.2.1 Committee Terms of Reference

Jennifer distributed a draft terms of reference prior to the meeting. The Housing Management Committee indicated the need to make membership requirements more formalized as well as encourage consistent meeting attendance in order to more effectively work towards meeting the goals and objectives of the committee. Geoff suggested some friendly amendments to the terms of reference to make them more inclusive.

Motion: To accept the terms of reference with friendly amendments.
M/S/C Kelly/Bridey/Carried

4.2.2 Annual Workplan

Jennifer distributed an annual workplan and noted the management committees request to meet monthly in order to more effectively work on the goals and objectives of the committee. Everyone in attendance supported the change to monthly meetings. Please forward any additions or changes to Jennifer.

5.0 Community Representatives Updates and Issues

5.1 Seniors Housing Committee

Geoff reported the advisory committee has not met since October. The Red Deer College ethics committee is currently reviewing the research proposal. New Horizons funding is contributing \$20,000 to research project which will enhance the overall project.

5.2 EveryOne's Home Advisory Committee (EHC)

Glennis the Housing Coordinator from Red Deer College has joined the committee.

The committee discussed at the most recent meeting regarding the role of EHC in supporting funding applications that come through CAB. Committee members indicated there may be an important role for EveryOne's Home committee to support funding applications going to Community Advisory board based on ECH's role in taking action on the 10 year plan. EHC wants to support funding applications to the city as part of a "community based stamp of approval" and to support applicants in responding to the vision and framework. EHC does not want to "reinvent the wheel" by providing support to funding applications but rather ensure there is community support.

EHC has some concerns that there is a disconnect between CAB and the 10 year vision and framework based on current and past funding allocations. EHC wants to enhance the process and work with CAB to ensure the best use of funding.

It was decided to leave this agenda item with EveryOne's Home Committee for further discussion and follow up.

5.3 Housing Management Committee

5.3.1 Housing Website

Charlie reported the website has been updated will be up and running soon.

5.3.2 Youth Winter Shelter

No change from last meeting. A community agency is ready to establish youth shelter but there is no funding currently available.

5.3.3 Earl Dreschen, MP – Meeting Report

Jennifer – CAANS, Stacey – RDDCF, and Kim – Berachah met with Earl to discuss housing and all three reported it was a positive meeting.

5.3.4 Chair Honoraria

Sheralle requested, on behalf of the Housing Management committee, to increase the Chair's Honoraria from \$5,000 to \$7500 based on the increase in meetings and workload resulting from the meetings.

Motion: To increase Chair honoraria from \$5,000 to \$7500.
M/S/C Geoff/Kim/Carried

5.3.5 Committee Logo

Mel reported that RDHC does not have a logo. A logo contest will be advertised through "On the Edge" newsletter.

Several folks present commented how useful the first newsletter of "On the Edge" was but they have not seen a second one. Currently Jennifer and Mel are coordinating "On the Edge" during their volunteer time.

Task: Jennifer will forward notice of newsletter deadlines to committee members.

Mel will forward most recent and future versions of "On the Edge" to committee members.

5.3.6 Red Deer Home Show

Stacey reported that in past years RDHC has hosted a display at the home show. This is a good opportunity to educate and expose many community members to housing and homelessness issues. Stacey suggested a committee be struck to work on a display and coordinate volunteers to staff a booth.

Committee Members (or those indicating an interest): Mickey, Stacey, Mel, Jackie, Katherine, Barb, Bridey (possibly has a student), and Kelly.

Task: Stacey will coordinate the home show committee to meet.

5.3.7 Letter of Support – Youth Shelter

Parkland Homes is preparing a funding application for a permanent youth shelter and a letter of support would be helpful. Discussion. Stacey indicated that letters of support do not historically come

from this committee. Stacey suggested this request be forwarded to Everyone's Home Committee.

5.4 Community Leadership Initiatives

5.4.1 Social Marketing Campaign

Stacey reported that RDDCF will likely be funded through Wild Rose Foundation to implement a social marketing campaign focused on housing. A committee will be struck to implement campaign. The project will include training for community agencies in social marketing as well as some funding for local agencies to do their own social marketing campaign tied in with a broader community campaign.

5.4.2 High Risk Youth Meeting

Stacey reported that 140 community members attended. Common themes around housing were discussed and noted. Currently the meeting is being evaluated and we are looking at ways to formalized more youth focused meetings. It was noted that a representative from this committee would benefit from sitting on RDHC.

5.4.3 Landlord Engagement

Mel and Stacey reported that they are looking at engaging private landlords to partner on initiatives and discuss other opportunities to work together.

6.0 Government Representatives Updates

6.1 Federal

Roxana indicated she had to leave early so reported early. Roxana noted that federal funding (Homeless Partnering Strategy) will be a minor upward amendment and more details will follow.

A community consultation on housing priorities is planned in the near future and more information will follow. Roxana reported a date is being finalized.

Jennifer noted that Housing Committee had recommended to City to do an evaluation of the housing funding process and the city agreed to do this

but now a community consultation on priorities has been planned in place of an evaluation. Jennifer indicated disappointment with this decision and hoped further discussion could take place to address the Housing Committee's concerns.

6.2 Provincial

Norma reported no budget date set. 10 Year Plan on Homelessness has not been released but soon.

Tim reported they are working on accessible housing for folks with complex needs and noted that they are focused on partnership activities as they are unable to purchase property but can provide funding for staffing and services.

Shelly reported that they are seeing a surge in applicants based on economic slowdown and anticipate this will continue.

6.3 Municipal

Nothing to report at this time. See above.

7.0 Horizon Issues & Community Housing Updates

- **SHS** – at full capacity
- **Women's Outreach** – new Program: Safe Exchange Program for child custody agreements
- **CIRS** – funding sustained for Landlord & Tenant program
- **Native Friendship** – Awaiting word on funding for housing initiative. Fundraiser: Feb. 28th
- **CAANS** – Spring Tune Up planned for April 1st
- **Red Deer Housing Authority** – Rent Supplement Program Update: 2008: 238 households assisted, 560 currently assisting, 277 cancellations. Supporting Red Deer and area (Eckville, Delburne, Rocky Mtn. House). Waiting list for Community Housing way down because of rent supplements.
- **Piper Creek Foundation** – recently added 350 self contained units for 55+.

8.0 Next Meeting Date & Time

February 24, 2009, 1:15pm