

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2022 MEETING  
OF THE  
LOW BARRIER HOMELESS SHELTER TASK FORCE**

**Task Force Objective:**

**Provide an overview of all the homelessness organizations/studies/programs that are ongoing in the Indianapolis Community that will serve a role within the Task Force. The Ultimate goal will be to develop a low barrier project in close proximity to downtown Indianapolis to address the needs of the homeless population through sustainable housing and clinical services.**

**The regular meeting of the Low Barrier Homeless Shelter Task Force was called to order on Friday, December 9, 2022, at 1:30pm at Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room 12, Cardinal Hall.**

**A roll call of Task Force Members took place, and the following individuals were physically present at the meeting: Co-Chairs Tom McGowan, Deputy Mayor Jeff Bennett, and Task Force Members and designates Sen. Jack Sandlin, Christine Blessinger, Rick Alvis, Karen Holly and Matt Rayburn and members of the staff from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. Rep. Justin Moed attended virtually through Microsoft Teams.**

**Co-Chair Tom McGowan served as Chair of the meeting and Michael McQuillen served as Secretary.**

**Co-Chair McGowan briefly walked the committee through the process as it had unfolded over the year. He added that the findings of the task force were to be reviewed with the offices of the Indiana Speaker of the House and the Governor. Following this review, Co-Chair Bennett asked that the task force adopt the draft report by the end of the meeting as a final vote was required by the end of the year.**

**Deputy Mayor Bennett discussed changes reflected in the language around the definitions of Supportive Housing and Supportive Services and other changes that were made prior to the draft being reviewed. Discussion among the members followed.**

**A motion was made to approve the draft of the Low Barrier Homeless Shelter Task Force Report by Deputy Mayor Bennett, pending technical corrections. The motion was seconded by Rick Alvis. All voting members voted yes by roll call.**

**A motion to approve the September, October & November minutes was then made by Rick Alvis, seconded by Sen. Jack Sandlin, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**Co-Chair then thanked the members for their service during this process and indicated his satisfaction with the outcome.**

**Co-Chair Bennett then adjourned the meeting.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm.**

**No future Task Force Meeting Times were announced.**