

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
November 9, 2010

PRESENT: Paul Armstrong, John Bennett (Chair), John Martyn, Christine McKay, Rosemary O'Donnell, Melinda Rees, Sarah Tate, Brian Bartlett

STAFF: Rebecca Morgan Quin, Dorothy Olver, Sally Samis

REGRETS: Mayor Paul Ayotte, Katherine Blackwood, Gayl Hutchison, Linda Saunders

GUESTS: Christine Hignett, Housing Resource Centre

1. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Request to move item 7.1 Community Consultation on Housing Stability, to first item on the Agenda:

Motion: That AHAC approve the agenda as amended.

M. Brian Bartlett **S.** Christine McKay

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES September 14, 2010 and October 12, 2010

Motion: That AHAC approve the minutes of September 14 and October 12, 2010 as distributed.

M. Melinda Rees **S.** Christine McKay

Carried

4. Community Consultation on Housing Stability

- Dorothy Olver said the decision has been made to have a larger consultation on the housing needs with a broader involvement from the community. Nancy Fischer, Social Services, is taking the lead and will be defining the framework and scope. Dorothy asked for support for AHAC representation. She will present at the next AHAC meeting with Nancy Fischer.

5. DELEGATIONS

- Rosemary O'Donnell introduced HRC staff person Christine Hignett. Christine presented on "Reducing Rural Poverty and Homelessness"

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1. Property Standards Working Group RFP

Melinda Rees said the RFP had been through the City's legal department and ready to go.

6.2. AHAC Input to Provincial Policy Statement Review

- John Bennett said he worked with Paul Pentikainen and Susan Bacque to develop submission and we had received a response from the province indicating that they welcomed the input.

6.3. Nov. 23 –CMHC involvement in Celebration of Housing Success Stories

- Sally Samis gave a progress report on the planning and agenda for Nov. 23. CMHC has provided \$1500 in funds to cover the costs.

6.4. Short Term Rent Support Program

- Rebecca Morgan Quin said that a response to the business case was due anytime. She is moving ahead and working with the HRC to deliver the bulk of the funds through their target group and calling it Rent Bank Plus.

6.5. Improving Communications for services

No report

7. REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

7.1. Community Education

No Report

7.2. Services

See 6.1

7.3. Supply

- Sarah Tate and Dawn Berry Merriam met with Brenda Dales from PPRN about the Supply sub committee attending the PPRN planning meetings.
- Supply will start taking minutes and distributing to the committee.
- The AHAC Supply work plan will be ready for the next AHAC meeting for approval.
- The next Supply meeting topic will be “Homelessness-What are the Challenges?”

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Community Consultation on Housing Stability

See item #4

8.2. Housing issues and services to residents of the County

See Delegations

8.3. December meeting

Light refreshments will be provided

9. COMMUNITY UPDATES

9.1 Motion: That AHAC publicly thank County Councilor Brian Bartlett for his attendance at AHAC and the keen interest he has shown over the last year

M. John Martyn **S.** Rosemary O'Donnell

Carried

9.2 Neighbours In Action~PPRN

- John Martyn reported that the school board has made available 2 classrooms where service providers can set up 3 hours a week as a pilot project. PPRN donated \$6000 worth of Ipads to the adult education centre at Prince of Wales school. They are hoping to see the parent association and Neighbours In Action step back and move on to another geographic area.
- The PPRN is incorporated and will soon have a charitable number.

9.3 Homelessness Support group is hosting a public meeting Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. in the Library. John Martyn said that the Homelessness Support group is trying to get the hours extended at Our Space but zoning has been an issue.

10. ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETING

- John Martyn suggested inviting the new coordinator from the PPRN to present.

11. Motion to Adjourn

M. Paul Armstrong

12. NEXT MEETING: December 14, 2010, 2:30-4:30 p.m.