

BEAUFORT COUNTY HOUSING COALITION MONTHLY MEETING

BEAUFORT COUNTY REGIONAL COMMITTEE (BCRC)

EAGLE'S WINGS 932 W. THIRD STREET, WASHINGTON, NC 27889

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015- 12:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

The mission of the Beaufort County Regional Committee is: *The Beaufort County Regional Committee will work as a subcommittee of the Balance of State Continuum of Care to assure quality housing for all, from homelessness through self-sufficiency.*

The vision of the Beaufort County Regional Committee is: *Promoting self-sufficiency and eliminating homelessness.*

Attendees: Harlan MacKendrick, Zion Shelter & Kitchen; Amy Modlin, East Carolina Behavioral Health; Jonathan Gaskins, Zion Shelter & Kitchen; Sharon Gray, East Carolina Behavioral Health; Ann-Marie Montague, Eagle's Wings; Anita Little, Beaufort County DSS (Adults and Aging); Carol Rados, Vocational Rehabilitation; Teresa Hamilton, Events Supervisor, City of Washington- Department of Parks and Recreation.

Introductions – Meeting started at 12:05PM

Minutes – Motion made by Mackendrick to approve the November 19, 2014 minutes and seconded by Montague minutes were approved as written.

Heavens Gardens Revitalization Plan Grant (built in the 1930's) – Totaling \$500,000.00 – \$250,000.00 will come from the City of Washington and balance from Federal funds (\$250,000.00). The submission date for the grant is February 2, 2015 and is graded on a point system. Awards will be announced sometime in June. Public sessions were held to determine the priorities for the project and surveys were also conducted to make sure goals are going to be met. The park will be environmentally friendly, encourage healthy life styles and promote less sedentary life styles. The park will also have a Splash Park, Bocce Court and Beach Volleyball. Existing woodchips will be replaced with a smooth surface to cut down on debris that is collected daily. It is projected that a revenue stream will need to be needed to get some of the monies back to the city to offset the cost. An example of fee collections would be private birthday parties. Phase I is projected to be completed by June 1016. Hamilton requested letters of support for the project from committee members. She will use the support letters in the grant. Hamilton's department is collaborating with Kate B. Reynolds Foundation on this and other community projects.

Election of New Officers

A motion was made by Montague to elect Mack Recko (current co-chair) as Chair of the BCRC and seconded by MacKendrick. Mackendrick made a motion to nominate Jonathan Gaskins as Co-Chair seconded by Modlin. There was no opposition to the nominations and it was moved that Marc Recko

serve as Chairman and Jonathan Gaskins serve as Co-Chair. Modlin will send Recko an email informing him of his new position. One of the responsibilities of the Chair and Co-Chair will be to sit in on Balance of State (BOS) Steering Committee Conference Call. This call is scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30am

1. Summary From BoS (Balance of State) Steering Committee

Modlin informed the committee that the Point In Time Count is scheduled for January 28, 2015. We are going to do shelter counts with Zion and Ruth's House. Gray has forwarded Point and Time forms to both agencies which need to be completed. Please have the forms back to Modlin by February 6, 2015 and she will forward to the Balance of State. Shelter Plus grant numbers will also be included in the Point In Time Count.

- 2. Coordinated Assessments Update** – Modlin reported that the Coordinated Assessment is not finished. ECBH (Gray) will be doing the Coordinated Assessments on Thursdays from 9:00am until 3:00pm but we need more agencies to volunteer. We are working to finalize how specifically it will be conducted.

Agency Updates

Women's Homeless Shelter – A project that was slated to open in Beaufort County for teens may have been cancelled or postponed. The location (site) would be perfect for the future Homeless Shelter for Women in Beaufort County. BCRC members will attempt to locate the person who was preparing to open the facility. It was reported that the City of Washington was going to charge the occupant \$1.00 per year for rent.

Eagles Wings Food Pantry - Montague reported that 2013 numbers are higher than 2012 numbers. Middle class jobs and public transportation are major needs in Beaufort County. In the US 1 out of 5 children go to bed hungry. However, in Beaufort County 1 in 4 children go to bed hungry. These numbers demonstrate a definite need for our continued services.

Zion Shelter – Gaskins discussed a homeless person that may qualify for housing services and asked what is available to him through ECBH. The man at the shelter is disabled but has income. The shelter hours have been extended during the cold weather.

Beaufort County DSS – Little had questions about the Targeted program and Modlin explained program requirements and the process for agency follow-ups.

Next meeting – February 25, 2015 at 12:00 noon at Eagle's Wings located at:
932 West 3rd Street, Washington, NC 27889, (252) 975-1138

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted by:
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