

AUGUST 11, 2010  
Housing Options Meeting

I. Introductions

Present: Carolyn Briggs, Loretta Mc Carty, Ken Finning,  
John Jones, Patricia Hamilton, Clyde Reynolds, Muriel Steiger

Carolyn Briggs called meeting to order.

II. Old Business

A. Gateway/Sober Center Project – update

Clyde Reynolds reported that the Gateway team met with the City Manager, Jeff Lambert and Christy Weir. They are looking at property owned by the City and have proposed a land swap with Salvation Army for their site in east Ventura.

One possible site is in Downtown Ventura on the south side of Thompson. The Downtown Ventura Association is concerned about locating at this site.

There have been several meetings with Salvation Army, Turning Point and Project Understanding. These are the three major players interested in located at the site.

They are forming a community advocacy group to begin to speak on behalf of the project, getting a positive message out about the concept. The model will focus on:

Drop-in center  
Shelter  
Transitional living

Input from the City has been not to focus on one site. Keeping that in mind, the group still wants to stay firm on site accessibility and visibility. People should be treated with dignity so the site should be well managed and incorporated into the community instead of hidden away in a remote location.

The project will have 40-50 shelter beds and 12-15 transitional units

No family units would be located at the Gateway site itself – the Salvation Army would provide the family shelter at their site

To qualify for the County shelter money the City has to certify its agreement with the project site – they also need to be able to match the County's funds

There is the possibility the City could give a long-term lease on the land – this arrangement could possibly represent the match for the county funds.

#### B. Home Share Program – update

Muriel Steiger and Patricia reported a lot of activity after the article in the Star was printed. Yet they still have fewer providers and a lot of home seekers, who are mostly single men.

They will be on the Paul “the Flagman” Bramson radio show to promote the program.

They also recently gave a presentation to the Westside Community Council.

#### C. River Haven – update

River Haven is in a building phase. They received some money to build a community units and a shower building.

They are building a 16" X 32" community space and converting a U Dome 120 to serve as two showers.

They are looking at grey water filtering at the site.

There have been some challenges about filling all the units – right now they are at about 17 people. They are trying to increase up to 25 people.

Staffing is down to a half-time person and they cannot staff up until additional City funding is available.

They will make some referrals to the HomeShare Program of those ready to transition to more permanent housing.

D. SB-2

City Council discussion of SB-2 requirements and how they propose to meet the siting requirements in the Housing Element has been postponed to the November 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. There is some concern that there might be a conflict of interest and Council members may own property that would be affected by the proposed language.

Announcements

Clyde Reynolds reported that Turning Point Foundation applied for Veteran's Housing funding – they expect a decision will be released in October.

The application required a commitment of funding for leveraging – and it wasn't all secured at the point of application

III. Next (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) Meeting

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 2010

4:30-6:00 PM

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