

Minutes of the ad hoc committee on homeless shelters

March 22, 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

Roll was taken

Minutes of prior meeting were moved for approval, motion was seconded and approved by voice vote

- Steve Langdon addressed the issue of whether the proposed ordinance should address definitions of different types of emergency shelters
- A question was directed to the City Attorney regarding a question raised by a member of the community with regard to banning emergency shelters from the community. It was discussed and agreed that such a move would be ill advised and the discussion moved on.
- Mr. Moon addressed his concern that sex offender housing not be allowed in the R-4 zone, in order to protect the members of this densely populated zone; he also suggested that it should be a "clean and sober" facility
- Mr. Vydra offered that there might be no need for buffers for youth shelters
- Ms. Schott offered that there should be buffers between shelters
- Next business was a staff presentation from Steve Langdon on the R-4. He showed a map with 1000' buffers from schools. Ms. Leber indicated that she was OK with 1000' buffers around schools, as it still allowed shelters an opportunity to locate.
- There was then a discussion of whether it was advisable require a buffer around the YMCA
- Members of the public were invited to comment on the R-4 proposals. Public comment on this topic took place between 5:40 and 6:12 PM
- Next there was public comment on the advisability of defining shelters by type. Public comment continued until 7:00 PM
- The ad hoc committee then discussed next steps, directing staff to begin a draft that could be circulated to affected properties, showing 1000' buffers from schools, and for the R-4 zone, containing provisions for "clean and sober" shelters and restrictions on housing of sex offenders.
- Next meetings were set for April 12 and 26 at 5 PM

The meeting concluded at 7:07 PM