



**HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE**  
**MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023**  
**6:00 – 8:00 P.M.**  
**CITY COUNCIL ROOM-(CITY COUNCIL ROOM)**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PRESENT:**

**Rev. Kate Forer (Co-Chair), Tom Roohan (Co-Chair), Stephen Towne, Hannah Hurley, , Dean Devito, , Kate Halliday, Aneisha Samuels, Maggie Fronk, Sherie Grinter, Andrea Love Smith**

**ABSENT: Jules DeAngelo, Lindsey Connors**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECORDING OF PROCEEDING:**

The proceedings of this meeting are being recorded for the benefit of the secretary. Because the minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings, the minutes are not a word-for-word transcript of the recording.

Chair Rev. Kate Forer the floor to Public Comment.

**Public Comment:**

Community Member 1- States he is wondering if there was a way to do a shelter that has both low and medium barrier. This would allow the people to identify where they are. He is residentially challenged, and believes that allowing both low and medium, will give people the opportunity to work together. There is properties near where tent city is located that could be a potential location for this low/medium barrier shelter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Aneisha Samuels speaks on potential locations for the shelter. The possible locations to be scored by the taskforce are as follows:

3290 Rt. 9/Top Hill Motel- This location falls within GCR district, and is 71,000sq. ft. There are currently no bus stops going to this location, and does not have sidewalks. The infrastructure of this location includes private sewer, and public water. This location would need a septic system. The size of the parcel is adequate based on need. There are no substantial environmental concerns.

NYS Rt. 29/ Lake Avenue- This location falls in the RR district, and includes 3.2 acres. This district does not allow this kind of use, and a use variance, and DRB approval would be needed. This locations includes two parcels owned by separate owners. There are no bus stops for this site, and no public infrastructure on site, but is available in close proximity. An environmental concerns for this location and includes wetlands. These wetlands can exclude construction on those parts of the site. This location would need planning board approval for this location.

North Avenue/ East Avenue- This locations is in the UR district, and a shelter would not be a permitted use. It would also need DRB review. There are bus stops within close proximity of this site. There is available infrastructure on this site. The site is about an acre total. There are no significant environmental concerns for this site.

260 Maple Avenue- This locations is in the UR2 district, and is 1.5 acres. It has available infrastructure, and is in close proximity to the bus line. This is not a location in a permitted district without a use variance, or alternate ownership. There are no significant environmental impacts.

153 South Broadway- This is in a neighborhood commercial district, and is a permitted use. This location also has infrastructure available. Bus stops are within close proximity to site. There is no building on the site, and the lot is 3+ acres. This location would need DRB approval. There are no significant environment concerns.

Aneisha will collect the score sheets from each task member. The sheets will be tallied, and scores will released next meeting. Aneisha will work with Dean on finding numbers (costs) to correspond with the locations.

Maggie Fronk shares a draft RFP that will be used to choose an agency to run the future low demand shelter. They asked for the non-profits to describe what they can do to support and run the future shelter. The application is comprehensive, and hopes to obtain feedback from the agency. This will give the agency a chance to share their strengths instead of the taskforce telling the agency what they are looking for.

Andrea Love Smith shares that the Design/Build committee needs more time to put together an RFP on the design/build of the shelter.

Kate Halliday shares that the Mayor has started to work on funding with the City's grant people.

Mayor Ron Kim shares that they are working with consultants, and are putting together meeting with the county, and state reps.

**Adjourn**