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**NEXT HOCC MEETING  
THURSDAY-OCTOBER 27, 2005  
1:30PM-3:00PM  
LOCATION: COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES CORPORATION  
374 LAWN STREET, PGH, PA 15213  
TEL: (412) 621-4706, should you need directions?**

**\*\*\*Please note, the format of the minutes is altered. The Agenda, General information and the "meat" of the meeting minutes are first. The list of participants is now last. Hopefully, this will make for easier reading of the minutes! Feedback to Becky LaBovick is appreciated ☺**

**Introductions/Updates/Announcements**

- 1:50p Chris initiated meeting
- Introductions-Rocky, Margaret, Stephanie, Diane, Becky, Holley, Adrienne, Chris, Mac
- Announcements:
  - Holley for Theresa: Theresa has been in contact with an elected county official who is willing to present 10yr plan to City Council. Needs to be a full plan with budget, organization plan, etc.

**Mac update re: panhandling ordinance**

- Was Tuesday last week, 9/13/05. 50-75 people attended, began after 5pm. Nearly all council members were present (except Sala Udin). Invited Guests: Mayor/Mayor office-no show and no representation sent/Police Chief-sent representation. City Solicitor from City Law Dept-no show and no representation.
- Speakers: Michael Edwards (Jonathan Cox boss) amended panhandling ordinance:
- Not sure if exactly right:
- Time issue: 6am-8pm daylight savings & 9am-6pm standard times; now appears to be set at 6am-11pm.
- Captive audience-inside or within 50 feet of café & such, changed to 25 feet
- Dropped the busking portion of the ordinance change.
- Penalty: before was citation. Now it is if you are cited for aggressive panhandling go to County jail 90 days. Other violations would be the citation. Currently the aggressive panhandling punishment of imprisonment for up to 90 days and/or certain amount of determined community service. Guidelines are set up for "aggressive" panhandling-it is defined in three different ways within the ordinance.
- South side taskforce-Speaker with complaints of panhandling on South Side as this is causing elderly neighborhood to be captive in their homes
- Lawyer with Pgh Downtown Partnerships: significant legalese, citing many past ordinances/issues from Supreme Court, etc.
- ACLU-Barb Feige: problem even with amendments was the time issue. Cannot have time restriction on your rights, your rights do not just terminate at a certain time & start again at another time.
- Pgh Convention Bureau-Joe McGrath: homeless come down and bother them for strange things such as bathroom availability, "professional panhandlers", not necessarily homeless.
- Nick from E. Allegheny Community Council-Have right to panhandle, but not to trespass.
- Pgh Cultural Trust: ??
- Downtown Neighborhood Assoc: People sitting on steps at St. Mary's (Red Door).
- Georgia Petropolis: Oakland business Dist, students are the most vulnerable to the panhandling in Oakland.
- Downtown resident: ??
- Manager of the Renaissance Hotel: Panhandlers sitting outside of

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- 3-4 council members addressed primarily the Salvation Army: Salvation Army was addressed and asked what services are out there being provided to homeless/panhandlers. Additionally, Doug Shields: Wants/Suggests a diversion program for choice of jail or alternate option. Also addressed Salvation Army wanting to know numbers about homeless, homeless panhandlers, panhandlers, etc. Wanting specific statistics.
- Aggressiveness PERIOD, whether by a panhandler or anyone else should not be tolerated. Typically, aggression at any level would be addressed directly through legal.
- Interesting if HOCC would take a stance regarding the LEGAL SYSTEM already in place with the existing LAWS, specifically dealing with AGGRESSION. As it stands, it is fairly common knowledge that Allegheny Co Jail is full most times and they may not have the capacity to fully follow-up on this ordinance.
- It would be tremendous to go to DC, review of ordinance, review of engagement center and use engagement center as a part of solution to a panhandling issue for the City. Especially with the Outreach coordination component.
- Mac-Need a schematic diagram for the proposed model for the Engagement Center. There is a feeling of loss at what the next step is, what is the process? If the draft were finalized to best degree, this could be raised as solution to many of the panhandling issues. Action steps need to be identified. Mac recommends an alternate planning meeting to work on this.....

**Sweeps**

- No updates
- ?? >1 month no notice on sweeps.

**Engagement center**

- Holley for Theresa: Theresa has been in contact with an elected county official who is willing to present 10yr plan to City Council. Needs to be a full plan with budget, organization plan, etc.
- General discussion related to this issue. Adrienne suggests contact with Kathy Scully re: Miryam's model as Engagement center is similar to Miryam's structure.
- Current engagement center model is drafted along with a budget. Budget needs reworked (suggested) as it is currently under inflated (currently no fringe included). Also, there remain issues with site identification. Food budget is (suggested) too high as figured >\$100,000. In actuality, the actual food budget could be cut to approximately \$55,000-\$60,000. Diane proposes that the budget be prepared as if the Center would be a self-contained entity. There may also be monies not being considered at present such as contracted services that may be needed/obtained at later date. May be better to over-budget initially until actual cost associated known.
- Margaret raises issues regarding day shelters for folks, specifically on weekends, as well.
- Housing Development group-Chris presented draft model to them and they offered assist in trying to find a site, view site(s), question raised-are we duplicating. What about existing services (such as drop-in's). Engagement Center is targeting the individuals who often do not use the traditional homeless structures already in place.
- Engagement Center is not CURE for homelessness. There is so much need for more models such as the Engagement Center. This is meant to be targeting the chronic, hard-core, and homeless. Yes, there will be some level of duplication of services and possibly meeting with the other homeless committees may be helpful.
- Staffing-16 positions identified. Staff rich center, which is needed for this type of program. Would be best if the staffing is diverse in background(s). Diane feels staffing is extremely important, staffing will make or break the center. Adrienne states agreement with this; staff is key for the continuity of care for individuals and collaboration amongst the agencies. This could/would assist keeping persons from

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“falling through the cracks”. Diane agrees, as this is/would be based on an ACT model concept.

- General discussion regarding individuals who “pop” in and out of the system. Rules are an issue discussed, there is general consensus that rules are important, but not to make so many rules that it deters individuals from coming to the center.

**Margaret Collins**

- Margaret is attempting to develop a business to assist developing ways to assist in obtaining funding stream/“Micro-Loan”. Combined concept of non-profit and a business model. One way potentially could be to assist a person to develop a business. Example: Working on opening a store front to generate personal income and also provide potential employment opportunity for underprivileged individuals, such as homeless. Supportive employment setting, also adapting the work setting to the individual as opposed to the individual adapting so much to work environment. May also be a source of some funding for shelter? Working Order- currently Margaret is working on relationship with them and assist people to decide if small business appropriate or if person is more appropriate for a specific line of work, etc.

- **GENERAL INFO: HOCC has a WEBSITE!! It is:**

**Next meeting**

- 10/27/05 @ 1:30p

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