

Red Deer Housing Committee Minutes
March 31, 2009 – City Hall, Crimson Star Room

In attendance:

Cathy Lavers - AADAC
Mel Sawyer – RDNFS
Sheralle Graystone – RDNFS
Mikey Warkentin – CMHA/Berachah
Roxana Nielsen Stewart – City of Red Deer
Tim Lowe – PDD Central Region
Kevin Barnes – CMHA (Buffalo)
Kelly Dodds – CIRS Landlord & Tenant
Donna Nye – Red Deer Housing Authority
Shannon Boyce-Campbell – Red Deer County
Jackie McCallum - CSS
Stacey Carmichael – Red Deer & District Community Foundation
Shea Mullen, Mary Herman, Marielle Lavoie – Safe Harbour

Regrets:

Kimberley Wilson - Berachah
Charlie Turnbull – Women’s Outreach
Shae Godden - AE & I
Michelle Sluchinski - Habitat for Humanity for Red Deer
Cindy Hay - Service Canada

Chair: Jennifer Vanderschaeghe, CAANS

Recording: Jackie May

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Roundtable introductions.

2. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion:** To approve agenda as presented.
M/S/C Donna/Stacey/Carried

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2009

- **Motion:** To approve minutes as presented.
M/S/C Kelly/Shea/Carried

4. Community Representative Updates

4.1 Housing Management Committee

Jennifer reviewed committee Update, Item A as attached to the agenda.

Task: Jennifer to add transitional housing for seniors to list of suggestions for a learning session.

4.2 Seniors Housing Committee

Nothing to report.

4.3 EveryOne's Home Advisory Committee

The committee has an additional two new members Geoff Olsen and Bernadette Majdell, CMHC

4.4 Community Leadership Initiatives

- RDDCF has moved to a new location in the Scott Block.
- Funding has been approved for the social marketing campaign. More details will follow.
- Stacey participated in a meeting with other community members around high risk youth and homelessness. Community members met with Cal Dallas and other government representatives to share information.
- Rapid Exit Housing – Stacey is working to facilitate a community consultation on this topic. Stacey is hoping that a proposal is prepared by the community.

4.5 Events

4.5.1 Red Deer Home Show

- Overall, a great event and good exposure. Stacey is preparing a summary evaluation and will forward to committee members. It is recommended we participate again next year. Several folks suggested we should sell something to raise awareness and as a possible fundraising initiative.

4.5.2 Community Advisory Board – Housing Stakeholder Consultation

- Roxana indicated a summary report from the consultation will be ready for distribution shortly. There was positive and negative feedback received about the consultation but overall it was a good opportunity for folks to share information.

5. New Business

5.1 Banking and ID – Tabled to next meeting

5.2 Dreaming of Data Aggregate Discussion

- Discussed the input received to date and added several more questions from folks at the meeting. Please forward further comments or questions to Stacey, Jenn or Twila.

5.3 Housing Resource

- A CAANS nursing student created a contact list of agencies who provide shelter and accommodation.

Task: Jenn will coordinate getting approval from agencies on the list to share it with committee members and post on website.

Discussion took place regarding the development of a similar resource for where folks can access food.

Task: Jenn will coordinate with next CAANS student to see if they could develop a food access inventory to share with committee members.

6. **Learning from Each Other: Human Rights and Housing**

- Jennifer presented. Presentation available from Jennifer.

7. **Government Representatives**

7.1 **Federal**

N/A

7.2 **Provincial**

HEP funding will change as of April 1st.

Task: Jenn to coordinate a learning session at the next meeting on HEP changes.

- Tim reported from PDD that a successful partnership was just initiated with Potter's Hands to house four individuals with moderate needs.

7.3 **Municipal**

City of Red Deer - Roxana reported that a request for proposals for housing funding will be coming out shortly.

County of Red Deer – Shannon introduced her position and indicated housing is one of three focuses for the county to address.

8. **Horizon Issues**

Kevin - the Buffalo continues to be full with a waiting list

Donna - very busy with 600 folks on direct rent supplement. Criteria has tightened up but no sign of limiting funds.

Cathy – AADAC is being replaced with a new name. Increased staff to meet increasing needs.

Sheralle – increase in numbers of people accessing services.

9.0 **Next Meeting & Date:**

May 26, 2009 – 1:15pm

10.0 **Adjournment**