

Red Deer Housing Committee Minutes
May 27th, 2008 ~ City Hall, Crimson Star Room

In attendance:

A Gathering Place - Mickey Warkentin
Native Friendship Centre - Mel Sawyer
Berachah Place/ Heritage Family Services - Russell Janzen
CMHA - Jeremy Bouw
Women's Outreach - Charlie Turnbull
City of Red Deer - Maribeth Friesen, Pam Ralston
Schizophrenia Society - Chris Thomas, Stacey Carmichael
Alberta Employment and Immigration - Shae Godden
CIRS - Kelly Dodds
CAANS – Jennifer Vanderschaeghe, Lindsay Gjertsen
Safe Harbour - Lianne Hazell, Bridey Edgar
Piper Creek Foundation - Geoff Olson

Chair: Jennifer Vanderschaeghe

Recording: Lindsay Gjertsen

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

- Roundtable Introductions

2.0 Approval of Agenda

- Review of agenda as presented
- Removal of 6.0 City of Red Deer Presentation, as no presentation is available
- Agenda approved as amended

3.0 Approval of meeting minutes, March 25th, 2008

- Review of minutes as presented
- Changes:
 - In attendance, changing spelling to Charlie Turnbull
 - 8.0 Change CMHA to CMHC

Be it moved that the March 25, 2008 minutes be approved as amended.

M/S/C Stacey/ Charlie/ Carried

4.0 Community Representatives Updates

- Housing Management Committee
 - 4..1 Alberta Public Health Association Meeting – Lianne
 - Review of Jen and Lianne's experience at the meeting
 - 4..2 Vital Signs/Data Collection – Maribeth
 - Review of Vital Signs/ Data Collection process thus far
 - 4.1.3 Housing Website - Charlie
 - Review of Housing Website
 - Discussion about the bill from CIRS for \$265 for hosting costs. City will pay this bill
 - Discussion about receiving bids from other organizations
 - Discussion about upkeep of website
 - Have our own domain for Red Deer Housing
 - The website needs additional access, more info and a redesign

TASK Charlie will do more background work on the website
TASK MaryBeth and Charlie to meet with CIRS

4.3 Communications Funding Application – Jennifer

- Discussion about the nature of the Social Marketing Awareness Project proposal, stigma and discrimination for people poorly housed.
- A funding application went into the CAB yesterday.

4.4 Canadian Housing Renewal Congress, Vancouver (Item 5) – Jennifer/Maribeth

- Discussion about the Conference
- Review of the Social Enterprise projects witnessed
- Maribeth encouraged people to learn more about community economic development

4.5 For your information:

- 2009 Housing Conference (Item 2)
- Draft Housing Information and Resources in Red Deer Document (Item 3) (Feedback should go to Maribeth Friesen or Kelly Dodds)

- Seniors Housing Committee – Stacey/Geoff
 - Discussion about the need for research for seniors needs for housing
 - Issues include: issues around income and availability
 - The committee will be called SAHC (Seniors Appropriate Housing Committee)
 - Geoff will continue representative the housing committee there
- Cold Weather Planning Committee/Winter Inn (Item 1) Maribeth/Jennifer
 - Review of the outcomes of the winter inn meeting
 - SHS will put in another application for Winter Inn, reflective of 20-24 mats, and
 - One piece related to community event in June, Community wanting to be updated with work happening (Connect)
 - Jennifer and Maribeth are stepping down from the co-chair of the committee
 - SHS to take over one co chair position of the committee
- Everyone's Home Advisory Committee – Russel/Jennifer
 - Discussion about the meetings upcoming
 - New personnel on the project, our own past chair Stacey Carmichael
 - The Mayors Task Force has come to an end
 - Jennifer sent out a request for input into which of the 19 strategies were most important, 8 committee members responded
- Youth Shelter Committee - George
 - Discussion about the access issues for youth, need for less structured protocols around entry.
 - Commonly programs have 24 hours to connect to parents
 - Discussion about legislation
 - Parkland Youth Homes will apply for funding through crime prevention

5.0 Government Representatives Updates – Pam/Maribeth

- Federal
- Provincial
- Municipal

- There was an application deadline on March 31st made up of provincial and federal funds, as well as in February
- Same funds remain unspent
- Provincial homeless initiative only know year to year whether it will be renewed
- Provincial pilot project still underway
- Just this morning their was a Media release about new money being allocated
- Just under 4 million coming in fall
- Only allowed to fund 70% of capital cost when project completed
- There are new Red Deer developments with social care lots
- Discussion about the problematic length of time for purchasing
- Biggest problem is fair market prices and financing
- 6 month turn-arounds are ridiculous for organizations to plan financing in a grant based environment
- Discussion about Cost, transport, capacity issues, people in place to manage it, two years down road
- Maribeth is trying to improve communications, looking at extensions

6.0 City of Red Deer Presentation

- Discussion about a meeting between the City of Red Deer and the RD Housing Committee Strategic planning conflicts of interest summer '07 call for funding

7.0 Horizon Issues & Community Housing Updates

- Roundtable updates
- Review of the greater downtown action plan events
- TASK Mel will represent the committee at these events
- Discussion about the need for a replacement for the social agency seat, Trish Turnbull cant attend the meetings further
- Discussion on timelines for this project
- The committee recommends Janice from the Red Deer District and Community Foundation for the seat

8.0 Next Meeting Date and Time

September 30, 2008

9.0 Adjournment
