

**Mayor's Downtown Advisory Commission Minutes
September 1, 2015**

Commission Members in Attendance: Ginny Merriam (City of Missoula), Keithi Worthington (Deputy City Attorney), Sue Wilkins (Missoula Correctional Services), Eran Fowler Pehan (Poverello Center), Margaret Borg (Retired Attorney), Bryan Von Lossberg (City Council), Loreen Hamilton (Salvation Army), Dan Cederberg (Downtown Attorney), Tara Maus (Montgomery Distillery), Susan Hay Patrick (United Way), Rob Scheben (Police Department), Melinda Mason (WORD) and Laurie Johnson (Downtown Ambassador)

Commission Members Absent: Michael Moore (Reaching Home: Missoula's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness), Jason Wiener (City Council), Nicole Rowley (County Commissioner), Travis Mateer (Poverello Center), Jon Wilkins (City Council) and Melissa Gordon (Grants)

Others in Attendance: Heidi Bakula (Mayor's Office)

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of August 4, 2015 are approved as submitted.

1. Public Comment – None
2. Special Presentations – None
3. Discussion/Planning for winter projects/goal setting
 - Ginny Merriam asked about what projects the commission could take on without duplicating other agencies. Suggestions are as follows:
 - An additional downtown police officer with the power to arrest people. The Real Change Subcommittee volunteered to work on this effort since other efforts are on the back burner.
 - Bryan von Lossberg said it would be helpful to know how many hours are spent on the streets by officers and where gaps may be.
 - Drop-in Center/Warming Center/Crisis Center – 24-hour, 7-days a week, staffed shelter
 - The Reaching Home Task Force is currently working on a drop-in center and should combine resources with the city or any other entity to lessen expense.
 - Quantify what the economic impact of indigence is as far as the total cost for all services to treat homeless individuals. These findings could show what the benefit of a drop-in shelter would be financially to the public. Keithi Worthington and Ginny will work on this.
 - Single Serve/No Sell List
 - This project is meeting with resistance from downtown retailers and it appears that a specific minority is being signaled out on the list. The new focus will be to educate retailers on over service of alcohol and the ramifications, and the consequences if the state is made aware of an individual retailer's over service issues.
 - Other strategies would be to discuss alcohol reduction concepts, discuss what other jurisdictions do or to fix the law at the legislative level.
 - Requirement that the homeless license their dogs.
 - If a transient person has a dog they will be required to license it in a specified time. If they choose not to their options are to leave the City of Missoula or relinquish the dog to Animal Control.
 - Create a Media or Education Committee
 - Travis Mateer will handle educating the university students.
 - The committee will need a Native American representative.

- Create some marketing plans and not be reactionary.
- Get the ASUM president involved or other university students.

4. Committees: reconfiguration, reaffirmation

The Real Change Committee is disbanded and any money from the Business Improvement District will be redirected to the Homeless Outreach Team.

Rob Scheben said that Anne Guest had given him some decommissioned parking meters to use for collecting money for the Homeless Outreach Team.

New Committees:

- Education/Advocacy Outreach: Susan Hay Patrick, Tara Maus, Ginny Merriam, Keithi Worthington
- Drop-in Center: Eran Fowler-Pehan, Bryan von Lossberg, Michael Moore
- Alcohol Reduction: Travis Mateer, Margaret Borg, Sue Wilkins, Keithi Worthington
- Additional Sworn Officer: Dan Cederberg, Rob Scheben, Laurie Johnson
- Dog Licensing: Dan Cederberg, Laurie Johnson, Tara Maus, Ginny Merriam
- Economic impact of services for indigent people: Ginny Merriam, Keithi Worthington
- Parking Meter Repurposing: Rob Scheben

5. Suggestions: new commission members

- Two Native American representatives were suggested: Jerry Stiffarm and Dana Kingfisher

6. Nomination/election of chair and co-chair

- Discuss at October meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heidi J. Bakula
Executive Assistant

Date of Next Meeting
Jack Reidy Conference Room
October 6, 2015