

**Mayor's Downtown Advisory Commission Minutes  
February 2, 2016**

**Commission Members in Attendance:** Ginny Merriam (City of Missoula), Susan Hay Patrick (United Way), Melinda Mason (Children's Mental Health Bureau), Rob Scheben (Police Department), Eran Fowler Pehan (Poverello Center), Michael Moore (Reaching Home: Missoula's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness), Bryan von Lossberg (City Council), Loreen Hamilton (Salvation Army), Elizabeth Marshall (Palace Apartments), Margaret Borg (Retired Attorney), Sue Wilkins (Missoula Correctional Services), Keithi Worthington (Deputy City Attorney) and Travis Mateer (Poverello Center)

**Commission Members Absent:** Andrea Marcoccio, Nicole Rowley (County Commissioner), Jon Wilkins (City Council), Dan Cederberg (Downtown Attorney), Tara Maus (Montgomery Distillery) and Laurie Johnson (Downtown Ambassador)

**Others in Attendance:** Kathleen Jenks (Municipal Court Judge), Sindie Kennedy (Grants), Dave Crismon (Missoula Downtown) and Heidi Bakula (Mayor's Office)

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of December 1, 2015 are approved as submitted.

1. Public Comment - None
2. Discussion and reporting on work groups

**Additional sworn police officer dedicated to downtown**

Rob Scheben, Dan Cederberg and Laurie Johnson came up with a preliminary plan. They met with Missoula Downtown (MDA) and the Business Improvement District members and decided that those two groups would have to take the lead on encouraging the city to recruit an additional sworn officer for the downtown.

**Crisis/drop-in/warming center/detox center with staff**

After a working group meeting, Michael Moore and Eran Fowler Pehan decided to pursue Catholic Charities of Spokane for some potential services in our area. Their model is very robust and all services are available in one location creating one point of service. Michael and Eran were able to tour the center in Spokane and were very impressed with the program.

Catholic Social Services in Spokane CSS

- Shelter 120 people per day and they are closed in the afternoon.
- The shelter is staffed by the residents.
- At first there was opposition to the center and people did not like it.
- The police department was not on board at first but then saw how well it worked.
- The center has four security guards.
- People there are able to use safely while there.
- Next to the center are 50 units for wet housing.
- Use tax credits and have multiple partners aiding them.
- CSS cannot help us with detox.

CSS in Missoula

- Even indigent people with vouchers cannot secure housing because no one will rent to them.
- If we apply for tax credits we could be competing against the same people who we would like to be partnering with.

- Since Missoula is smaller than Spokane, it is likely our facility would only need up to ten beds to serve our population; however someone still has to pay for the facility.
- CSS will need to get permission from the Catholic Diocese to come to Missoula but it sounds like that will not be a problem.

**Economic impact of indigence** – Nothing new to report

### **Dog licensing**

Ginny Merriam recommended that someone contact Jeff Darrah at animal control and find out if this is something he would be interested in pursuing. Bryan von Lossberg said he would speak to Dan Cederberg and then contact animal control.

### **Advocacy and Education Committee / Parking Meter Repurposing**

Recently all the old meters were given to Missoula Downtown (MDA). MDAC needs to submit a proposal to MDA to request some of the meters.

Andrea Marcoccio is no longer able to continue as lead on this committee and Susan Hay Patrick volunteered to take on that responsibility.

### **Alcohol retail sales reduction**

Recently a meeting was held with Judge Jenks to determine how to identify those that should be placed on the “Do not Sell” list. The list will be tied to a no-alcohol restriction and will be generated by the court since it has judicial authority. Keithi Worthington hopes to roll the list out by spring 2016.

Bryan von Lossberg asked that the committee work to roll out the list by the end of April. The court will have to start the process of gathering names for the list at some point before the end of April. Bryan suggested gathering names as of March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Recently the state has reviewed the case for mugshots to be considered public versus private information. If mugshots can be used locally this would increase the effectiveness of the “No-Sell List” to make those listed easily identified, especially if a false name is given.

Some suggestions were made to curb alcohol sales downtown:

- The police department could set up a sting at local businesses that tend to over-sell alcohol.
- Possibly get the press involved in stories related to those businesses that over-serve.
- The police department will have to make the decision to participate.

Bryan and Eran Fowler Pehan will have to set up a meeting to discuss over-service with Chief Brady.

**10-Year Plan / Challenges to detox programs – short-term information-gathering** – Nothing new to report.

### 3. Comments from Board Members

- Appointment of New Members to MDAC
  - Judge Jenks was officially appointed by the mayor.
  - Travis Mateer of the Poverello Center will remain on MDAC until the end of February.
  - Susan Hay Patrick is working on recruiting Gerri Stiffarm and/or Dana Kingfisher.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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**Date of Next Meeting**  
**Jack Reidy Conference Room, March 1, 2016**