

Ad Hoc Committee to Address Homelessness
Minutes of
Tuesday, November 10, 2020

The Ad Hoc Committee to Address Homelessness of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met for a meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 10:00 a.m via Zoom. Notice and Agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building and at www.Normanok.gov twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Item no. 1 being: Committee Introductions

Members Present: Lisa Krieg
Cary Bryant
Eryn Tribble
Michelle Evans

Members Absent: Alison Petrone
Rayna Cumbie

Staff Present: Tara Reynolds
Anthony Purinton
Jeanne Snider
Lisa Lewis

Guests Present: Lee Hall

Item No. 2 being: Review of Summary Minutes from 10-27-2020 Meeting

No changes.

Item No. 3 being: Update on Strategic Homeless Plan RFP

- Home Base was the firm chosen by the selection committee to complete the Strategic Homeless Plan. Home Base works with Tulsa, and seemed the most well versed in homelessness. Contract negotiations have begun.

Item No. 4 being: Discussion regarding Winter Warming Shelter for Fall 2020

- There is a delay in opening the shelter due to quarantine and lack of shelter manager applications. The new start date will be around November 20/21.
- We are currently ordering supplies, and work is finishing up on a bathroom at the location.

Item No. 5 being: Proposed Street Outreach Program

- The City is proposing a Street Outreach program in collaboration with social service providers and the Norman Police Department.
- This would connect people with services, housing, and help eliminate the need for encampments, as well as providing cross-training opportunities for service providers and police officers.
- This would include hiring a full time Housing Navigator and an Outreach Case Manager funded through a combination of CARES grants through mid-2023.
- This will go before City Council on November 24 for approval.

Item No. 6 being: Encampments

- Following industry standards, we are continuing to work on eliminating the need for encampments by housing individuals.

Item No. 6 being: New Business

- The next meeting is November 24, 2020.
- There are concerns about addressing misunderstandings on social media.
- This will be our last zoom meeting, as the virtual meetings allowance expires on November 15. We have decided to move to the Multipurpose Room to allow for better social distancing.

Item No. 7 being: Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 10:36a.m.