

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING IN CONCEPT THE WASHTENAW COUNTY/CITY OF ANN ARBOR JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE'S THREE PHASE PROJECT TO PROVIDE NEW SHELTERING AND HOUSING PROJECTS WITHIN WASHTENAW COUNTY AND APPROVING PURCHASE OF A SITE FOR A PROPOSED SHELTERING FACILITY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 19, 2000

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County and the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti have worked together over the past few years to address the homelessness issue in Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, this collaborative effort resulted in The Task Forces on Homelessness I & II along with the Mission Clarity Group and other related sub-committees; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County and the City of Ann Arbor created a Joint Steering Committee to oversee the development of facilities and services necessary to serve the homeless population; and

WHEREAS; in 1998, the Joint Steering Committee selected the Washtenaw Housing Alliance, a group of non-profit partners, to operate a shelter and to coordinate supportive services; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Steering Committee and the Washtenaw Housing Alliance have developed a three phase coordinated plan to reduce homelessness within Washtenaw County (the three phase plan is attached as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, Phase I calls for the conversion of an existing facility on Jackson Road in Scio Township owned by the Saint Joseph Mercy Health Systems ("SJMHS") to an emergency shelter for 8 families as more fully described in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Phase II of that plan calls for the consolidation of the current shelter sites in the downtown Ann Arbor area to be consolidated in a new facility on property currently owned by National City Bank at 310, 312, 314 and 318 W. Huron in Ann Arbor ("W. Huron site"); and

WHEREAS, the County is currently negotiating with National City Bank to purchase the W. Huron site; and

WHEREAS, because the W. Huron site must be procured to proceed with the design and construction of the proposed shelter building, it may be necessary for the County to condemn the W. Huron site under its powers of eminent domain if it cannot reach a voluntary sales agreement with National City Bank; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the shelter under Phase II of the project will be as follows: Washtenaw County – \$2 million; City of Ann Arbor – \$1 million; with Saint Joseph Mercy Health Systems (SJMHS) and other partners of the Washtenaw Housing Alliance having pledged to raise approximately \$2 million; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor has agreed, in an enforceable commitment, to provide \$1 million to fund a shelter; and the County's construction of the shelter is contingent on delivery of these funds; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, the County Administrator's Office and the Ways & Means Committee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners endorses in concept the three-phase plan developed by the Washtenaw County/City of Ann Arbor Joint Steering Committee and the Washtenaw Housing Alliance to address homelessness concerns in the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no construction of structures described in this plan funded by Washtenaw County or through County financing mechanisms will be initiated without specific authorization by the Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the W. Huron site as the location of the proposed downtown emergency shelter facility described in Phase II of that plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to take necessary steps to obtain information leading to a plan for construction and operation of the shelter facility, including appraisals, site survey, and preliminary design studies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the design and construction of the shelter in Phase II of the plan is contingent on the receipt of the \$1 million pledged by the City of Ann Arbor toward building the shelter or a binding agreement to pay such in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator, upon review of Corporation Counsel, to sign a voluntary sales agreement with National City Bank for the W. Huron site or, if such agreement cannot be reached, to work with Corporation Counsel to institute condemnation proceedings under the County's eminent domain authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this sales agreement will be contingent on a satisfactory environmental and utility survey, which indicates that the site is buildable, nor will condemnation be initiated without this information.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs the County Administrator and Corporation Counsel to negotiate a long-term lease with SJMHS acting on behalf of the Washtenaw Housing Alliance to operate the shelter proposed under Phase II with such lease to be contingent upon the actual construction of the shelter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs that prior to Board approval of construction of the proposed shelter facility at the West Huron site, the County Administrator will provide information to the Board including but not limited to the business or operating plan, lease agreement, results of the site survey for environmental problems, an estimate of building costs based on a design study, an explanation of financing details (when and how payments are to be made by different entities), overflow arrangements, and mechanism(s) for ongoing neighborhood involvement.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Acevedo	X			DeLong		X		Montague	X		
Armentrout	X			DuRussel			X	Robinson	X		
Bergman	X			Gunn	X			Schultz		X	
Chockley		X		Irwin	X			Shaw			X
Craiger	X			Kern	X			Yekulis		X	

CLERK/REGISTER'S CERTIFICATE - CERTIFIED COPY ROLL CALL VOTE: TOTALS 9 4 2

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
 COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)SS.

I, Peggy M. Haines, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on January 19, 2000 as appears of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

PEGGY M. HAINES, Clerk/Register

BY: _____

Deputy Clerk



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