



**Bridges to Progress  
Steering Committee Meeting  
January 15, 2020 (corrected)**

**Present:** Lindsey Cawood, Joan Foster, John Hughes, Debra Jefferson, Joan Phelps, and Ruth Talian. Shawn Farmer attended via phone.

**Minutes:** Joan Foster motioned to approve September minutes, and Debra Jefferson seconded. September minutes approved.

**Grant Proposals to Council:** John said the B2P grant proposals were on the agenda for City Council on January 28, 2020. Please attend to be able to answer questions and show support. If grants are approved, a request was made to John to make a list of details of how to access funding, be reimbursed, etc. The idea is to have a document that provides some guidance on the fiscal protocol.

**90 Day Meeting Agenda:**

- John would like 15 minutes or so to talk about the 2020 Census. He will have handouts.
- Kelly Hitchcock will have 25 minutes to present RideSolutions and answer questions.
- Breakout sessions will happen after presentations.
- Gather back in auditorium at 10:30 am for report out.
- Each taskforce will have three minutes which will be timed by Lindsey Cawood. They should have a major accomplishment, possible opportunity to partner with another taskforce, and the goal for the next 90 days.
- Remind folks the City Council focus of increase median income and decrease poverty.
- Encourage taskforces to have consumers (citizens using the services) to participate on the taskforces.

The board discussed the merits and drawbacks of having a presentation. Group consensus is that the presentation is helpful and draws people but we have to be very time sensitive/conscious about how long the speaker may have the floor. Suggestions were made to have testimonials from folks that have been helped by the taskforces.

**Taskforce Updates:**

Food: A suggestion was made to get some kind of press or publicity about the carts if the grant is approved.

Transportation: This taskforce has two new members, Philmekka Reid from CVCC, and Tremayne Edwards from the Academy.

Housing: They are excited about the new development on Florida Avenue. The Housing Authority is in limbo with Dawn's retirement. Buck (William) Sydnor is acting as interim director.

**Thank you Celebration for City Council:** A suggestion was made that we should have some kind of celebration to say thank you to City Council. The March 24 Thriving City quarterly report out was suggested as a date. We would do it in the City Hall lobby in between the work session and the regular meeting. Lindsey and Joan Foster will put together a proposal for John to present to the Mayor and Vice Mayor.

**Next Steering Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, **February 26, 2020** at 2:00 PM at United Way.