

HYDE PARK CLUSTER MEETING  
Interfaith Open Communities  
Minutes: January 10, 2005

Present: Allan Lindrup, Anne Holcomb, Marlene Vellinga, Mark Granfors, Sonya Hirschberg, Pat Wilcoxon, Don Coleman, Gene Krell, Joe Marlin, Brenda and John Murphy, Ken Oliver, Jean and Will White.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Pat, who asked Anne to give the Faith Reflection.
2. Faith Reflection – Drawing on comments made and a prayer given at an annual Gathering, Homeless Memorial Day, Anne reminds us of the many life threatening dangers associated with homelessness and the urgent need to address the problem. Homeless persons are at high risk of death due to unattended diseases and exposure to extremes in temperature. A prayer, calling for an end to homelessness, concludes the reflection.
3. The minutes of December 13, 2004 were accepted with the following corrections:
  - a. Transitional Housing – Teresa House was not involved in identifying prospective clients currently being interviewed, but may be involved in future referrals.
  - b. Legislation – There is a move to make the Task Force on Affordable Housing a permanent committee of the House. Also, the creation of a Senate Housing Committee, as a standing committee, is being considered.
4. Interfaith Housing Info Weekend – During the Dr. M.L. King Weekend Recognition, STA and Hyde Park Union representatives of the Hyde Park Cluster of IOC will be at their places of worship sharing info on Cluster housing programs, housing legislation, and soliciting support.
5. Transitional Housing
  - a. Selection of a client family is in process. Three families have been identified and are being interviewed. The final selection will be made by the case manager and mentors.
  - b. Volunteers needed for unfilled Board positions.
6. Legislative Update
  - a. City – The Committee on Housing and Real Estate have scheduled hearings on the Affordable Housing Ordinance for Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. These hearings, open to public comment, will focus attention on the affordable/inclusionary housing issue.
  - b. Stats – Unresolved proposed legislation from the Fall Veto Session may be reintroduced during the Spring Session. Some unresolved housing matters include:
    - Rental Support – Rental assistance program for low income tenants will

be reintroduced.

- Source of Income – Section 8 included as protected income. This bill will be reintroduced.
- Affordable Housing Tax Credit – 50% tax credit provided to donors to Affordable housing developments. This bill is up for renewal this year.

7. Other Business

- a. Service Provider Breakfast – Madden-Wells Development update and citywide planning effort will be held at Monumental Baptist Church, 729 Oakwood Blvd. January 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 a.m.
- b. The Chicago Continuum of Care will be conducting a census of the homeless on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Counters needed. Number of homeless determines amount of funds allocated to various causes.
- c. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. and the next meeting is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m. at STA.

Submitted by,

W. White, Recorder