

Neighborhood Shelter Action Group (NSAG)

10/13/15 - Meeting Notes

6pm - 7pm

Attendees

Greg Harms – BSH Executive Director	John Hinkelman - Dakota Ridge
Mark Goosman – BSH Board Member	Gail Promboin - North Briar Neighborhood
Jack Gipple – BSH Board Member	Jeff Hoffmeyer – Dakota Ridge & BSH Board Member

Guests

None

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1. Greg briefly reviewed the notes that were sent out from the September NSAG meeting.
 2. Greg reminded all that the winter sheltering season had begun. Pleasant weather was keeping nightly activities down.
 3. Greg talked briefly about a woman who had been seen in recent weeks wandering the north Boulder area. Although she is not a client of the Shelter, staff is working with mental health resources and the Boulder police department to help ensure her safety.
 4. Greg talked about an introductory meeting that he and Jeff Hoffmeyer had with the property manager at the new Violet on Broadway complex. The property manager reported that while there were some issues during construction, things seemed to be fine now.
 5. Greg also talked about a recent visit to the NoBo Corner Library. The site seems to be well used (Gail confirmed) and there were no issues with the homeless.
 6. Although Mark with Wolfsberg Motors is no longer part of the NSAG committee, Greg did talk with him since the last meeting. Mark was concerned over one missing homeless individual in particular that he was concerned for.
 7. As part of the United Way Day of Caring on September 11, the Boulder Shelter organized a large group of volunteers to do some cleanup around the Shelter and trash pickup throughout the surrounding neighborhood. This activity seemed to be well received by local residence.

Because trash continues to be a problem along North Broadway and is an important issue with several of our neighbors, Greg is looking at using some of the Ready-To-Work resources in the short term and, possibly, work release resources from the Boulder County Jail as a longer term solution.

8. Greg reminded the committee about the new fence installed around the Shelter Courtyard.
9. Although he didn't know all the details, Greg did talk about a recently installed Porta-Potty behind the Boulder Bus Stop. This was installed by RTD for use by the bus drivers but it appears to be of use to many of the homeless in the area. This helps address a request from several of the residence in the NoBo area. Although the RTD drivers often use the facilities at the Boulder Shelter and Boulder Housing Partners, this is a resource that is available in off hours or when access to these buildings isn't available.
10. There was a quick discussion regarding the Resource Center announced at the NSAG June meeting. While the resource center is open to non-residence of the Shelter, it seems unlikely to be of use since there will be Resource Center hours downtown two days a week.

Although the plan had the Resource Center opening at the Boulder Shelter 3 days/week beginning with the start of the winter sheltering season, this has been delayed due to problems acquiring needed funding. Current estimates are to have this open beginning in early December or possibly after the start of the new year.

11. Following up on questions about the relationship with Bridge House and BOHO, Greg talked about the efforts to expand day sheltering from the current Carriage House near Pine Street and Broadway to a collection of faith-based facilities. The goal is to have 6 days of day sheltering at different locations. Although they are still looking for locations for several days, BOHO is confident they will have things in place when the lease for the Carriage House ends in the fall of 2016 if not sooner.
12. Gail P. asked about the results of the additional beds for the Transition Program for the Summer 2015. Greg reported that while there were some successes, there were some questions as to whether they were addressing those clients appropriate for the Transition Program. He felt that many were taking advantage of this as an extension of the normal sheltering. There are no plans in the budget to continue these additional beds in the Summer 2016.
13. There was a general discussion regarding recruiting additional NSAG members. The consensus was that, because of general attrition and new development, the NSAG committee was not representing the neighborhoods as well as we would hope. Mark will reach out to Kathy Grayell to ensure she is still interested in participating. Greg will talk with some of his local contacts and all in attendance will think about who they might know who would be valuable to the committee.
14. Although there were no issues at present, both John and Gail talked about an increase in summer activities in North Boulder and in Boulder in general. Gail described a young, traveler population that had been camping in the Wonderland open space. Residence made several calls to the Boulder Police which seems to have corrected the problem.
15. The next meeting of the Neighborhood Shelter Action Group (NSAG) will be November 10.