MINUTES OF THE
HUMAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING
February 12, 2014

Utility Conference Room
Lompoc City Hall
6:30 p.m.

Commission Members Present:

Barbara Holt, Chairperson
Michael Martinez, Co-Chairperson
Paul Hill
Nicolasa Sandoval
Pam Wall

Staff Present:

Linda Wertman, Acting CDBG Program Manager
Angela Wynne, Staff Assistant

Public in Attendance

Sylvia Barnard, Good Samaritan Executive Director
Pat Brady, Good Samaritan Lompoc Administrator
Jack Boyson, Good Samaritan Chief Financial Officer
Tom Jenkins, Good Samaritan Board President

Agenda Items:

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. MARKS HOUSE APPLICANT INTERVIEW

Commissioner Holt stated that the Commission had an opportunity to review the applications. Commissioner Martinez stated that he had no questions and appreciated Good Samaritan’s interest. Commissioner Sandoval and Commissioner Hill each thanked Good Samaritan for their work and did not have any questions for the applicant.
Ms. Wertman discussed the exterior rehabilitation and that several leaks had been repaired prior to painting. Commissioner Wall asked about the caretaker's cottage. Ms. Wertman reported that approximately $40,000 of the earmarked $87,000 has been expended on exterior rehabilitation. She discussed efforts to repair the Walnut House so that it can be rented out and generate income. Commissioner Wall asked how many people can be placed in the Walnut House. Ms. Barnard discussed prior and projected resident capacity, type of residential treatment, and that the Walnut House could generate income for the Marks House.

Commissioner Wall asked if the Walnut House is transitional housing. Ms. Barnard stated it is a 3 – 6 month program. Commissioner Wall asked about staffing and Ms. Barnard discussed how the house is staffed. She also discussed funding of the program and that revenues need and can be generated to help fund the Marks House. She stated the County of Santa Barbara has funding in Emergency Solutions Grants and explained the process of acquiring those funds.

Ms. Barnard indicated that there would be funding for the Marks House and Bridgehouse if the entitlement status is removed. Commissioner Holt stated there was a large loss of funding when the entitlement status went active. Ms. Wertman stated her appreciation and that Good Samaritan is making a good effort with the shelters.

Commissioner Holt suggested that the Commission make a recommendation to the City Council.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Holt and seconded by Commissioner Martinez that the Human Services Commission recommend awarding the 3 month services contract to Good Samaritan.

Ms. Wertman clarified that contractual services are based on a 3 year period, not a 3 month period, and that the funds awarded are to operate the program.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Holt and seconded by Commissioner Martinez that the Human Services Commission recommend awarding the 3 year services contract to Good Samaritan.

VOTE: The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Barnard stated that the Commission awarded the Marks House with $25,000, that Good Samaritan intends to be a long term provider in that facility, that the
Marks House is a priority for rehabilitation, and may be asked to take over the property. Commissioner Holt clarified that the $25,000 came from the City’s General Fund.

Ms. Barnard stated that operating costs are approximately $90,000 annually and that the subrecipient awards from the Human Services Commission helps tremendously. She also stated that the renting of the Walnut House would help generate income for the programs. It was discussed how foundations look at what local communities are doing to address shelter issues and how an agency’s board looks at program sustainability. Ms. Barnard talked about the complexity of foundation applications, application, and compliance with funding.

There was a discussion about procedures and policies of CHDOs.

3. **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

4. **COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPDATES**

None.

5. **ADJOURN**

The Commission adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to the February 19, 2014 Special Meeting.