

Committee Meeting 12/13/2023 11:00am- 12:00pm

Francesca Atkinson, Andrea Gaines, Marjorie Lewis, Jessica Sims, Chara Taylor, Jennifer Pryor, Michelle Hemp, Brenda Konkel

Jessica Sims (Hotels to Housing) expressed interest in the Vice Chair position with the exception of speaking at the monthly HSC Membership Meeting.

Mary Carrasco-Shoer has expressed interest but it is yet unclear what position she is interested in: Secretary or other.

Chara Taylor will make sure that Membership gets an update Jan-March 2024 whether by presenting it myself or getting something written to the Membership Chair for her to read.

Brenda told the group about a conservative advocacy group that is lobbying the State of Wisconsin to pass a bill to arrest or charge exorbitant fines/penalties for homeless individuals that are outside camping. This bill contains unfunded mandates for communities to create sanctioned homeless encampments and to withhold funding from the agencies supervising these encampments if they do not achieve certain benchmarks, such as required mental health and AODA assessments for all encampment residents, and housing for a certain percentage of encampment residents.

Brenda and Marjorie talked about how to use the platform we created this year to detail projects going forward so that we are not only reacting to things as they come up but taking an active advocacy role at the city, county, and state level.

The group was asked to brainstorm possible candidates for the upcoming Chair vacancy. Lindberg Chambliss, a new employee at the Beacon who has previous experience in other communities, was suggested. Michelle and Jennifer will talk to him over the next couple of weeks and invite him to January's meeting.