

**Housing Task Force
May 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers 5:15pm**

Kevin Casey (Staff)

Jennifer Hollar (Co-Chair)
Polly Nichol (Co-Chair)
Jack McCullough (District 2 Council)
Rosie Krueger (District 1 Council)
Peter Kelman

Marty Roberts
Mary Hooper
Brooke Jenkins
Liz Genge
Jo Troiano

Meeting Called to Order at 5:15p.m.

No Public Comment

Agenda was approved by unanimous vote

April Meeting Minutes Approved

Member Updates:

Polly Reached out to Clare Rock about becoming a member and she did not hear back

Liz: French Block is on schedule and is slated to open on December 31st, 2018

Jen Hollar: Taylor Street Housing Groundbreaking to occur with Senator Leahy in the next few weeks in May

A. Update on Bethany Warming Shelter project by Brooke Jenkins of Good Samaritan House

- Reapplied for Funding for 2018-2019
- This project confirmed the need for additional Day Shelter Capacity in the Barre and Montpelier area
- This will require additional staff support which was the biggest challenge this past winter.
- Bethany's open door policy caused a bit of challenge to manage the crossover between shelter residents and church members.
- If funding is forthcoming in 2018-2019 Brooke suggested a possible Community wide meeting to address some of the challenges and unmet needs.
- Data sheets attached
- Brooke will provide Kevin with some language for a letter of support to AHS and Council will get on their agenda for next Wednesday on the consent agenda for the meeting on May 23, 2018

B. Liz Genge Presented on the Concept of recovery Residences

- Peer supported recovery that is based in single family residences and allows those in recovery to live in a supportive environment
- Liz is working with the Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences

- Zoning: Treat these recovery residences as Single Family Homes rather than treatment facilities, transitional housing, or group homes
- Kevin suggested a partnership with Homeshare Now in Barre as a possible avenue to explore
- Liz is working with the alliance to develop a toolkit for communities to encourage this type of housing

C. First Time Homebuyer Survey

- a. Kevin reported that he did not get that done yet but is working on it this week

Review of Housing and Neighborhoods Implementation Strategy

Housing Task Force did not have the time to review the Draft document prepared by Mike Miller in December 2016. The Task Force will review at the next meeting June 21, 2018 in the event that the City Council make the decision to undertake working on the Master Plan update in the coming year. City Council will be reviewing their Goals and Priorities during their retreat on May 21-May 23. Task Force decided that everyone should review in preparation for the June 21, 2018 meeting.

Future Agenda Items:

Peter Kelman brought up Airbnb, and the number of apartment units that are being rented out in Montpelier and he will collect some data on the number of units in Montpelier that are currently on the website and present findings at the next meeting.

Legislative Update:

Mary will provide an update at the next meeting, too much is in flux with the budget discussions as Statehouse

Jen H. Commented that the Airbnb registration bill did not pass

Rental Housing Safety Board to be established by the State

5. City Council Presentation

Jen and Polly will prepare for City Council. Liz to provide some property photos. Kevin will provide the data (amount contributed from Housing Fund and projects) most of the information is in memos presented to council in 2016-2017.

Education: Past, Present and Future Successes and initiatives

Funding For Housing Trust Fund

Funding History and Proposal with funding options for long term sustainable funding.