

CALL TO ORDER

The November 7, 2019 Monroe Homeless Policy Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Monroe City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Strickler, Cramer, Bloss, Wysocki, Adams, Chavez, Fisher, Corden, Godfrey ¹

Facilitator present: Janice Corbin

Members absent: Waxham; ad-hoc members Gamble and Spirito

Staff present: Thomas, Knight, Jolley, Haverly

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Administrator Deborah Knight stated that the minutes from the prior meeting were not ready, and moved to go forward with tonight's meeting and would post draft minutes of that meeting at another time. The committee had no objection.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Janice and other committee members expressed a desire to make the points used in the power point for the upcoming HPAC Open House on 11/14 more succinct, and the recommendation was to review the power point for possible adjustments.

The decision was made to clarify that the first portion of the presentation was to be what the committee had considered, and that these points were not recommendations. This was mostly accomplished by changes in verbiage, and removing the

The committee put forth the idea and discussed the possibility of having a recovering homeless/drug addict speak at the meeting. No direction was given by the committee.

REFRESHMENTS were requested by committee member Bloss, and Deborah Knight requested that be noted in the minutes.

The open house will consist of an opportunity to view "stations" of the various power point slides, the power point itself, an opportunity for community members to speak, and another opportunity to visit the stations to view the slides again.

Deborah Knight stated that a goal for the upcoming January 16th meeting will be to devise a 6-year plan for implementing the HPAC recommendations.

1-Committee member Godfrey arrived at approximately 6:13 pm

Regarding the HPAC Draft Recommendations 11/7/2019 handout/diagram, some main recommendations:

- Under “Housing”, several re-wording recommendations were made and adopted, and Mayor Thomas recommended the development of a “consortium” for Monroe/Sky Valley to address housing issues and expanding housing responsibility to Sky Valley and not just Monroe.
- Under “Legislative”, Mayor Thomas recommended changing the title to “Policy and Budget”, and making that the outer ring of the diagram and “individual” at the center.
- Under “Public Safety” there was a discussion regarding the ability of law enforcement to enforce current and future laws with both current and future resources. Discussion of crime prevention and the continued support and funding of the embedded social worker program at the police department occurred.
- Under “Prevention”, member Kramer put forth the idea of expanding the sense of a community-based “safety net” in Sky Valley utilizing resources such as the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, etc.
- Under “Support Services”, the idea of having a “one-stop shop” /“Navigator” who would be available 24/7 so that the needs and the willingness to receive help for a homeless individual could be addressed in that moment of need. The Chief stated that he is fine with the current funding for a part-time embedded social worker, and that he sees the need for the Navigator as greater than the needed for a full-time embedded social worker.
- Under “Partners”, Mayor Thomas reiterated the idea of creating a consortium in Sky Valley for shared ideas and resources.

Regarding the upcoming open house, Mayor Thomas offered to allow committee members to speak in his place; the offer was declined by committee members. Mayor Thomas, Deborah Knight and Janice will be speaking to introduce the committee members. Janice offered to speak to the various committee member’s reasons for joining the HPAC committee, and the offer was declined by the committee members.

Deborah Knight received approval from committee members to extend the meeting up to 30 more minutes so the committee could finish reviewing the Draft Recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:34 pm.

Deborah Knight, City Administrator