



Lowell City Council

Housing SC Meeting Minutes

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Date: November 1, 2022
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall / Zoom(Hybrid)

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Yem; C. Drinkwater; C. Nuon. Also present was Lisa Golden (HHS), Maura Fitzpatrick (Homeless Coordinator) C. Gitschier and C. Mercier.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Yem called the meeting to order noting attendance and the matter referred to the subcommittee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Latifah Phillips (School Administration) outlined report regarding homeless youth in the school system which categorized as unsheltered living; shelters; motel/hotel; and sharing living spaces. Ms. Phillips indicated there were 11% in schools would be categorized as homeless and outlined process as to identifying and providing them services. C. Nuon noted the percentage of homeless in the system and questioned how they were calculated. C. Nuon noted resources are available year round and that there is a need to provide that information to public. C. Drinkwater questioned how data is collected to see if services are efficient. Ms. Phillips noted that tracking is necessary and needs to be further developed. C. Yem noted school support and other support beyond schools. C. Nuon referenced the House of Hope and Alternative House and support resources. Ms. Fitzpatrick noted the connection to organizations and list of resources which must be more visible to the public. Carl Howell (CTI) commented on homeless families in the schools and they place children by working with the schools. Mr. Howell noted the need for students to have stable housing. Mr. Howell noted housing in City is economic based and lack of housing units. C. Mercier commented on affordable housing units. C. Drinkwater recognized housing shortage and a national crisis and that there are solutions to explore. C. Drinkwater noted the available resources but the need for units is in high demand. C. Yem requested breakdown of homeless youth in the schools at all levels. C. Yem questioned outreach by the City. Ms. Golden commented the function of the school nurses who are under her department. C. Yem opened meeting to public and Mr. Howell and Nick Delgado from CTI



addressed the body. C. Drinkwater recognized speakers. C. Yem noted conversations would continue.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Drinkwater. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM

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