Supportive Housing Issues Committee Meeting Minutes October 2, 2025

None

Attendees:

Committee Members Town Staff Public Gene Dvornick

John Barmby Adam Buczkowski Linda Dennis Tammy Hardy-Kesler Trish Hill Janet Laws Sharon Pitcher Andrew Thurn Dennis Winzenried

Call to Order:

Eddie Wise

The Meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM

Introduction of Committee Members:

Each committee member took an opportunity to introduce themselves and share information regarding interest in the committee and Georgetown.

Election of Chairperson and Secretary:

Motion: Andrew Thurn; Second: Trish Hill to nominate Linda Dennis as Chairperson - Motion Carried (unanimous)

Motion: Linda Dennis; Second: Eddie Wise to nominate Adam Buczkowski as Secretary – Motion Carried (unanimous)

Committee Purpose:

Gene Dvornick provided an overview of key considerations for the committee:

- Report back to Town Council in 6 months with a written report on findings and recommendations
- Identification of clearly defined incidents, and reports of issues (criminal, nuisance, financial) involving homeless individuals, supportive housing and service facilities in Georgetown

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- > Identification of recommendations, solutions, and potential actions to address identified issues
- Remain cognizant of legal implications (any proposed Code changes or policies will ultimately need legal review)
- Leverage experience from other municipalities, codes, etc. Consider sharing information with similarly situated municipalities
- > Consult with outside resources (service providers, programs, agencies)
- ➤ Reach out to Town staff or Council if unsure about whether a particular recommendation could be implemented

Future Meeting Format:

There was general agreement that it was best to continue to meet in person.

Open Discussion:

Gene Dvornick provided information about compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), specifically meeting notices & agendas, meeting minutes, and cautions.

The committee had lots of discussion regarding issues and the complexity of supporting housing and homelessness.

It was requested that additional information be provided to committee members (supplied on October 2, 2025):

- ✓ Zoning Code Definitions: <u>Town of Georgetown</u>, <u>DE Definitions</u>
- ✓ Supportive Housing Zoning Code: Town of Georgetown, DE Supportive Housing
- ✓ Supportive Housing Zoning Matrix: <u>GE1544-230b Supportive Housing Zoning Matrix.pdf</u>
- ✓ Housing Standards Code: Town of Georgetown, DE Housing Standards
- ✓ Residential Rental Properties: Town of Georgetown, DE Residential Rental Properties
- ✓ Housing Continuum
- ✓ HB 114 (HS 1 for HB 114 w/ SA 1)
- ✓ National Association of Recovery Residences Recovery Residence Levels of Support

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 4:00 PM, Town Hall

Public Comment:

There was no other public comment, most was covered during other agenda item discussion.

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Adjourn:

Motion: Sharon Pitcher; Second: Adam Buczkowski to adjourn at 5:20 PM – Motion Carried (unanimous)