

CITY OF NEW HAVEN HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION

November 14, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Members Present: J. Huettner, E. Sabin, E. Robinson, D. Ecton, N. Hogan, V. Wilson,

Ex-Officio: V. George, N. Torres

Staff: V. George

Guests: M. Marichal

Members Excused Absent: - A. Roth,

Members Absent: - J. Hardy, C. Phillips Jr.,

Meeting called to order 6:06pm.

J. Huettner began the meeting with introductions.

October Minutes were reviewed and unanimously accepted.

Proposed Homeless Bill of Rights (HBR) Submission to BOA

J. Huettner shared that the final draft of the HBR with additional input from Alder A. Roth was ready for submission to the BOA. Commissioners were given a copy of the final draft. J. Huettner stated that any additional supplemental information can be presented at the BOA public hearing. He then entertained a motion by D. Ecton to submit the revised HBR Resolution to the BOA for consideration with public hearing, E. Robinson second the motion. The motion passed unanimously. V. George will submit resolution to Dr. Dakibu Muley, CSA for signature and forward to BOA liaison for submission to BOA.

Public Loo Discussion

V. George distributed copies of the public loo that A. Wolf and B. MacMullen designed. She shared that the design was intended to be consistent with that of the bus shelters. M. Marichal shared her discussion with B. MacMullen who stated that this loo will be built with local materials which would be cost effective and easier for replacement parts. V. George shared a second loo designed by ExeLoo Manufacturers – this was a prefabricated twin restroom, with a 5-stage auto wash system, and remote monitoring. To date there are three loo models for consideration. V. George will convene the loo committee in January to explore next steps.

Shelter Update

V. George shared that the Columbus House Overflow Shelter is scheduled to open November 18, 2019 with 75 beds for men. She is currently working out details to open an interim warming center for 25 women to open mid – November also.

Homelessness and the Elderly – tabled.

CAN Update

T. Clark shared that CAN is currently focused on diverting families from entering shelter, and rapidly housing families that are in shelter through the rapid rehousing program.

From 9/1/19 – 10/31/19, 211 received 2,248 calls for housing assistance. Of those calls, 698 attended their appointments – there were 914 no shows. Between 8/1/19 – 9/31/19, 192 households were enrolled in rapid rehousing, which is short term rental assistance with case management.

T. Clark also shared that the CAN received a CDBG Small Cities Grant to bring resources to the shoreline (Guilford), and the CAN's focus in the upcoming year is to integrate the Outreach & Engagement system statewide.

No YHAP Update.

Meeting adjourned.