

## Citizens Advisory Committee Notes – 9 January 2018

Members present: Janet Breuer, Mary Balte, Anthony Mack, Rhienna Gabriel, June Kramer, Ed Rappe, and Theresa Collins

Excused: Gloria Wallace

Guests: Ralph Kramer and Nick Dondlinger

- Meeting called to order 4:00 p.m.
- Drug Court presentation by Jason Latva, Austin Lucas, and Don Sweet
  - Old system
    - Punitive
    - Treat them as criminals
    - Arrest, convict, imprison, repeat
    - War on drugs is over 40 years old
    - Spent \$1.5 trillion on drug issues
  - Manitowoc County
    - 6<sup>th</sup> highest out of 72 counties with overdose deaths involving opioids
    - 5<sup>th</sup> highest out of 72 counties with overdose deaths involving prescription opioids
  - New system
    - Community health issue
    - You are a person, not a disorder
  - What Drug Court is
    - Abstinence based programs
    - Intense supervision
    - Holistic
    - MRT – everything is evidenced based
    - Drug court is the lowest rung before death
  - Overview
    - Life of the individual is a model of disorder
      - Try to change that model
    - Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)
      - Wrap-around services for the clients
      - Somebody doing it with them so eventually they can do it themselves
    - Person driven
      - They choose the goals
    - Manitowoc has been very progressive in implementing new resources and involvement
    - Funded through government TAD grant
      - 25% county match
  - How they get to drug court
    - AOD assessment and Compass assessment
    - High compass assessment means they are a good candidate for drug court

- Violent and sex offender mandatory disqualifications
    - Referrals from jail, police, family, lawyers, etc.
  - Needs
    - Female sober living opportunities initially
  - Response
    - Courtroom has been packed the past few weeks, very positive community support, needs to continue for optimal success
  - All four team members are in long-term recovery
    - Gives great credibility to the people they serve
- Mayor Nickels on Manitowoc – 2018
  - Focus is on downtown master plan
    - CN peninsula
    - Mirro building
      - Assessment of property and cleanup in spring
  - WAF expansion
  - Mid Cities Mall needs to be dealt with in terms of potential blight property
  - Elks property sold
    - Rezone to commercial, conservancy, high-end residential, high-end senior living
  - 2018 – Dewey Street
  - 2019 – Rapids Road
  - Blight program extended
    - Commercial and residential
  - New housing inspector part of the budget
  - Building permits 32 million in 2016 and 65 million in 2017
    - Positive growth
  - Sales tax
    - Study shows ranked population growth for counties in Wisconsin 2016 to 2040
      - Calumet largest at 25% projected growth
      - Manitowoc 3% decline by 2040
    - Need to be on level playing field to attract people and businesses to area to offset the trend of more people leaving the county than moving to it
- Next meeting Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Mack  
 Committee Chairperson  
 9 January 2018  
 6:54 p.m.