

HNA Houselessness Committee Meeting
May 11, 2019 - 11 am
6404 SW 30th Ave, Portland Oregon (Hilldale Garden Apartments Community Room)

Attendance:

- Matt DeRosa

Please Note: This committee does not have Board Authority to make decisions. The following has not been approved by the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association (HNA) Board of Directors and should be read as suggestions rather than new policy. For any decisions to be made, the Board of Directors will need to meet in an open forum as described in the HNA bylaws.

Topic 1: Committee Values

The committee discussed and drafted a preliminary Committee Values Statement to serve as a brief statement to outline the mission and vision of the committee:

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Topic 2: Website "Blurb"

The committee discussed and drafted quick language to be put at the top of a future Communications Committee profile on the HNA website.

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If you are interested in helping with events that folks from all over the neighborhood would attend, then this is the right place for you... Let's talk!

Topic 3: Short Term Goals (18 months or less)

In the next 18 months, the Outreach Committee would like to accomplish the following things (with no ranking):

- Houselessness Committee webpage on HNA website
 - Should include links for donations to local groups as well as upcoming volunteer opportunities

- Draft a values statement for the HNA to state a preference for any multifamily development to include affordable (20%) housing options with the Land Use / Zoning Committee
- Draft a letter to the County asking to increase to budget for the Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS)
- Community Event: Build A Bag
 - Solicit donations and build care-bags to be handed out
- Advertise JOHS counts as an HNA priority volunteer opportunity

Topic 4: Long Term Goals (5-10 years)

Long term goals/ideas included:

- Draft a statement denouncing sweeps in Hillsdale and beyond
- Work with the City and the County to have 100+ transitional beds located within Hillsdale limits
- Portland Maps 'For Sale' Overlay
- 24/7 Public restrooms and showers in/near the Hilldale Town Center
- Promote tenant advocacy