

Downtown Homeless Solutions Task Force

Meeting Agenda #1 – Defining the Problem

Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Salem City Library, Anderson A, 585 Liberty St SE

Action Agenda/Minutes complements the meeting audio recording attached to the online Minutes.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Audio: 00:00:20

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

(Hr. Min. Sec)

ROLL CALL: Councilor Cara Kaser-Chair (Ward 1), Al Tandy-Salem Summit, Christy Wood-Runaway Art Studio, Brad Compton-Pioneer Trust Bank, Dana Vugteveen-Salem Center, Evan Delgado-Governor's Cup, Gayle Doty-Building Owner, Irene Bernards-Travel Salem, Jim Lewis-Councilor (Ward 8), Jon Reeves-MWVCAA, Neal Kern-CANDO, Paul Logan-NW Human Services, Sandy Powell-Olivia's, Shannon Garcia-Oregon Law Center, Steven Hill-Union Gospel Mission, Trevor Phillips- Doctor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Angie Onyewuchi, Jason Myers, Matthew Ausec (Ward 5)

STAFF: Kristin Retherford and Sheri Wahrgren-UD, Dan Atchison-Legal, Mark Becketl-PW, Brady Rogers-CD, Andy Wilch-Salem Housing Authority, Ali – COG, Treven Upkes-SPD

GUESTS: Councilors: Steve McCoid (Ward 4), Tom Anderson (Ward 2), Jane Aiken-Municipal Court, Teresa Joslin, Karen Kenick, Hollie Oakes-Miller-Salem DSA, Tiffany Underwood-MCDA, Pat Donenfeld, Dan Ittner, H. Boyd, Carmen Ostrom, Gary Miller, Pamela Watson, Joan Tomlinson, Art Scaquone-City Vibe, Linda Strike-MWVCAA, Larry Nassep, Vernelle Judy-City Watch, Pat Davenport, Gregory Gregg-PC Democrats, Matt Maceira, Gary Scvhreck, and Andrew Gregar-Be Bold Street Ministry, Warren Tunnell-Salem Center, Stacy Lake, Lorie Walker, Kimberly Fanshier-MPFS, Robert Uplanger, Karyn Shinn-WSUMC, Jill Corcoran, David Glennie, Stephanie Giddings-Mental Health, Kaitlunn Pahle, John Davenport, Josh Lair, Jason Ramey-COS, Maya Close-SHCHS, Kim Williams-and Dan Williams-Salvation Army, Delana Beaton, and Kathleen Thorpe-Home Base Shelters, Kenneth Kleyht-ARCHES, Mike Lisherland, Flo Hall, Samantha Nielsen, Hazel Patton, Jennifer Konick, Shelly Ehenger, Silva Ocura, Pamela Lyons-Nelson, Robert Gaynair and Leigha Gaynair, Melissa Parker-Parker Law, Michael Livingston and Sarah Owens-CANDO, Michael Learn-Christos Pizza, Audrey Scheckel-Homeless Coalition, Rick Yurk, George Katsinis-Northgate Wesleyan Church, JoAnna Simmons-Willamette Payee Services.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(taken out of order)

00:15:10

Motion: Move to approve the agenda for February 06, 2018, as presented.

Motion by: Member Lewis

Seconded by: Member Doty

Action: Agenda for February 06, 2018, approved as presented.

Vote: Aye: Unanimous

MOTION CARRIES

3. DISCUSSION

A. **Review of the Task Force Scope and future meetings**

(taken out of order)

00:03:10

Presentation by: Councilor Cara Kaser

Comments and questions: Kaser, Rutherford,

B. **Round the Table - Brief Sharing of Assessment of the Issue**

00:15:25

Presentation by: Kristin Retherford

Comments and questions: Retherford, Bernards (More resources), Woods (detritus problem, safety), Kern (resource coordination needed), Phillips (housing crisis, health concerns, shelters), Lewis (volume of homeless, concerns from citizens), Compton (detritus, violence, trespass), Garcia (lack of affordable housing, homeless need community solutions), Doty (transitional options needed for reentry, mental health support), Powell (safety concerns, resources brochure needed), Logan (shelters are over capacity, it's a community problem, toilet facilities are needed, joint behavior rules needed), Delgado

(past rules no longer work, partner with other businesses), Ausec (connect community members with services), Tandy, Hill (UGM at capacity, need crisis centers), Vugteveen (challenges of youth, economic impact), Reeves (emergency services, preserving life),

C. **Police Department Summary of the Sit/Lie Ordinance and What They Can and Cannot Do From An Enforcement Perspective** 00:54:00

Presentation by: Treven Upkes

Comments and questions: Upkes (new roles for SPD, homelessness is not a crime, sidewalks are public spaces, parks are not, trespass was discussed, police responses are expensive, long term solutions are needed)

D. **Deeper Dive into Defining the Problem.** 01:05:15

Presentation by: Kristin Retherford

Comments and questions: Task Force and Staff

I. **What are we solving for?**

Top three ***

- **Housing *****
- Behavioral expectations
- **Bathrooms/toilets/hygiene *****
- Storage for stuff
- **Emergency shelter *****
- Drug abuse
- Safe downtown for everyone
- Clean-up garbage/human detritus
- **Resource reference material availability*** Consistent response to homeless**
- Communication/ coordination.
- Additional resources for housing
- Emergency shelter/ services ***
- Mental health services/ psychiatric services
- Drug and alcohol addiction treatment

II. **What are potential causes of the problem?**

- Trauma
- Low housing stock over the past 10 years (for low income persons)
- Evictions
- Lack of transitional housing
- Lack of veteran services
- Substance abuse and mental health
- Lack of personal resources/toilets/showers
- Lack of education/skills
- Lack of a safe space for personal goods storage
- No weekend public transportation
- Safe housing - lack of funds for housing
- **Public/private partnerships *****
- **Lack of shared vision – saying the same things consistently *****

III. When has the problem been most acute?

IV. Has the problem been accelerating, slowing down or holding steady.

V. How many people/groups does this problem impact?

VI. Who needs to be involved in solving the problem, who are the players?

- How do they relate to the problem?

4. **ADJOURN** 07:30 p.m.

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