



PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 8th, 2018

12:30 – 2:00pm

Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (300 E. Highland Mall Blvd.)

MINUTES

Attendees: Kenneth Thompson (DFPS), Sarah Worthington (TX Rio Grande Legal Aid), Reggie Smith (Community Representative), Michelle Collins (Integral Care), Sandra Eames (Austin Community College), Rebecca Farrell (Community Representative), Darla Gay (Travis County DA), Darwin Hamilton (Community Representative), Mary Moran (TCSO), Rudy Perez (TC Adult Probation), Abby Tatkow (ECHO)

Guests: Lauren Johnson (ACLU), Bitra Razavi (Goodwill), Nadia Carlson (ECHO), Gary Wardian (Community Representative), Valerie Hollier (TC Justice Planning), Javier Soto (Communities for Recovery)

Support: Kelly Nichols (WNA), KiYa Moghaddam (WNA)

I. **Introductions (Kenneth Thompson)**

Kenneth called the meeting to order at 12:43 p.m. He welcomed attendees and facilitated a round of introductions.

II. **Vote: December 2017 Minutes (Kenneth Thompson)**

Sarah motioned to approve the December 2017 PC minutes. Reggie seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

III. **Vote: WNA 2018 Contract (Kenneth Thompson)**

Reggie motioned to approve the 2018 contract with WNA. Darwin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Update: Criminal Background Housing Screening Guidebook Project (Kelly Nichols/Abby Tatkow)**

Kelly provided an overview of the genesis of the guidebook and the steps that have been taken to put the document together. The purpose of the Guidebook is to have comprehensive, easy to understand guidelines and a clearly defined background check policy for landlords and potential renters. The committee reviewed the document and the decision was made to submit suggestions and edits to Kelly via email.

V. Discussion: Reentry Month – April (Kelly Nichols)

The committee discussed possible activities in which to engage the community during the federally observed Reentry Month in April. Some suggestions were: A reentry simulation, participating in a panel discussion during the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act planned in Austin, a media partnership with the Reentry Project, and joining Kenneth during his morning show on KLBJ radio. Darla and Lauren Johnson volunteered to help plan the activities.

VI. Discussion: Roundtable Development Strategy (Kelly Nichols)

The committee reviewed the draft of the development strategy. Comments and suggestions will be sent to Kelly via email.

VII. Discussion: Revising Roundtable Logo (Kelly Nichols)

The committee discussed the existing logo and recommended that it be updated. This item will be revisited at the next PC meeting.

VIII. Misc. Announcements and Roundtable

The March PC meeting date will be changed to March 19 which is the week following Spring Break. The meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Planning Council Meeting

February 12th, 2018

12:30 – 2:00pm

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