



S3 Housing Connect Meeting Notes | October 10, 2019, 4-6 PM
Gordon Wicker Room, Lee County Government Building

Attendance: Marcia Johnson, Lesa Price, David Whittaker, Gayle Johnson, Bob Hughes, Gabby Murillo, Ruth Price, Heather Garrity, Chris Luettger, Dick Poletti, Marty Pate, Betsy Jungkind, John Paschal, Jeffrey Rawlings, Patricia Hawes, Earl Murphy, Tamara Brogan, Sherry Shudra,
Staff: Stan Holt, Karen Kennedy, Rachel Picard

1. Welcome, Introductions, Mission Statement- *Sherry Shudra, Chair*

Sherry welcomed everyone and then announced that HAVEN's Candlelight Vigil for those lost to domestic violence this year would be held after the S3 meeting at CCCC's courtyard. Five names that will be read were from Sanford/Lee County. Sherry stressed the importance of our work.

2. Report on Cow Patty Bingo- *Rachel Picard*

Thank you to everyone who came out to Cow Patty Bingo! This was our first real year holding the event (last year's event was held indoors because of the hurricanes), and we raised over \$5,000! It was a success!

3. Merry Gadflies Concert- *Rachel Picard*

On November 22, 2019, at 7:30 PM the Merry Gadflies are coming to Sanford for their second benefit concert for S3! Terry Allebaugh, S3's first consultant, and the band have kindly donated the performance for us, and Gabby Murillo Real Estate and LAMCO are sponsoring the venue. We have two types of tickets for sale- a VIP ticket for \$35, which includes hors d'oeuvres, a social hour with the band, and seats within the first five rows of the auditorium, and a regular ticket for \$20. Currently, only five tickets have been bought, so please purchase tickets and spread the word via social media, coworkers, friends, and family! Tickets can be purchased online through Temple Theatre's website or at Temple Theatre's box office.

4. Nonprofit Internship Program- *Gabby Murillo*

Gabby asked everyone to pull out their phones and check into the S3 meeting on Facebook so S3's name can start being more recognized.

The high schoolers have been placed with their agencies, and Gabby read the list of who is paired with which organization. Everyone agreed that social media is so important for nonprofits and businesses to be successful, so this will be a great help!

5. Nonprofit Board Training- *Stan Holt*

Seven or eight organizations (roughly 35 people) attended the Nonprofit Board Training. They were very focused on fundraising, volunteer engagement, and board development. Future training opportunities will be planned.

6. **Review of Bylaws Revision relative to Task Force Members, Application Process and Vacancies-** *Sherry Shudra*

A new application for S3 Housing Connect voting members will be sent out next week. Currently, those interested in remaining voting members are Tami Carter, Wayne Chew, Betsy Jungkind, Lesa Price, Dick Poletti, John Kirkman, Bob Hughes, Pam Glover, Cindy Hall, Kendra Martin, Max Dolan, Tamara Brogan, and Sherry Shudra. We would like more representation from churches and business owners or merchants. When we send the application out, we will highlight how many new people we need from each sector as referenced in the revised bylaws.

7. **Five for Five Committee Reports**

- a. **Service Provision**, Tami Carter- There were 120 participants at the Salvation Army Resource and Job Fair. There will be a 211 community training event for service providers in December. Sign-ups for PIT Count volunteers will come soon!
- b. **Resource Development**, Tamara Brogan- Irene Smith is continuing to work with BOLM and OMI on grant writing and other finance-related tasks. The cost analysis of local homelessness is still a work in progress. This committee has started to think about a subcommittee within S3 that could work on fundraising and allocating money when needed. It could be a small group of people who don't have ties to any of the organizations currently involved with S3. There could be requirements that an organization has to meet to receive funds from S3, such as having to attend 50% of S3 meetings or reporting data from their agency.
- c. **Low Barrier Shelter**, Sherry Shudra- This committee discussed all of the shelter and housing accomplishments S3 has made over the past two years. There are still lots of challenges and projects to achieve, such as helping OMI build their new shelter and a local day facility/resource center. There may be a partnership between BOLM and SA for this center. Each of the shelter organizations then gave updates. BOLM seriously needs financial assistance for the extreme weather shelter. They were open 73 days/nights last year when it was 32 degrees. It costs them \$200 a night to open. They saw 12-20 people a night. They are reconsidering their 40-degree open requirement unless they can get donations or help with staying open that often. This year they only have two teams of people committed to staffing the shelter. The white flag phone number is 919-777-7233. Gabby suggested approaching businesses to ask if they would fiscally sponsor the shelter for a week.
- d. **Housing**, Bob Hughes- No report
- e. **Community Engagement**, Gabby Murillo- There were two guests from CCCC at the last meeting. There are students spending the night in their cars in the CCCC parking lot. How can we help homeless college students? CCCC might be interested in a partnership. This conversation led to a conversation about homeless people with pets. Sherry shared resources such as redrover.org and CARA. Sherry will send out information on homeless animals.

Tiny Home Conversation- Fayetteville, NC's city council just approved a tiny home community for their homeless population. S3 members asked if we could get

involved with them to assist and see if something similar would be possible here. Karen Kennedy said that we have been told by our city building inspector that tiny homes don't meet state building code. However, Rachel and city planning staff will see how Fayetteville moves forward with this project. If anyone has information on this initiative, email it to rachel.picard@sanfordnc.net.

8. Continue Strategic Planning Process with Groups- At the Strategic Planning Meeting, S3 members decided that important categories for continued work are Housing/Shelter, Services, Community Outreach/Engagement, and Day Shelter. These groups turned into S3's new committees. Stan Holt explained each of the committees and their proposed objectives, and then the committees split off into work sessions.

9. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Mission Statement: *S3 Housing Connect* seeks to bring together the needed resources in Sanford and Lee County to create a coordinated and comprehensive approach to ensure that homelessness is prevented whenever possible, or is otherwise a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience.