

Group Living Advisory Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 5:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Colorado Health Foundation

Attendees

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul Bindel
Amanda Lyall
Michael Henry
Rock Moore
Cole Chandler
Shannon Carst
Mary Jane Carr
Terrell Curtis
Terese Howard
Loretta Koehler
Scott Kiger

Heidi Aggeler
Josh Geppelt
Kevin Priestly
Frances Falk
Kristen Lewis
Rose Rodriguez
Rachel Keeven
James Ronczy
Troy Gladwell
Lex Papesh
Brice Hancock

Sarah Wells
Louise Martorano
John Gross
Jamie Licko
Vanessa Tucker
Bill Dolan
Paul Scudo
Mimi Florance
Brendan Bartic
Debra Bustos
Jim Lewis

DENVER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Robin Kniech
Deborah Ortega

DENVER STAFF

Andrew Webb (CPD)
Eugene Howard (CPD)
Kyle Dalton (CPD)

Tina Axelrad (CPD)
Greg Mauro (Denver
Community Corrections
Program)

FACILITATOR

Meagan Picard

OTHER ATTENDEES

Karen Seed

Meeting Summary

1. WELCOME AND COMMITTEE ORIENTATION

Andrew Webb opened the meeting, and Council Members Ortega and Kniech both provided words of thanks and appreciation. Councilwoman Kniech also offered historical grounding in the work ahead. Andrew then reviewed the project timeline, details of meeting types and the major committee tasks: develop a problem statement and recommend changes to code language. He also shared some committee housekeeping items: posting of the committee roster online, communication, recording and allowing for public input.

2. SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

Meagan Picard talked about how she would be working hard to make sure all voices are being heard, then facilitated interactive exercise to begin building relationships among committee members, develop a shared understanding of success and arrive at mutual agreements about how the committee will work together. Several items were suggested to modify the city's draft

definition of success. Project team staff agreed to redraft and share back with the committee. Several items were also added to the Committee Member Agreements, and all agreed to them. An updated Agreement will be shared with committee members for signature.

3. ISSUE SURFACING AND CO-LEARNING

Andrew gave a presentation on the sections of the Denver Zoning Code (DZC) that address group living, including an overview of types of group living. Meagan invited committee members to begin identifying concerns they have related to group living in the DZC to help the committee to understand the array of the issues that they will be considering. Issues/questions identified include:

- Categorization of sober housing within Group Living categories
- Differentiation between shelters operated by religious organizations versus those operated by City/County and/or nonprofit organizations
- Space requirements for community corrections facilities (50 square feet per bed) versus shelters (no per-bed requirement)
- Shelter physical space requirements (or lack thereof) and impacts on health, safety, dignity
- Regulations for modular (prefabricated) housing, especially multifamily, unclear in DZC.
- Grandfathered mobile home parks – consider relaxing restrictions
- Building and Fire Code and other codes may impact affordability by regulating the size of rooms.
- Role of DZC in implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act
- DZC limits opportunities for intentional communal living
- New co-housing, more attractive housing for those 55+ (not a "traditional" senior living facility), Home-Sharing, non-family intergenerational, Co-Op housing options
- Tiny Home Village limitations on the length of stay, issues around kitchen and bathroom facility requirements, size limitations/requirements
- Disposition of public property to be used for housing/residential uses
- Neighborhood impacts and concerns around over-saturation and equity

4. MAKING DECISIONS

This agenda item skipped in the interest of time. Committee will return to it at another meeting.

5. SUBGROUP PLANNING

Committee organized into its six subgroups (Emerging Trends, 55+ and Assisted Living, Community Corrections, Shelter for the Homeless, Transitional and Special Care, Artist/DIY) to discuss subgroup meeting scheduling in April and to identify data/information needs.

6. CLOSE

Councilwoman Ortega thanked everyone for participating.