

**Missoula City Council Housing, Redevelopment, and Community Programs Committee Minutes**

**DRAFT**

**June 8, 2022**

**2:20 PM**

**ZOOM Webinar**

**Members present:** Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

**Members absent:** Jennifer Savage

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

The meeting was called to order at 2:39 p.m.

**1.1 Roll Call**

Rhea Sanders called the roll.

**1.2 Approval of the Minutes**

**1.2.1 Approval of the Minutes From May 11, 2022**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**1.2.2 Approval of the Minutes From May 18, 2022**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**3.1 Memorandum Of Understanding Adoption – Trinity Navigation Center**

Stacie Anderson, Sandra Vasecka and Gwen Jones joined the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Rikki Henderson, Housing Program Manager, with the Community Planning Development and Innovation department (CPDI) gave information regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Missoula and the All Nations Health Center. She outlined partnering with the All Nations Health Center to design a services and staffing model for the Trinity Navigation Center. She introduced Sky McGinty, Executive Director of the All Nations Health Center. Ms. McGinty gave organizational background including populous the center serves, services provided, community impact and vision for the Trinity Navigation Center. Please refer to the attached video for detailed information.

The committee requested clarification regarding the Native specific agencies that serve the Missoula population and the function of these organizations. A committee member requested clarification on the relation between the Partnership Health MOU and All Nations Health Center. Ms. Henderson indicated the partnerships are separate entities,

occupying different space in the building. The lease for the All Nations Center is held by the city.

Public Comment: Carissa Trujillo with Homeword, recognized the All Nations Health Center and how this partnership would round out services provide the Navigation center.

**Moved by:** Sandra Vasecka

Adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Missoula and All Nations Health Center for partnership in designing a services and staffing model for the Trinity Navigation Center and accompanying project design elements as outlined in the agreement.

AYES: (11): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (1): Jennifer Savage

**Vote results: Approved (11 to 0)**

### **3.2 Contract for Poverello Center Veterans Transitional Housing**

Heidi West, committee chair, introduced Tracy Pondorf, ARPA Grants Administrator, with the Community Planning Development and Innovation department. Ms. Pondorf presented information on the contract request awarding the Poverello Center \$843,000 of City ARPA funds in support of property acquisition for veterans transitional housing. She provided an overview of the Housing Montana Heroes Program and outlined plans for the funding.

A committee member questioned the impact on the Veterans if the motion was not passed. Ms. Pondorf reiterated the funding is an eligible, allowable ARPA expensed. The committee discussed COVID impact on the numbers the Poverello Center could serve and how the veterans housing would ease the impact. Jill Bonney, Executive Director of the Poverello Center, elaborated on this topic. Committee member, Jordan Hess, wanted to note for the record that he is on the Board of Directors for the Poverello center, there was no conflict of interest. A committee member questioned the long-term fiscal responsibility of the housing, including maintenance. Ms. Bonney conveyed that fiscal property will be incorporated into the Poverello Center's operating budget, and part of that funding was provided by the Veteran's Administration.

There was no public comment

**Moved by:** Sandra Vasecka

I move the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with the Poverello Center awarding \$834,000 for property acquisition for non-congregate transitional housing for Veterans.

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ABSENT: (1): Jennifer Savage

**Vote results: Approved (11 to 0)**

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.