



HUMAN PLANNING COMMISSION
1315 S. Washington Avenue
Council Chamber – Room 205
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August 16, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Human Planning Commission
Special Meeting held August 16, 2023 Minutes

Roll Call: Present were Dennis Morrison, Darlene Carpenter, Lula Woodard , Valerie Toney, Debra Melkonian, Cathy Wagner, Henry Porterfield, Jr., Mike Foust, Carmen Hamilton, Heather Collins, and City of Saginaw staff Kanah, Leticia & Barbara.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm by Commissioner Toney. Commissioners Carpenter, Morrison, and Foust shared updates about the Rescue Mission. The Mission is recruiting leadership and seeking additional funding sources in the community. The commission members discussed housing concerns and the impact gentrification has on rising real estate prices, and the cost of building materials would seemingly dictate the value of rehabilitating old houses instead of building new.

Since the Rescue Mission has the goal of rehabbing old houses, Commissioner Morrison moved the HPC allocate the remaining \$363,870.00 to the Rescue Mission and Commissioner Foust seconded. Commissioner Porterfield called for a discussion regarding the Saginaw Housing Commission's proposal and the allocation of funds to that organization which is engaged in the same work of providing housing. It was pointed out that the Rescue Mission has been serving the community since 1905 and have a pretty good track record. The information provided by the SHC did not delineate the way they intended to use this grant nor did they answer our questions regarding their grant. A vote was called for and the motion was passed 6 to 4.

Next meeting is September 20 at 6:00 pm. A public hearing will begin at 6:30 pm to kick of the 2024 application process for the CDBG, HOME, & ESG.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Chairperson:	Valerie Toney
Vice-Chair:	Eric Braddock
Secretary:	Heather Collins
Parliamentarian:	Jeffrey Bulls
Chaplain:	Dennis Morrison