

Advisory Board Project PATH Minutes July 27, 2023

A. Meeting called to order- City Manager Stockdale called the meeting to order.

Roll Call- Present - City Managers; Stockdale, Slaght and Burgener. Absent – Commissioner Dorrان, City Manager Smith. Others: Stepping Stones Alliance Members; Jesalyn Cole, Lilly Cook and Cathy Lloyd.

B. Approval of Minutes- City Manager Stockdale requested motion to approve minutes. City Manager Burgener moved for approval of minutes. Motion seconded by City Manager Slaght. Motion carried.

C. Quarterly Report – City Mgr Stockdale gave overview of timeline for reporting by Stepping Stones to Project PATH, specifically to City councils. Stepping Stones will present annual report to Umatilla City Council on August 15th. He also shared that Boardman and Irrigon have IGAs going before Umatilla council for approval to be members of PATH.

D. Project PATH Updates - Jesalyn Cole, updated the group that they now have a full board of 9. They are looking for 1-2 night staff employees. Outreach has included Landing Days, Echo-Stanfield Market, Hermiston Kiwanis meeting, and Hermiston Lions meeting. Set to attend Hermiston Melon Fest and a few upcoming area health fairs. Outreach to the population we serve has begun as well with visits to known encampments with informational pamphlets. (Jesalyn will share that pamphlet electronically with City managers.) Gave an update on HB 5019 and what the local planning group work looked like to get the area plan submitted; including the shelter addendum from PATH for \$896,000. On the horizon is the HUD funding referenced during the ROCC visit with a deadline of September 28th.

E. Site Updates- City Mgr Stockdale shared that all plans are moving forward. Septic work is scheduled to begin on August 9th. Engineered design for the well will be completed next week and work will begin in August; it will be placed on the SE corner of the property. Fencing is set to begin on August 16th with a completion time of 30-45 days. Discussion followed about Pacific Power, security timeline, and fiber options specific to AWS and/or Blue Mountain.

F. Public Comment – No public comment.

I. Open Table Discussion – None

Meeting adjourned.