

City of Gainesville

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TO: Hon. Mayor and Members of
The City Commission

DATE: February 18, 2005

FROM: Barbara Lipscomb
Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Committee on Homeless Concerns Final Report

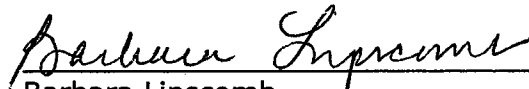
The Ad Hoc Committee on Homeless Concerns completed its final meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2005. The Committee previously submitted a proposal to publicize the work of the Interfaith Hospitality Network and to encourage local community churches to provide their facilities to assist with the housing of homeless families. A presentation to publicly promote this endeavor was made at the January 24, 2005 City Commission meeting.

Other Committee recommendations, which will be followed up by City staff, are as follows:

- Consider relocating some of the buses from the Downtown Plaza, even on a temporary basis until the new depot is built, to reduce the amount of congestion and occasional conflict with the Plaza as a downtown destination spot.
- St. Francis House has agreed to open their bathrooms to the public on a 24-hour basis. This should address the immediate need. The Commission will be advised of upgrades to the Downtown Plaza, including the bathrooms in the upcoming weeks.
- The homeless providers are interested in some type of pilot "identification card" system for the provision and tracking of services.
- The St. Francis House will extend its lunch hours from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to spread out the number of persons using the facility. The St. Francis House will also utilize the Main Street entrance for provision of services (instead of the 4th Place SE entrance.) This change will be made within the confines of the expanded meal service policy (130 meals) that was considered at the February 14, 2005 City Commission meeting.
- The service providers are willing to assist with the provision of alternate dispersed meal sites so that more points of access are available within the Community. Once identified, there will be no more serving of meals on the Downtown Plaza. Attached is a current chart showing homeless meal provisions in the Community.

I would like to thank the Committee members (Jim Boggs, St. Francis House; Karen Bricklemeyer, United Way; Donna Lawson, Interfaith Hospitality Network; Linda McGurn, Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce; Caleb Prieto, Salvation Army; and Rev. Gordon Tremaine, Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless & Hungry), City staff, and others who attended and contributed to the discussion. They are all to be commended for their dedication and time. They will be advised of the County's Homeless Summit on March 31, 2005, so that they can continue to participate in this community discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barbara Lipscomb", written over a horizontal line.

Barbara Lipscomb
Interim City Manager

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Attachment

Gainesville: Soup Kitchens and Prepared Meals

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WEEK ONE	B Holy Trinity, 7a Passage Ministries, 10a		Catholic Worker, House/Breakfast Brigade (at labor pools - 5:45a)			Catholic Worker House/Breakfast Brigade (at labor pools - 5:45a) Fire of God, 10:00a, NE 23rd St.	
	L St. Francis House	St. Francis House	St. Francis House	St. Francis House, Food not Bombs (Plaza, 2p)	St. Francis House	St. Francis House	St. Francis House
	D Warriors for Christ, 4:00-6:00 p. Catholic Worker House, 6p	Salvation Army, Fire of God, (Plaza) 7p Sister Hazel, 9p 6th & Univ.	Salvation Army, Home Van, (Plaza) 7p Fire of God, 7p (Church of Nazarene)	Salvation Army, Passage Ministries, 6p Sister Hazel, 9p 6th & Univ.	Salvation Army, Home Van (Plaza, 5:30)	Salvation Army, UF Christian Students, 6p, Holy Trinity Sister Hazel, 9p 6th & Univ.	Fire of God, 7p (1801 NE 23 Ave., Bldg. G)
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