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MINUTES OF NEIGHBORS IN NEED August 12, 2026 MEETING

MEETING INFORMATION

A meeting of the Neighbors in Need Task Force was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 2:00 PM in the 210 Administration Training Room at City Hall, 903 W Main Street, Blue Springs, Missouri with Chair Chris Lievsay presiding.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Chris Lievsay
Councilmember Jerry Kaylor
Councilmember Katie Tholen
Councilmember Jeremy Rowan
Lori Byl - ABSENT
Alex Duvall - ABSENT
Danica Fuimaono
Mickey Hill
Bobby Hines
Bridgette Shaffer - ABSENT
Cassie Soma
Tom Worstell - ABSENT

STAFF ATTENDANCE

Also present were City Administrator Christine Cates, and Director of Strategic Initiatives George Schmitz.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Lievsay called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM and a quorum was confirmed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mickey Hill moved to approve the August 15, 2026 Neighbors in Need Task Force Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Danica Fuimaono and carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF NEIGHBORS IN NEED SURVEY

Survey results were reviewed from the inventory survey created by City Administration. The Task Force members decided to gather more input for review at the next meeting of the Task Force in September.

OCTOBER COMMUNITY FORUM DISCUSSION

The Task Force continued discussions about the October Forum to be hosted by the City. The Forum will now be co-hosted alongside the City's Public Safety Citizen Advisory Board's annual forum. This forum would be an opportunity to invite regional groups and stakeholders who work with vulnerable populations to explain the purpose of the Task Force, as well as collect additional inventory for the survey. Presentations from Jackson County Public Health, Blue Springs Community Service Bureau, and Centerstone would be features of the forum. Task Force members were instructed to send contact information to City Staff to begin compiling an email list for the event.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Discussions were also had about formalizing the Neighbors In Need Task Force as an ongoing Board or Commission after the development of the Action Plan to support vulnerable populations.

ADJOURN

At 2:29 PM., there was no further business to come before the Task Force, members moved unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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SIGNATURES:

Mayor Chris Lievsay, Chair

ATTEST

George Schmitz, Task Force Secretary