

Commission Meeting

November 18, 2015

Minutes

In attendance: Suzanne Hansche, Bobbi Yambasu, Tamara Maher, Bob Baskette, Mary Westfall, Ray Johnson, Elaine Friesen-Strang,

Absent: Dolores Hubert, Kae Gaunt

Guests: Rebecca Miller, Steve Weiss, George Hocker, Teresa Enigma (Catholic Charities), Marc Jolin, Marih Alyn-Claire

Call to Order/Introductions

ADVS Report – Rebecca Miller

- 2 legislative priorities in the short session: \$850,000 for Gatekeeper program and the Non-Defense discretionary funds
- Discussed the State Unit on Aging report and asked for comments by Dec 18
- Next collaborative meeting with DSAC and MAC planned for January 21st from 2 to 4 – focus to be developing Area Plan process
- Age Friendly work plan progress report being developed – to be submitted in 2016 after Age Friendly Advisory Grp review.
- PDX Airports Age Friendly assessment being done

Motion made to support the GCSS Workforce report passed unanimously.

Committee/Workgroup Reports/Action Items

Health Security

Legislative

Meeting with legislators being set up.

Anti-Poverty Work Group

Housing

Housing Alliance has list of legislation for 2016

PHAC has a series of Add Packages for the City Budget

Tenants Priced Out will meet with Housing Committee Chair weekly

There's a movement afoot to get rid of the Affordable Housing trust fund on the Federal level

Transportation:

Motion to approve sending letter to TriMet re: Orange line opening passed unanimously.

Vision Zero Pledge shared with attendees and all encouraged to participate

Marc Jolin – A Home for Everyone

Marc Jolin described the work of A Home For Everyone (formerly Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness) for which he is the Initiative Director. Summary of comments

- Members of the Executive Committee include: Portland, Mult Co, Gresham, Home Forward, Portland Business Alliance
- 32 appointed members plus staff
- Policy is set by the Executive Committee

- Goal was to reduce homelessness in 2 years
- Right now we house 3,000 people a year – intend to increase that to 4300/year
- Marc’s job is to act as liaison between the Committees and the Board and keep things organized and moving forward

Welcome Home

Susan Madar shared information about the Welcome Home coalition and asked the Commission to support endorsement. The motion to endorse Welcome Home passed unanimously.

Other Business

- A motion to support A Better Oregon’s ballot measure passed unanimously.
- Asset mapping was discussed – Rebecca suggested that the County might be able to work with the Commission on this effort.

Adjourned