

## **S3 Housing Connect Housing Committee Meeting Notes**

### **Buggy Building Conference Room**

**February 4, 2020 10:30 AM**

**Attendance:** Gayle Johnson, Dick Poletti, John Paschal, Marshall Downey, Rachel Picard, Karen Kennedy, Stan Holt, Bob Hughes, Gabby Murillo, Jeff Rawlings

#### **1. Brick Capital Community Development Updates**

- OMI Financing- Outreach Mission Inc is planning to build a new shelter with some financing from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency and other entities. The NCHFA will be doing a site visit next week, showing that they are potentially interested in the project.
- Garden Street- Rev. Mellette is allowing his property to be inspected. Brick Capital is determining if the apartments could be adapted to meet affordable housing needs. There is enough space on the parcel to build tiny homes or efficiency apartments behind the existing units.
- Sixteen acres donated from the city (Garden St./Washington Ave.)- A civil engineer is engaged with this project and a feasibility study is in the works.

2. **OMI Updates-** OMI is planning to build a new shelter with space for men, women and families. They are currently deciding what to do with the old structures that have been used for their shelters.

#### **3. Other Updates**

- Tiny Homes- Who would manage a tiny home community? Would the homes specifically be for homelessness? Types of tenants can often be determined by funding streams.
- PIT Count- Not many people were found at the 11 PM shift. The 4 AM shift and the daytime count were much more successful. We are currently thinking of ways to rework the count and make it as effective as it can be for future counts.
- Rapid Rehousing- There was a discussion about seniors and landlords. Landlords prefer elderly people with no children. However, people 60 and older, with young grandchildren, are the hardest to place. Another barrier to placement is a criminal background or bad credit. Roughly half of the people placed with RRH are returning to homelessness- one reason for this is that there is no wrap around services.
- Linden Ave.- Attorneys are reviewing subrecipient documentation.

4. **Homeless to Housing Flow Chart-** See attached flow chart. The biggest barrier is the number of available units locally- Permanent Supportive Housing units are desperately needed.

#### **5. Other Business**

- Could we incentivize people to transition out of housing designated to help homelessness? It was suggested we talk with Fayetteville or Greensboro to see how they are encouraging people to move out into their own houses. We could also ask other cities what entity manages their properties and what types of housing that they offer.
- Gabby Murillo spoke about homelessness during public comments at the Lee County Commissioner Meeting. Could we organize speakers to speak during public comments at upcoming commissioner meetings?
- Group trip to CASA in Raleigh to tour PSH units and find out how they are funded
- Who has the capacity to manage PSH properties? Brick Capital and Housing Authority are already doing this with their individual units. If Brick Capital or Housing Authority are the landlords for their units, could we find a partner agency to offer services?
- People have to go through the Fayetteville VA to access Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers in Lee County. The Sanford Housing Authority has access to 10 of these vouchers.

**Next Meeting – March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM**