

Minutes of the ad hoc committee on homeless shelters

March 9, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 5 PM

Present were City Council members Scott Vydra and Steve Moon and Planning Commission members Ramona Leber and Christine Schott.

Staff present included Planning Manager Steve Langdon, Community Development Director John Brickey and City Attorney James McNamara

Members of the public were also in attendance

- First order of business was approval of the Minutes of February 2 and 15, 2017 which passed on motion.
- Mr. Vydra noted that tonight's meeting was not a public hearing on any particular site or proposal
- The committee then took general citizen comments
- There were no board member reports
- Under Old Business on the discussion of whether different types of shelters should be defined there was a presentation from Steve Langdon on issues associated with defining shelters and the role of the management plan; he also discussed the issue of how the City would enforce standards on who is allowed to stay in a particular type of shelter
- Following staff presentation, members of the ad hoc committee discussed the merits of defining shelters to address the usage of the shelter and the type of residents allowed. The committee discussed the merits of defining a youth shelter and the appropriate age for such a shelter
- There was further discussion of buffers for youth shelters
- Members of the public were invited to comment on youth shelters
- Mr. Moon indicated he was leaning against classifying how a shelter is used and would instead like to focus on buffers; he favored 1000' between shelters. Ms. Leber agreed.
- Under New Business, Mr. Langdon discussed shelters in the R-4 and presented a map depiction of such a proposal. He also showed draft language of 19.22.050
- There was committee discussion on the staff report followed by public comments on the R-4 map
- There was then committee discussion on the R-4 and buffers and the committee asked staff to prepare a map(s) showing 1000' buffers around schools

- Next meetings were scheduled: March 22 and April 12 at 5:00 PM

The meeting concluded at approximately 6:50 PM