

Boise/Ada County Homeless Coalition

Minutes, October 11, 2023

The meeting was conducted by Pete Schroeder.

Review of Minutes: Sept. 13, 2023—Richard motioned to accept; Kelli seconded
Approved unanimously

Review of Treasurer's Report: --there was nothing new to report

Attendees:

- Cassandra Artukovich
- Cay Marquard
- Don Ruffing
- Erin Thompson
- Jim Grunow
- Katie Herstein
- Kelli Parker
- Lila Fetherolf
- Mandy White
- Mary Nagel
- Neysa Jenson
- Pam Roemer
- Pete Schroeder
- Richard

Committee Reports:

Lila (Education and Advocacy) regarding political campaigns-- we do not promote individual candidates, but want to inform voters about the candidates' policy positions that have to do with the Coalition's mission. You can find out where and when these candidate forums are by going to our "Upcoming Events" page on our website. Lila is asking for ways to get more information out to people. Pete said that the Boise Faith Group came up with questions on their website. Perhaps we could also ask our members to do that. Cassandra (Jesse Tree) suggested sending out press releases—these are very productive in engaging lots of people.

James (Book Group) they are finishing up their book discussion on Poverty by America. He encourages us to read this and understand that we have created poverty and we can solve it if we have the will. The next/last session is 18 October (noon-1:00). See website for further information

Agency Reports:

Cassandra (Jesse Tree) there has been a huge increase in new applicants. The majority is from Ada County and are applicants between 30 and 35 years old. Jesse Tree is partnering with

Neighborworks to offer landlord trainings and classes on how to prevent an eviction.

Don (Corpus Christi) reported that they have many new employees and that there is a big uptick in new people coming in everyday. They need more winter clothing.

Katie (Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel) they are collaborating with Furnishing Hope to transform empty houses into furnished homes for those in need.

Saidee (Our Path Home) they are working on getting bus passes, looking into shelter capacities, warming centers, etc. they are partnering with other agencies to do surveys which will ask the homeless people what they really need.

Cay (LEAP) We are so excited to announce that we have broken ground on phase 1 of Falcons Landing in Mountain Home, ID. Largely funded by Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, this is the first new affordable housing development in Mountain Home in over 20 years.

Falcons Landing will be a multi-phase construction project, eventually resulting in 136 units of housing, both rental and homeownership. The 60 rental units built during phase 1 will range from affordable for 30% AMI households to market rate.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023, at 1:30.

Notes taken by Cay Marquart Secretary: Carol Craighill