

Homeless Housing Committee Meeting Notes

June 28, 2022

Liz Ellis

Attending the zoom meeting were:

David Lawrence, Debi Pieraccini, Liz Ellis, Kati Kachman, and Lisa Scott and DC Staten from staff. Kacey Morrison and Dave Golding are unable to attend.

Voting was completed on Candidates for filling at large position on the committee.

The top 3 were: Steven, Nancy, and Patty. Lisa will ask them to talk with Committee members at our meeting July 5th. We plan to make a determination by 7/19 to recommend to Council for approval.

Old Business:

Laina Moore is meeting with the Moore Wright group this week to learn more about their proposal for providing housing and shelters. She will report at our next meeting July 5th.

- Lisa asked about code concerns committee members might have regarding temporary type shelters or tiny houses if these are being considered by MWG.
- Community Development can work with MWG to support an application for mobile park like housing.
- Floodplain issues may need to be considered.

Kacey will report on her talking with folks at the County at the next meeting.

Liz talked with Wil Rousoul from the DT Aberdeen Assn about having a representative from the dt business community join this committee. Wil is not available to be on the committee, but Alan Richrod who has an office downtown and is a member of the DTAA is interested and emailed a letter to the committee.

There was concern about only having one candidate to represent the business community and David offered to reach out to someone he knows to have other candidates to consider.

DC Staten gave an update on calls in the downtown/Walmart area since January 1st of 2022 until now.

43 disorderly conduct calls. These can become a report of theft or a trespass once an officer responds.

3 Assaults

25 Burglaries

6 Trespass

No data was available from the Navigator contacts, but DC Staten will track that down.

There was a report of a shooting under the bridge but with no victim or witnesses, no shell casing or firearm so there was no crime.

DC Staten outlined the process for booking people for people needing a mental health evaluation or who are accused of committing a crime.

- People with mental health They can be detained for 72 hours. They are referred to the hospital for evaluation by a mental health professional. They may be at a mental health facility for 30 days to see if they can be restored to either answer for a crime or be released. (A misdemeanor crime of Shoplifting may end up with a 2 day jail sentence).

- For folks accused of committing a crime, the average stay in jail is 5-7 days. They can be held for 60 -90 days if they were arrested for a crime, however people who commit crimes may only be sentenced to a few days in jail and time served is considered when sentences are handed down.
- Everyone in jail gets 3 meals a day and receive medical and dental care while in jail. APD typically gets 100-103 calls per day (more than last year).

Dave Golding will report at the next meeting on requirements for shelters.

Kati suggested we need a brainstorming meeting for coming up with ideas for how to proceed. Identify short, mid, and long term goals, action items, and recommendations. This may take place at the July 19th meeting.

Mayor Schave is not able to attend these meetings at 4PM Tuesdays. Kati will talk with him about how he wants to be involved going forward.

Lisa Scott has emailed each of us with a new Zoom meeting link.

Debi will be in Hawaii until July 15th.