

Racine County Ch 980 Committee
WebEx Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting attended by: Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John Serketich, Legal Coordinator for the Office of the Corporation Counsel Nicole Jurgens, Aging and Disability Services Administrator Michelle Goggins, Public Works and Development Services Director Julie Anderson, Racine County Real Property Lister/GIS Manager Kim Christman, DOC Corrections Field Supervisor Nancy Ahler, and Wisconsin Department of Health Services Contract Specialist Angela Serwa.

1. Convene meeting

The meeting of the Ch. 980 Committee was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John Serketich.

2. Public Comments

There were no comments made by the members of the public present.

3. Approve Agenda & Minutes

Agenda for October 19, 2020 meeting and Minutes from September 14, 2020 meeting reviewed.

Motion: Julie Anderson moved to approve both the agenda and minutes as corrected. Seconded by Nancy Ahler.

Action: All Ayes, No Nays. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

4. Legal updates (Office of Corporation Counsel)

Legal Updates: 9:04 a.m.

Daniel Williams: Committee continues to search for suitable housing. As provided at the last Committee meeting, the continued Motion hearing regarding Mr. Williams' Motion to Compel was held on June 30, 2020, and testimony was provided by committee members Kim Christman and Michelle Goggins. The evidentiary portion of the Motion hearing was not completed; therefore, a continued Motion hearing was held on September 3, 2020 at 1:30 pm. Evidence was heard, Michelle Goggins and Angela Serwa testified. Written closing arguments are due October 2, 2020, and parties' responses to each other's closing arguments are due October 8, 2020. Written arguments and responses were timely submitted by both parties and WCA filed a letter in support of the County on October 14, 2020. Decision Hearing remains scheduled for November 6, 2020, but the Court may issue a written decision before that date. Mr. Williams' Motion for Sanctions is still being held in abeyance and remains pending before the Court.

Hung Tran: Committee continues to search for suitable housing. As provided at the last Committee meeting, the Order for Supervised Release was entered on February 14, 2020. As no residential option has been identified yet for Mr. Tran, the Committee filed a Report of Committee's efforts to identify such an option on June 12, 2020. Mr. Tran's counsel has filed a motion for withdrawal at Mr. Tran's request and the motion was granted. Mr. Tran no longer has counsel from the SPD and he is now proceeding pro se. The court found any motions for discharge are premature, and if Mr. Tran files any future motions for discharge, the issue of counsel will be addressed at that time. Given the County and the Department have not participated in any recent hearings for Mr. Tran, there is no further information as to the status of his case but he may be subject to a Federal/U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer.

5. Residential option updates (Racine County Human Services Department (HSD))

Angela Serwa has provided an updated list of vendors to the committee.

Kim Christman provided the following updates:

- **MLS Listings**
 - No changes to the search criteria.
 - Kim sends MLS listings to HSD every week on Tuesday for evaluation.
 - 09/15/2020: 18 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condominiums (total: 22)
 - 09/22/2020: 28 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condominiums (total: 34)
 - 09/29/2020: 25 single family, 1 two-family, and 2 condominiums (total: 28)
 - 10/6/2020: 27 single family, 1 two family, 3 condominiums (total: 31)
 - 10/13/2020: 28 single family, 1 two family, 1 condominium (total: 30)
 - Grand total: 145 properties sent to HSD for evaluation.

- **Wihomes.com - Properties for Sale**
 - No change to the search criteria.
 - Kim sends listings to HSD every week on Wednesday for evaluation.
 - Note: *New as provided in this section was defined by Kim as not on the previous week's list.
 - 09-16-2020: 354 single family (52 new*), 43 duplex (1 new), 63 condo/townhouse (5 new), 6 multi-family (1 new), 9 rental (3 new).
 - Total 472 (48 new)
 - 09-23-2020: 362 single family (52 new), 42 duplex (7 new), 60 condo/townhouse (3 new), 7 multi family (1 new), 8 rental (0 new).
 - Total: 479 (63 new)
 - 09-30-2020: 378 single family (56 new), 44 duplex (4 new), 62 condo/townhouse (9 new), 6 multi-family (0 new), 7 rental (0 new).
 - Total: 560 (69 new)
 - 10-07-2020: 367 single family (45 new), 42 duplex (2 new), 57 condo/townhouse (8 new), 6 multi-family (0 new), 7 rental (1 new).
 - Total: 548 (56 new)
 - 10-14-2020: 385 single family (51 new), 40 duplex (4 new), 60 condo/townhouse (8 new), 7 multi-family (2 new), 8 rental (1 new).
 - Total: 498 (62 new)
 - Grand total: 2557 (298 new)

- **GIS Mapping Tool**
 - No updates/changes to Tool since last meeting.

Michelle Goggins provided the following updates on properties evaluated by HSD and their continued search to find suitable housing for Mr. Williams and Mr. Tran:

Properties for sale:

September: 2,462 properties were referred to HSD for evaluation, of which only 270 had not been previously evaluated by HSD for conformity with statutory criteria. Of those 270 properties, 99 met statutory criteria after HSD's preliminary evaluation using the digital mapping tool. All 99 properties were sent to the vendors for consideration.

The year-to-date totals for 2020 are as follows: 12,330 properties were referred to HSD for evaluation, and only 1,762 had not been previously evaluated by HSD for conformity with statutory criteria. Of the 1,762 properties, 377 met statutory criteria after HSD's preliminary evaluation using the digital mapping tool, and all 377 properties were sent to the vendors for consideration.

Rentals:

September: 21 rental units were identified by HSD and evaluated for conformity with statutory criteria, three (3) met statutory criteria after HSD's preliminary evaluation using the digital mapping tool, but all landlords reported to HSD that they were not interested in entering a lease with the Department for housing Mr. Williams and Mr. Tran.

The year-to-date totals for 2020 are as follows: 316 rental units were identified by HSD and evaluated for conformity with statutory criteria, 34 met statutory criteria after HSD's preliminary evaluation using the digital mapping tool. Additionally, 132 landlords have been contacted (total number of landlords includes both landlords that had property available that met statutory criteria, and landlords that did not have any properties available that met statutory criteria but were contacted to determine whether they had interest in housing subjects committed under Ch. 980).

In-rem:

As provided at the last Committee meeting, in-rem actions took place in August. Of the properties subject to in-rem actions, 28 properties were identified and referred to HSD for evaluation, and five (5) met statutory criteria after HSD's preliminary evaluation using the digital mapping tool. Although the properties are not available for purchase yet, all five (5) properties were sent to vendors for consideration. HSD contacted Caledonia Police Department (CAPD) to investigate two (2) of the properties further for evaluation, and the reports were received on September 16, 2020. Both properties need to be inspected as they are believed to have both been neglected for some time and one of the properties is believed to have fire damage. The other properties taken were farmland properties that are not suitable for residential purposes.

6. Discuss/consider process for making recommendation to DHS and Court for Chapter 980 sex offender placement

Angela Serwa provided updates on actions by other counties/committees. Two other counties have become the landlord for purposes of Ch. 980 placement: (1) Winnebago County purchased a mobile home on county land and leases it to DHS, and (2) Taylor County purchased a home that they lease to the DHS.

7. Closed Session

There were no discussions that required a closed session; therefore, the meeting remained open for its entirety.

8. Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for: **Monday November 16, 2020 at 9:00 am.**

Motion: Angela Serwa moved to adjourn meeting at 9:30 a.m. Seconded by Julie Anderson.

Action: All Ayes, No Nays. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**