

Montpelier Homelessness Task Force Minutes

December 11, 2019

Members Present

Morgan Brown
Jodi Kelly
Zack Hughes
Ericka Reil
Dawn Little
Ken Russell

Cameron Niedermayer
Yvonne Byrd

Guests Presents

Kathy Susskind
Betsy Parrah

Introductions

Kathy Susskind: Montpelier Food Justice Group, Food Pantry
Food Justice
Food Pantry
Interfaith Alliance
211 Services Group

Updates

Process and Roles

Cameron: Transitioning Yvonne off the Committee and have her take on Facilitator Role.
Members acknowledge Yvonne's good work.

Cameron discusses facilitation going forward.

Ken asks that full group discuss facilitation going forward when we have a full meeting.

Agenda Review

Group approves

Minutes Review

Group approves, with 2 abstaining (Dawn Little and Morgan Brown)

Number

Ken reports on Will's list of population numbers. 40% greater number than the official count.

Advocacy for systems change.

Ericka to work with Ken on numbers and report back.

Grant Update

We did not get the grant. Thank you to Glen for applying.

Lockers

Lockers: \$427, including shipping.

Jodi: Salvage in WRJ

State Surplus in Waterbury

Zack had heard that high school students had, years ago, made donations.

\$500 estimate for budget purposes

Placement: ideally bus shelter, maybe on back of the building.

Recommended Porta-John company has offered a discount

Normally \$100/month, accessible \$150/mo.

One of each.

= \$3000/year

Siting out of the flood plain.

Dawn: Trash Removal another issue

A larger problem

Camping

Cameron refers to email that she has sent out regarding recent clearing of campsite.
Cameron has moved with Parks staff, Police staff, and Cemeteries, to make sure we have a way of dealing with this.

Morgan: need documentation.

Cameron will share new policy once available.

Identification of public property: Cameron will report on it next time.

Holiday Meals

Christmas and New Years are covered, but Sweet Melissa's isn't accessible.
Jodi, Dawn and Ken will work on access.

Budget

Cameron responds

Discussion about outreach team in response to Rick's email.

Peer workers.

Hired by peer agency

We will need to make case for street outreach person vs. an embedded social worker, and what affiliation would be most effective.

24 bathroom facilities -- \$3k/yr

Fund storage lockers for those experiencing homelessness --\$750

Betsy Parrah talks about the commitment of Bethany to shelters.

Discussion about budget asks.

Cameron circulating draft of budget asks.

Meeting Adjourned