

# Auburn Homeless Taskforce

**DATE** January 17, 2024

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**TIME** 11 am

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**LOCATION** Auburn City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY** Renee Jensen

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## IN ATTENDANCE

Shari Weiss, Nicole Gee, Mary Rathbun, Lisa Barr, Tim Donovan, Renee Jensen, Liz Vuillemot, Arlene Ryan, Penny Goodsell, Christine Gross, Kyra Paulsey, Edward Pickard, Darlene Podolak, Tiffany Beebee, Kim Dunn, Alexa Hicks, Miranda Spencer, Kristine Kaus, William Lamb, Amy Heintz

## WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am by Chair Renee Jensen. Introductions were made.

## PRESENTATION

Tiffany Beebee did a presentation on the City's property tracking website. It looks at all properties within the city limits, code enforcement cases. The application is from Building Blocks. City staff utilizes this website in their daily work. Go to "p" for property website and click on the link titled Property. It provides a map with yellow or green dot. The dots are clickable links. If you click on the address it will bring up the property information- owner, last sale, tax updates, year built, bedrooms, etc. Addresses can be searched and they are working to add condemned properties. The properties can be fully or partially condemned. The website is updated as information comes in and many aspects are updated daily. There is a nuisance abatement board/committee and their information is located in the city's website. All the meetings are live streamed and past sessions are recorded.

## HHC UPDATES

The Point in Time Count will be held next Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, unless there is a weather that is declared a state of emergency. There are currently 19 volunteers for the county of Cayuga. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Miranda Spencer to receive the link to register. There is a mandatory training that will be held via zoom only.

## COC FUNDED AGENCY UPDATES

Chapel House shared their update. Affordable housing remains a struggle. Nineteen beds full currently. The men's shelter has had a lot of construction upgrades, and they would love for people to see it. The upstairs bathroom will be getting some updates soon.

CAP provided no updates.

## AGENCY UPDATES

Cayuga County DSS: Mary Rathbun shared that they are currently housing 30 families, 22 in hotels; 114 individuals, 88 are in hotels.

Cayuga County Mental Health: Liz Burke shared via email she is retiring at the end of the month. The deputy director will be attending until her replacement is found.

CCHN: Nicole Gee has been promoted to director of street outreach and housing. Community Service board has approved opioid settlement fund approved funds to go to CCHN, intensive case manager is being sought. They are hoping for lived experience, and at least an associate degree. Nicole is working with individuals and families for housing. One lady is living in her car. There is an encampment set up near Walmart, 6-8 people who are out on the street.

City of Auburn: Renee Shared that they are currently reviewing applications for non-profits, and committee is reviewing for CDBG. Action Plan and review recommendations will be on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The approval will be finalized on February 1<sup>st</sup>. \$125k human services, \$400k for parks, Fulton and Bradford Street areas will be the focus on streets and sidewalks.

Penny Goodsell shared that the Social Ministry team can collect items and would love to partner with the agencies for item drives.

### **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tim Donovan shared about Chapel House's household items drive. It just finished and it was a very successful drive. His annual coat drive ended on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Catholic Charities is working to pass out the coats that were collected. You can call 315-252-7271 if you need winter clothing supplies.

Salt City Roundup for Recovery conference flyer was passed out. Registration goes quickly.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 am. The next meeting will be on March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 11 am.