10-Year Plan to End Homelessness
Housing Sub-Committee Meeting

Monday, April 3, 2006
3:30 pm
Miller Family Health Education Center
3820 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, CA

Self-introductions around the table by those attending.

Sign-in sheet completed and turned over to Lezlie. Approximately 14 attendees

Minutes of the March 13, 2006, meeting were presented. The last bullet point on page one was corrected to read "73% of the rental buildings are greater than 50 years old." No other changes or corrections made.

Co-Chair, Maria Giesey – It's time to fill in the Matrix with our Goals and Objectives

Corinne presented a Matrix with 5 goals that have become overarching goals amongst most of the sub-committees. Those 5 initial goals include: 1) Housing – 100% of homeless people are permanently housed.; 2) Income – 100% income to stabilize housing and meet minimum standard of living.; 3) Supportive Services – Full range of supportive services to reach housing stability and self-sufficiency to the fullest extent possible.; 4) Involvement – Full and on-going community involvement (i.e. businesses, FBOs, residents, public services, etc.); and, 5) Data Outcomes. The handout also included a number of comments from the focus groups.

Staff is working on the "needs numbers" – what type of homeless situations and the magnitude of their housing needs – so that data is still to come. They are considering many parameters in the "needs numbers". Hopefully that data will be available sometime this month.

Corinne indicated we may need another meeting or two beyond the end of April.

A number of members of the Sub-Committee as well as CSULB students took the various articles provided to the Sub-Committee and prepared summaries of those articles. We continued reviewing a couple of those of Report Summaries. There are still some reviews to present, so the presentations will be continued at the next meeting. Here is a re-cap of the Summaries we discussed, indicating any goals or objectives that were found in the articles.

Mixed Income Housing, Corporation for Supportive Housing

- Deconcentrate Housing for low income – question as to whether that works.
- Mixed income housing raises the quality of the housing available.
- Financial incentives to development – need "economy of scale" – density issue

- Remove the stigma of "affordable housing"
- More businesses & jobs

Best Practices, National Alliance to End Homelessness

- San Francisco – access to housing via health care system
- Data driven solutions
- Permanent supportive housing
- Connection to job providers from "group housing"
- Coordinate services & housing with available benefits (e.g. PATH)
- Beyond Shelter – rental & financial management assistance
- Private funding to find jobs and become self sustaining
- Public/Private partnerships
- Educate apartment owners and businesses
- Shorten shelter stays & eliminate repeats – housing vouchers, 1st month/security deposit subsidies
- Multi-facet projects (e.g. US Vets and the Villages at Cabrillo)
  Shelter, Jobs program, supportive, permanent housing
- "Sort" applicants to appropriate solutions (better word for "sort" is needed)

The need to coordinate this plan with other plans already in existence in the City of Long Beach was discussed. For example, the General Plan, the Housing Action Plan, the Project Area Committee Strategic Plans for redevelopment, etc. Information about the 1987 Task Force recommendations re homelessness was requested – what was recommended and what has been accomplished?.

There was a discussion of the importance of getting public support. Jack mentioned the Education Sub-committee is exploring those goals. At the same time, it is important for us to keep public support in mind when making our recommendations. Steve made the point that rules and laws need to be friendlier to landlords.

There was a discussion re some of the rules and laws. The Planning and Building Sub-committee is exploring those recommended changes to include in this 10 Year Plan.

As always, the time for the Sub-committee meeting was up before we were finished saying what we wanted to say. The co-chairs will meet with staff before the next meeting to consolidate the information discussed thus far and do some pre-organization of the goals and objectives for the Sub-committee to discuss next time..

There will be a few more reviews of report summaries at the next meeting.

Next meeting of the Housing Sub-committee will be Monday, April 24, 2006 at the Miller Family Health Education Center, 3820 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, from 3:30pm till 5:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.