

**CITY OF SILVERTON  
HOMELESS/HOUSING TASK FORCE MINUTES**

**Zoom Web Conference Platform**

**January 26, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Member Dana Smith, on behalf of Chair Kyle Palmer, called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. The task force members and staff were present through the virtual meeting platform Zoom. Member Smith explained the meeting is being held through Zoom in accordance with House Bill 2560.

| Present | Excused |                    |
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|         | X       | Kyle Palmer        |
| X       |         | Rachel-Anne Rapoza |
| X       |         | Sarah White        |
| X       |         | Helen Thomas       |
| X       |         | Connie Yoder       |
| X       |         | Dana Smith         |
| X       |         | Jennifer Hannan    |
|         | X       | Sarah DeSantis     |
|         | X       | Karen Garst        |
|         | X       | Joseph Schmaus     |

**Staff Present:**

City Manager, Ron Chandler and Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk, Traci Nichols.

**Public Present:**

Executive Director-Sheltering Silverton, Kayla Burdine-Rea

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Hannan made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on December 22, 2021. Member White seconded the motion. Member Smith noted that Member Thomas was not marked present or absent in the minutes. Corrections noted. Minutes approved.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None received.

**IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**

City Manager Chandler gave an update regarding the ARPA grant, indicating that the City has not yet received an update. CM Chandler stated that the City hopes to hear back by Friday. Kayla Burdine-Rea from Sheltering Silverton spoke regarding their evening center currently being operational. Last month, it was not, and staff was trying to get it going. She stated that the next 4 nights, the evening center would not be running, as their clients were all hoteled. The evening center runs from 8pm-midnight to provide respite/shelter from the cold. There is still a resource center available from 2pm-5pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There is a PIT (point in time) count this week, and they had been hoping to conduct a PIT fair tonight, but had to cancel due to the fact that many of their clients were not able to access it. Member Rapoza asked Ms. Burdine-Rea if the evening shelter was in the same location as regular services. Ms. Burdine-Rea indicated that it was, and said that it would run through March. She said that during the times where clients are being hoteled, they may be able to stretch funds and hold them in reserve to push the evening shelter dates

into April (as there are sometimes freezing dates in April). Ms. Burdine-Rea shared an update regarding St. Edwards Church and the cottages, and getting those up and running. St. Edwards or Sheltering Silverton may or may not have a supervisor present to open up 2 of the 4 cottages, and there may be some movement within the next 30-60 days. Member Smith asked about the conditional use associated with the cottages, and a limited amount of time, and whether or not the process would have to be readdressed/redone. Ms. Burdine-Rea said that was a topic up for discussion, and it was unknown whether the timeline could be extended or if the process would have to be redone. Member White had heard that the clock started when someone was actually "in" the cottage.

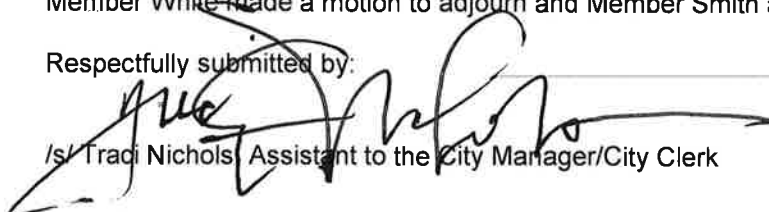
#### **V. TASK FORCE UPDATES**

Member Hannan mentioned the numbers of homeless youth is stable. Four homeless youth are in shelters at this time, and a couple have been taken in by community members. They have received a pretty significant grant through an affiliate of Oregon Department of Education - Youth Development Division. It's a youth reengagement grant for youth who have dropped out of school. A number of those have dropped out because of housing instability, family instability and Covid. They are able to work with them and employ some additional staff to case manage kids with significant needs. They are working on a grant through Nike Community Fund to work with their gyms in town to give access for homeless youth to be able to have {connection was lost}.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Member White made a motion to adjourn and Member Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
/s/ Traci Nichols Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk