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Boise/Ada County Homeless Coalition

**Minutes, August 10, 2022**

The meeting was conducted by Denise Caruzzi, President

Also in attendance Members: Boise Salvation Army Corps, Kira Hurt; Cathedral of the Rockies, Pete Schroeder; Corpus Christi, Don Ruffing; Carol Craighill, Secretary; Good Samaritan Home, Danielle Sanders; Jim Grunow; Jesse Tree, Cassandra Artukovich; Neysa Jensen; Cay Marquart, LEAP HOUSING; Mary Nagel, Vice-President; Vivian Parrish; Pam Roemer; Gayle Wilde and Laurynda Williams. Guests: Ariana Brault; Linda Beebe and Gerrie Graves. Presenters: Roberta D'Amico, and Byron Folwell, Boise City Planning & Zoning.

### **Review of Minutes of July 13, 2022**

Motion to approve as submitted: Pete Schroeder; second: Gayle Wilde.

Approved unanimously

### **Review of Treasurer's Report of July 13, 2022**

Presented by Carol Craighill who reported a balance of \$3,367.07

Motion to approve: Neysa Jensen, Second: Pete Schroeder

Approved unanimously

### **Presentation/Speakers**

Byron Folwell and Roberta D'Amico, members of the Citizen's Zoning Advisory Committee, gave us an overview and update on the zoning rewrite process for the city of Boise. Housing is built and approved by the city. Rezoning is focused mostly on increased density and zoning of neighborhoods for the purpose of adding more housing. Meetings for public input have taken place in the last several months. Most of the opposition was about adding more rental properties to their neighborhood. There are many items in the code which address homelessness and a project is being started with LEAP Housing for tiny homes on wheels and ADU's. Homeless shelters will be addressed at a later date. Bryan said it is very difficult to provide affordable housing because subsidies for these projects have been decreasing over several decades. Roberta said that attending these meetings are very important and that attending in person is more effective than attending in Zoom. Bryon offered to put together a list of the most common objections and rebuttals for each objection. He stressed that it is very important to attend the hearings next summer because that's when most of the controversy will take place.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Carol Craighill**, Membership Committee, reported the need to increase our membership. Others are also working on a script to encourage people and organizations to join.

**Lila Fetherolf**, Education and Advocacy Committee, stressed the importance of community conversations. Denise gave us an update on the community discussion meetings—Walk with Me/Talk with Me—Solving Homelessness Together. This is a project of the Education/Advocacy Task Force for continued outreach into the community. The first pilot project was at the First United Church of Christ. The next one is the third in a series which will be held at the Cathedral of the Rockies on Sept. 11. Members are encouraged to go. It was also reported that voting projects are going on at several churches and agencies. The coalition will have a booth at the IHFA Conference on Housing and Economic Development at the Boise Centre on Aug. 22 & 23.

## **Agency Updates:**

### **LEAP Housing**, Cay Marquart

reported that LEAP's new mission is to create 1,000 affordable housing opportunities by 2026

### **Salvation Army**, Kira Hurt

working on housing projects with churches and operating a food pantry  
90% of calls are for housing

### **Corpus Christi**, Don Ruffing

they have four paid staff membership  
volunteers are returning  
they need more donations of underwear, socks, and backpacks  
cooling shelters are going through lots of water

### **Jesse Tree**, Cassandra Artukovich

there have been a growing number of eviction court hearings  
they have been working closely with Idaho Legal Aid  
we are encouraged to send emails to the Ada County Commissioners in support of Jesse Tree's request for funds to continue support for the expanding group of eviction clients in the Treasure Valley. County Commissioners email: [boccl@adacounty.id.gov](mailto:boccl@adacounty.id.gov)

## **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 by Denise Caruzzi. The next meeting will be September 14, 2022 at 1:30

Notes taken by Cay Marquart  
Secretary: Carol Craighill