

Neighborhood Shelter Action Group (NSAG)

03/14/17 - Meeting Notes

6pm - 7pm

Attendees

Greg Harms – BSH Executive Director

Gail Promboin – North Briar

Mark Goosman – BSH Board Member

Liz Mandel – Dakota Ridge Village

Guests

Judy Stephens – Dakota Ridge (Prospective NSAG member)

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1. General discussion of member status. Invitations were sent out to several possible neighborhood representatives. We also discussed members who are no longer active and should probably be removed.

Invitations for this meeting were sent to Judy Stephens (in attendance), Celina Hildek, and David Minaya of the Journey Language Center.

2. For the benefit of Judy and Liz, Greg provided an overview of the history of the Boulder Shelter and the programs managed by the Shelter. Although both Liz and Judy were familiar with the Shelter, they both mentioned that this was the first time they had a clear explanation of the range of services offered by the Shelter. They were also unfamiliar with the details of the 1175 Lee Hill facility.
3. Greg talked about how the services of the Shelter fit into the larger picture of homeless services in Boulder County and the role of several of our partners including Mental Health Partners, Clinica, Bridge House, BOHO, and others
4. Greg provided an overview of the meetings currently being driven by the City to better coordinate homeless services and to develop a clearer outlook and strategy for the future of services. There are changes with some of our partners and a withdrawal of support by some members of the faith community for day sheltering. There is an outside facilitator for these meetings to handle recommendations for:
 - What are the parameters of our responsibilities
 - What kind of services are required
 - Where will services be provided

5. There were questions about the changes to parking on Front Range Drive (West of the Shelter building). Last year, Greg was able to get the parking changed from unlimited to limited. This removed a large number of cars. Worries by some residents that vehicles would simply move to the surrounding neighborhood did not materialize.
6. Liz brought up planned constructions of a Dakota Ridge pool and community center that would create construction traffic that may affect the Shelter.
7. Several people mentioned planned construction to rebuild, not just resurface, North Broadway from Iris would be underway soon causing more traffic issues.
8. Gail mentioned that the new development, the Trail Crossing at Lee Hill, is nearly filled.
9. There was a short discussion on the sale of the property north of the Shelter (Bustop Bar) to the Thistle Group. No immediate changes are anticipated and it's unknown what the long term plan is.
10. Finally, Greg reminded everyone that the Emergency Sheltering season will end on April 30.
11. The next meeting of the NSAG will be on Tuesday April 11.