

Downtown Homeless Solutions Task Force

Meeting Agenda #6 – Community Solutions

Wednesday, August 1, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Salem Public Library, 585 Liberty St SE, Anderson Conference Rooms A&B

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

ROLL CALL: Cara Kaser-Chair (Ward 1), Mayor Chuck Bennett; Paul Logan-NW Human Services; Dana Vugteveen-Salem Center Mall; Brad Compton-Pioneer Trust Bank; Matthew Ausec (Ward 5); Tyler Jackson-Jackson Jewelers; Christy Wood-Run-Away Art Studio; Neal Kern-CANDO; Shannon Garcia-Oregon Law Center; Trevor Phillips-Salem Hospital; Jeanine Knight –UGM; Gayle Calderazzo-Doty-Building Owner; Jimmy Jones- ARCHES Project; Sandy Powell-Olivia's; Jim Lewis (Ward 8)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Irene Bernards, Evan Delgado, Al Tandy, Angie Onyewuchi, Jason Myers

STAFF: Kristin Retherford, Shelly Ehenger, Sheri Wahrgren, Dan Atchison, Marc Weinstein, Skip Miller, Treven Upkes, Gretchen Bennett

GUESTS: Mark Knecht, Florence Hall, Lorrie Walker, Kenneth Houghton, Delena Beaton, George Katsinis, Pamela Watson, Alan Mela, Joseph Orrio, Hollie Miller, Lynelle Wilcox, Maya Close, Joan Tomlinson, Michael Livingston, Sarah Owens, John Kaufmann, Kenneth Ploeser, Kendra Taylor, Becky Kneeling, Dave Kneeling, Tera Aricha, Joyce Judy, Larry Nasset, Gary Miller, Britta Franz, Art Scaquone, Ross Swartzendruber, Malvina Holloway, Pamela Lyons-Nelson, Sam Skillern

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Move to approve the agenda for August 1, 2018, as presented.

Motion by: Member Kern

Seconded by: Member Ausec

Action: Agenda for August 1, 2018, approved as presented.

Vote: Aye: Unanimous **MOTION CARRIES**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Move to approve the minutes for June 13, 2018, as presented.

Motion by: Member Ausec

Seconded by: Member Phillips

Action: Minutes for June 13, 2018, approved as presented.

Vote: Aye: Unanimous **MOTION CARRIES**

4. RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of Recommendations

Presented by: Cara Kaser and Kristin Retherford

Draft Recommendations and next steps were discussed.

Document wording change:

“Some individuals engage in behaviors and activities that negatively impact the downtown and business activities.”

5. DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Good Neighbor Partnership: Establish a downtown good neighbor partnership for those who live, work, shop, and visit downtown Salem that supports appropriate behavior and ongoing dialogue with stakeholders.

Assess Salem codes and ordinances to ensure that the City is appropriately balancing the rights of those who live, work, and shop in our downtown, and providing the City of Salem with the tools they need to address behaviors that negatively impact others. **This recommendation is in conjunction with the Good Neighbor Partnership.***

Sit-Lie Ordinance

Sidewalk camping is a safety issue for the campers and for pedestrians. UGM changed their rules for homeless people downtown and it has helped. Community participation was discussed.

Consensus: assess ordinances. Tie this to the Good Neighbor Partnership.*

Placing limitations on food distribution

Consensus: make no recommendation

Challenges & Recommendations Posters:

Task Force members prioritized recommendations with **blue dots** for a positive vote, and **red dots** for a negative vote.

1. Showers/toilets/laundry/hygiene -13 blue dots
 - a. Provide a hygiene center with showers and laundry – 6 blue dots
2. Good neighbor policy with expectations for behavior – 12 blue dots
 - a. Assess codes and ordinances to confirm whether or not they meet community needs – 2 red dots
3. Safe downtown for everyone
 - a. Endorse a simplified point of contact system - 12 blue dots
 - b. Limited options for safely storing possessions during the day – 7 blue dots
 - i. Support development of additional storage for homeless individuals....
 - c. Panhandling (rework title and description) - 10 red dots
 - i. Alternative ways of giving
 - d. Illegal activities are taking place on downtown sidewalks – 10 red dots
 - i. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
4. Clean-up garbage/human waste
 - a. Expand downtown cleaning services – 8 blue dots

6. ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Urban Development Director, Kristin Retherford, will update the recommendations as outlined above and email them to the Taskforce. The Final Draft of Recommendations will be forwarded to the Mayor and City Manager, then to Council.

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