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Empowerment Center Oversight Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 1, 2015 – 1:00 P.M.
Alachua County Administration Building, Jack Durance Auditorium

MEMBERS PRESENT: County Commissioners Mike Byerly and Robert “Hutch” Hutchinson, City of Gainesville Commissioners Helen Warren, and Todd Chase, and Board Member Dr. Bernie Machen

ALSO PRESENT: See Attached Listing

Call to Order

Chair Mike Byerly opened the meeting of the Empowerment Center Oversight Advisory Board at 1:03 P.M.

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Chair Byerly called for public input. Motion carried 5-0. Board Member Machen 2nd.

1. Home Van Pet Care Project

Melissa Glikes and Elizabeth Howard presented an overview of what services the Home Van Pet Care Project offers the homeless. They indicated there are about 20-25 dogs at Dignity Village along with one cat. The project also provides tags for the animals once they have been spayed/neutered and their immunizations are up to date. City of Gainesville Attorney Nicole Shalley, provided members with an update on the draft rules for Dignity Village under development by the staff action team. The proposed rules address issues related to pets including keeping them on a leash and picking up after them. The Home Van Pet Care project has also established some guidelines regarding pets which have been taken into consideration by the staff action team.

2. Citizens Work Group Report

Harvey Ward, Interim Vice-Chair for the Citizens Work Group updated members on recent actions and recommendations. At its June 29, 2015 meeting the Citizens Work Group adopted three motions (see attached) regarding inviting other stakeholders to meet and discuss issues, recommended that a single vendor manage both Grace Marketplace and Dignity Village, and that the Citizens Work Group expand its focus to include both Grace Marketplace and Dignity Village.

Commissioner Warren moved to recommend that the Oversight Empowerment Center Advisory Board forward the Citizens Work Group recommendations to both the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and Gainesville City Commission. Motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Hutchinson 2nd.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to recommend to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and City of Gainesville Commission that the Oversight Empowerment Center Advisory Board scope described in the Inter local agreement, be expanded to include the broader range of homelessness issues that impact the operations of Grace Marketplace and Dignity Village. Motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Warren 2nd.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to recommend to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and City of Gainesville Commission that a single vendor be selected for both the management of the Grace Marketplace and Dignity Village. Motion carried 4-1. Board member Machen in dissent. Commissioner Warren 2nd.

3. GPD Update Regarding Road Access

Captain Helmerson of the Gainesville Police Department provided members with an update on issues related to the access road surrounding the Empowerment Center that also provides access to Dignity Village. He indicated Joann Rice, from Gainesville Fire Rescue was also present to answer questions. Current efforts are looking at some type of fencing to have greater control over road access. Additional information will be forthcoming from the City Dignity Village Action Team.

4. Criminal Record Checks

Board members received additional information about criminal background and warrant checks. Captain Helmerson from GPD indicated the level of information available to the public is not the same as that which is only available to law enforcement officials. Requirements regarding criminal background checks will also be forthcoming in the draft rules for Dignity Village.

5. Fundraising Workshop

As the Citizens Work Group will be convening a group of other stakeholders related to both Grace Marketplace and Dignity Village, the Oversight Board asks that it also consider fundraising as part of those discussions. This would include the formation or identification of a non-profit organization that could receive and expend funds on behalf of both Grace Market Place and Dignity Village.

6. Waste Management and Recycling

Commissioner Hutchinson reported that additional dumpsters have been placed at Dignity Village and that no further action is needed at this time.

7. Legislative Request for the Medical Clinic

Board members received the updated information on the FY 15/16 legislative request for funding improvements at the Empowerment Center Medical Clinic. It was noted the request was not funded though the local delegation was supportive.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to recommend to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Gainesville Commission to recommend that funding for the Empowerment Center Medical Center be included in the FY 16/17 legislative request. Motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Warren 2nd.

8. Next Meeting Agenda, Date, Time and Place

Board members discussed and decided the next meeting would be scheduled for August 5, 2015 at 1:00 pm.

19. Adjournment

Commissioner Hutchinson motioned to adjourn, Member Machen 2nd. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Recorded by,

Thomas A Tonkavich, Staff Liaison

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Motions from June 29, 2015, Citizens Work Group Meeting

- **Motioned that all organizational stakeholders be invited to the next meeting of the Citizens Work Group**
 - Approved; two members dissenting
 - Concern about how undefined the group of organizational stakeholders currently is
 - Motion informally (without a vote) amended so that the next meeting of the Citizens Work Group is devoted to organizing such a meeting, with the meeting of the organizational stakeholders tentatively held in early September

- **Motion to recommend to the city that there be one vendor to manage GRACE Marketplace and Dignity Village**
 - Unanimously approved

- **Motion that the group be actively involved in the discussion of both GRACE Marketplace and Dignity Village**
 - Unanimously approved

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