

Red Deer Housing Committee Minutes
September 30, 2008 – City Hall, Crimson Star Room

In attendance:

Safe Harbour	Lianne Hazell, Bridey Edgar
CAANS	Jennifer Vanderschaeghe, Meghan Malo
RDDCF	Stacey Carmichael
Berachah	Kimberley Wilson
CMHA	Juan Herrera
Persons with Developmental Disabilities	Christopher D'lima
RDNFS	Sheralle Graystone
City of Red Deer – Social Planning	Pam Ralston, Jeremy Bouw
Catholic Social Services	Jackie McCallum, Sherry Albrect
DTHR - Mental Health	Terry Zibin
Housing & Urban Affairs	Norma Chitrena
CIRS – Landlord & Tenant	Kelly Dodds
Women's Outreach	Charlie Turnbull
Piper Creek Foundation	Geoff Olson
DTHR – Street Nurse	Marlee MacDonald

Regrets:

Service Canada	Cindy Hay
Salvation Army	Shawna Wilnechenko
RDNFC	Mel Sawyer
Alberta Employment & Immigration	Shae Godden
EPSS	Twila Harris-Olson

Chair: Jennifer Vanderschaeghe

Recording: Jackie May

1.0 Welcome & Introductions

- Roundtable introductions

2.0 Approval of Agenda

- Agenda approved as presented.
- M/S/C Terry/Chris/Carried

3.0 Approval of Minutes – May 27th, 2008

- Approved as presented.
- M/S/C Charlie/Chris/Carried

4.0 Community Representatives Updates & Issues

4.1 Cold Weather Planning

4.1.1 Tracking Warm

Tracking Warm is a document that identifies agencies & locations for folks to stay warm when shelters and overnight facilities are not open. This document will continue to be revised and updated as new information is presented. As of October 15th Berachah projects to be open during the day on Saturday and Sunday.

4.1.2 Winter Inn – Adults

Lianne reported that funding is in place as of October 15, 2008 to provide an adult Winter Inn program.

Jennifer and Lianne discussed the impact of not holding a traditional cold weather planning meeting and going to the funders with one application for all of Red Deer's needs. This will need to re-implemented next year.

Task: An adhoc sub-committee will be struck to identify cold weather issues for winter2009/10 planning

4.1.3 Winter Inn – Youth

In 2007, the Youth and Volunteer Centre turned away 94 youth for emergency shelter.

The Youth and Volunteer centre is awaiting funding approval for a 20 bed mat program. This program will provide a barrier free shelter for youth 14-17.

Youth organizations continue to work to address the shelter needs of youth.

4.2 Housing Management Committee

4.2.1 Vital Signs/Data Collection

October 7, 2008 – Kick Off Launch

4.2.2 Housing Website

Charlie reported that if the website changes are only updates and revisions and does not require significant changes then Sean at CIRS will make the changes free of charge. Charlie indicated the required changes need to be identified and forwarded to Sean.

Task: Charlie, Mel and Jennifer to work on identifying website changes and forwarding information to Sean.

4.3 Seniors Housing Committee

Geoff reported that this committee met once over the summer. A research proposal is currently being developed with a funding source to be confirmed. The research proposal is focused on seniors' housing needs.

4.4 EveryOne's Home Advisory Committee

4.4.1 EveryOne's Home Connect

New representatives are needed for this committee. In the past there were two seats for Mayor's Task Force members, since the task force has been disbanded, looking for diverse committee members.

4.4.2 Meeting with City of Red Deer & CAB

This meeting was an opportunity to check in and connect to ensure city and community groups are on the same page related to the implementation of EveryOne's Home. They were given a heads up that a youth emergency shelter is needed.

Homelessness Secretariat meeting went well. Discussed funding options, future planning and future funding.

4.5 Community Leadership Initiatives

Stacey reported that EveryOne's Home Connect resulted in over 100 visitors and provided many vendors the opportunity to connect with each other.

Stacey has planned more meetings with community agencies to gather information and work towards having input into funding and policy decisions.

Stacey is also working on a Community Report Card on Housing concept.

Several proposals and initiatives are in the works including community wide training, awareness activities, and addressing gaps on a broader level.

5.1 Government Representatives Updates

5.1 Federal

5.2 Provincial

- Pam reviewed recent allocations as attached to the minutes. The next call will be in December with a January deadline.

5.3 Municipal

5.3.1 Secondary Suites

Council decision is pending.

6.0 Horizon Issues & Community Housing Updates

- **Berachah** – Currently fixing up suites upstairs for affordable housing. Consumers responding well to Street Nurse.
- **CMHA** – Buffalo renovations continue.
- **PDD** – Reconfirmed the complexity of housing of folks with multiple issues
- **SHS** – Transitional housing changes. Having difficulty keeping facilitators in each unit. Turned one unit into a family unit and one duplex for two families. Families in one duplex can stay for six months and work with support workers to find more stable housing.
- **RDNF** – completion of 2 more proposals for funding towards 32 affordable housing units. Fundraiser planned for February 28, 2009. The ID Clinic – 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 1-3pm.

- **Piper Creek** - The Foundation is in the concept development phase of replacing their existing 50 independent living suites and 100 lodge suites.
- **Street Nurse** – Street clinic based out of CAANS providing primary healthcare to downtown core. Everyday a physician is available for back up. Currently most of the focus is on wound care, navigating the health system and referrals. Hours are the first day of the week, Wednesday and Thursday from 8-3pm.
- **CSS** – River Development (to be called Eleanor’s Place) will be up and running in a year.
- **DTHR** – Ponoka affordable housing development providing housing to folks with serious mental health issues and the rent is \$337. Plan is to develop some suites in Olds and Drumheller. The suites in Red Deer will soon be completed.
Currently working on a research grant for \$25,000 that will review whether supportive housing makes a difference for folks with mental illness.
Task: Stacey to arrange for a tour of Ponoka suites for interested committee members.
- **City of Red Deer** – Jeremy is in a new role and still getting orientated.
- **CIRS** – Landlord & Tenant Program has been put on notice that its funding will be discontinued. City of Red Deer, Social Planning gave notice to CIRS that as of Jan. 1/09 they will no longer fund this program.
- **Women’s Outreach** – Charlie reported that furniture program will be done at the end of the month. Referrals can happen through CCOT to Katch 22. Daycare program is now called a nursery in order to accommodate more children. Charlie has taken on the role of Program Manager.
- **CAANS** – Street Nurse, CAANS & DTHR will be doing a **Winter Tune Up** program starting next month. A one-stop shop where folks can access a variety of services (ie. Flu shots, vaccinations, HIV testing).

7.0 Next Meeting Date & Time

November 25, 2008 1:30pm

8.0 Adjournment