

*September 22, 2022*

***Amended 10/05/2022***

*Homelessness Subcommittee Meeting*

THE HOMELESSNESS SUBCOMMITTEE met in a meeting at the Bell Building Second Floor Conference Room at 215 D Street. Councilor Tousley called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT:** Councilor Tousley; Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Forsmann; Mayor Johnson; Laura Von Tersch; Kayla Hermann; Brianne Drury; Dawn Ortiz;

**II. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 MINUTES - Action Item**

Councilors Forsmann and Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, approval of the September 8, 2022 minutes. The motion carried 3-0.

**IV. CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING HOMELESSNESS**

Community Development Director Von Tersch reported that at the last meeting, she was asked two questions. The first question was if there were properties within the Opportunity Zone that would be available for a homeless shelter, along with zones C-4, C-6, M-1 and M-2. An Opportunity Zone was a construct of the U.S. Treasury to encourage investment in Census Tracts that **have poverty** issues. The Opportunity Zone starts at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, extends to North Lewiston and then to eastern City limits. The second question was how many of the properties from the mailing inquiry were located in the Business Improvement District. The answer is 6 property owners were interested in the possibility of their property being used for a homeless shelter.

Ms. Von Tersch explained that staff requested two private parties, one representing a bank and the other representing Tri-State Hospital provide what materials they hand out to persons needing additional resources. The goal was to get a picture of what is out there and who is providing it, but no materials have been provided.

After much discussion, the Homelessness Subcommittee asked staff to review two buildings, **Old Salvation Army on Main Street** and Saint Stan's former gymnasium and report back at the next meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston Homelessness Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.