



Bridges to Progress Steering Committee Meeting August 28, 2019

Present: Shawne Farmer, Joan Foster, John Hughes, Joan Phelps, and Ruth Talian

Minutes: Joan Foster motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Ruth. July minutes approved.

Steering Committee Liaison and Attendance: Joan emailed Jane Henderson about the request to select a person to be a liaison for Legal Taskforce. Joan hasn't heard back as yet. The board present discussed, "Should a missing liaison be allowed to send a representative to the steering committee from the taskforce?" The group decided an **official alternate** (as opposed to just another taskforce member) can attend in place of the liaison if they can't attend in person or by phone.

Attendance needs to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Letter to Council: John will be sending a letter to council with the recommendations about requests for funding from the poverty initiative money. John reported that the mayor wants City Departments (Parks & Rec.) to be able to apply for money and the city department will need to align with a B2P taskforce. There was a great deal of discussion around the name Bridges to Progress and its use in conjunction with other projects that are not really under Bridges to Progress. John stressed the need to clarify and define what is and what is not Bridges to Progress because there is confusion especially when determining who is eligible for funding and what amount is available to be requested.

Report to Council: John needs updates from taskforces by September 5. Ruth will email the steering committee and facilitators to request updates to include money reports for grant. Ruth asked about funding for her to take the online Bridges out of Poverty Community Facilitator training. Joan Foster made a motion to ask council for money for this training. Shawne Farmer seconded the motion. John will include this in his meeting with council.

Taskforce Updates:

The **Transportation** taskforce has its first expanded meeting on Thursday, 8/29/19 with Ken Young, Kelly Hitchcock, Jennifer Martin Pace, Evan Smith, Ray Booth, and Chris Glover. Ways to Work is one of several transportation solutions in our region, but it is important to have a variety of transportation options in order to meet the needs of the community. The Ways to Work program can meet the demand for those individuals seeking assistance who qualify for the program, but not all individuals needing help are eligible so their transportation needs require a different solution. Shawne mentioned to check out Ride Solutions, <http://www.ridesolutions.org/>.

The **Faith** taskforce will have their speaker meeting on September 11 at Human Services. Legal Aid presented, Seven New Laws for Housing Tenants, and Shawne said it was very good. It was suggested we have this presentation for our next 90 day meeting. Shawne will reach out to Jeremy White.

Next meeting: B2P Steering Committee Meeting on **Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 2 PM at United Way**. The next 90 day meeting is on October 24, at 9 AM at the Miller Center.