

HTF Meeting Minutes for 5-27-21

1. Public Comment

- Mary Pulskamp requested that there be an update from the City of Jackson regarding their outreach program at the next meeting. She indicated that 2 homeless persons were promised housing but nothing came through.
- Christine Platt introduced herself to the group as Jackson's homeless outreach coordinators and that this was her first time to attend a Task Force meeting. She said the 2 people were approved for housing but that finding them a place was very difficult at this time. She went on to tell the group that the goal of the program was to get homeless people in position to get housing and employee (ie. helping them get identification)
- Tammie Crabtree (Operation Care) spoke about grant opportunities.

2. Transitional Housing

Joe Bors gave an update on the status of ATCAA purchasing a property in Jackson for transitional housing.

- Joe Bors said that the property on 315 N. Main St. in Jackson was listed as pending and already had backup offers. So this property is no longer available.
- Sherry Pease asked what the criteria for a house is. Joe said 4+ bedrooms/2 baths, not near a school in the Jackson/Martell areas.
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- Connie Gonsalves brought up the Old Martell Inn as a possibility to fix up for transitional housing. Tom Blackman had it listed at one time.

Joe Bors & John Murphy

3. Outreach Committee

Trixxie Smith from Sierra Wind gave the group an update on what's been happening with the Outreach group on a myriad of items:

- A distribution to homeless folks occurred in April and surveys were performed.
 - They helped 41 people in total
 - Thank you to Al Bierce and Steve Christensen for helping 13 people with their taxes and to receive stimulus checks from the American Recovery Act
 - The survey included the following questions:
 - Were they vaccinated?
 - Were they interested in being vaccinated?
- At a recent breakfast at St. Patrick's Church 12 people were vaccinated with the J&J vaccine
- The focus of the Outreach Committee is to building relationships with members of the homeless community. If anyone is interested in joining the outreach committee contact Tyx Pulskamp. They meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:30pm.

- Hot weather is approaching and there is a need for cooling centers and to provide cool water for unsheltered folks. In the past Trixxie kept an ice chest with cold water in Detert Park. It's time to think about this since there are only 2 operating water fountains in the park.
- Sierra Wind is providing sack lunches in the community which included 1 bottle of water. Sierra Wind envisions June 15th opening as the start for regular operating at Sierra Wind.
- Bob Hartman told the group that public health has hired a nurse (Karen) that is going out into the community to do small vaccination clinics. She will be working on a homebound vaccination program. Lindsey at HHS is keeping track of these individuals. Send ideas to Public Health (223-0647) or outreach.
- Steve Christensen asked if local churches have reached out about mini vaccination clinics after services. Bill Withers asked how churches should get involved. Bob Hartman said that small "pop-up" vaccine clinics could occur after services.

4. Litter Removal and Camp Cleanup

Sherry Pease (Foothill Conservancy) gave an update on the litter removal and camp cleanup operations that the Conservancy was involved in to prevent litter from getting into local waterways.

- In the past month they had worked to clean up encampments near Jackson Creek in the pine Grove area near Pine Grove market.
- The next clean up date in June 13th from 10am – 1pm and more volunteers are needed. Meet at the Upcountry Community Center in Pine Grove. People should park in the upper parking lot of Pine Grove Market.

5. Announcements

- Frank Axe informed the group that the Food Bank will be opening their doors to the public soon and that the showers will be available for those who need them.
- The mobile showers project was brought up in conjunction with the Foodbank opening up and it was suggested to keep this project on hold for the time being.
- NPLH is still looking for a site to build 40 units of affordable housing.

6. Actions

None

7. Future Agenda Items

None