

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS  
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2015**

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**Present:**

Council Member Kelly Allen Gray, Chair  
Council Member Danny Scarth  
Council Member Dennis Shingleton  
Glen Whitley  
Lee Nicol (Arrived 1:45 pm)  
Alex Jimenez  
Flora Brewer  
Norbert White  
David Zappasodi

**Absent:**

Andy Taft  
Barbara Holston  
MaryEllen Wellbaum  
Perry Pillow

**Staff Present:**

Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager  
Vicki Ganske, Senior Assistant City Attorney  
Paige Mebane, Assistant City Attorney  
Mary J. Kayser, City Secretary  
Cynthia Garcia, Interim Director, Neighborhood Services Dept.  
Otis Thornton, Homelessness Program Director  
Maggie Jones, Homelessness Coordinator

**I. Call to Order**

At 1:34 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2015, Chair Kelly Allen Gray called the meeting of the Supportive Housing Task Force to order in the City Manager's Conference Room 380 in the City of Fort Worth City Hall, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 22, 2014 and January 26, 2015**

Task Force Member Scarth made a motion, seconded by Task Force Member Shingleton, to approve the December 22, 2014 and January 26, 2015, minutes of the Supportive Housing Task Force. The motion carried unanimously 8 to 0, with Task Force Members Taft, Holston, Nicol, Wellbaum, Nicol, and Pillow absent.

**III. Report on the February 3, 2015 Task Force Presentation to the City Council**

Chair Allen Gray thanked the individuals that participated in the February 3, 2015, presentation to Council.

#### **IV. Permanent Supportive Housing Tenant Perspectives**

Otis Thornton introduced Teresa Estrada with the Directions Home Program. Ms. Estrada introduced Rose Bradford and James Garner, two individuals who are currently living in supportive housing. Ms. Bradford and Mr. Garner shared their stories and how they utilized the supportive housing services and the difference it had made in their lives.

#### **V. Coordinated Assessment and the Prioritization of People Who are Homeless for Permanent Supportive Housing**

Carolyn Curry and Rebecca Cox from the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition gave a briefing on Coordinated Assessment. Coordinated Assessment is required by HUD and is shown to help communities end homelessness. Coordinated Assessment helps move people through the system, reduces duplication of efforts, and allows for a better match of services to client needs.

#### **VI. Development Proposal: The Reserves at Quebec**

Task Force Member Shingleton and Cynthia Garcia, Interim Director for Neighborhood Services discussed the Reserves at Quebec project in District 7. It will be a multi-family development, near transit and with permanent supportive housing. It will offer 230 units with 1, 2 and 3 bedroom floor plans with a unit mix of 16 permanent supportive housing units, 16 market rate units and the remainder of the units will be affordable to residents at 80% and below AMI. Ms. Garcia reviewed the financing of the project.

#### **VII. Permanent Supportive Housing Development Guidelines and Recommendations**

The Task Force began discussion of the Permanent Supportive Housing Guidelines and Recommendations with Otis Thornton and John Peterson with CSH.

Location information should be included, describe where they should go

It was noted that high opportunity areas receive more points than a revitalization area. Want to be able to use this tool in both areas.

It was noted that the site selection area helped to address the concerns related to property value decline

It was suggested that in the introductory section a statement could be added that there is an awareness of concerns and a commitment to attending to them.

Concerns with items #7 and #8 under guidelines related to the Continuum of Care.

Suggested rewording of #7 – noted that the plans should be reviewed with the Continuum of Care and implemented in a manner consistent with Continuum of Care principals.

Suggested rewording of #8 – PSH tenants should be identified and selected in a manner consistent with Coordinated Assessment principals include flexibility.

It was confirmed that no one would be excluded if they chose not to participate in federal funding.

It was confirmed that the Coordinated Assessment did help to match up people with the right resources be it PSH or something else.

How will these guidelines be used and what teeth do they have? They will be used in PSH projects that involve city funding.

**VII. Permanent Supportive Housing Development Guidelines and Recommendations (con't)**

These guidelines will be policy if adopted by Council.

There was discussion on #13 regarding the percentage of PSH in projects. There was discussion about the percentages in #13 and where they came from. Guidelines are designed to get us what we want in future developments.

There may need to be language regarding what an exception looks like  
Need to engage the major apartment owners

**VIII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be April 6, 2015, at 3:00 pm and the discussion will be related to the Guidelines.

**IX. Public Comment**

There was no one to be heard under public comments

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business for the Task Force Chair Allen Gray adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.