



Meeting Minutes

Land Use & Environment Committee

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
Olympia, WA 98501

Information: 360.753.8244

Thursday, June 9, 2016

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hankins called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Julie Hankins, Committee member Clark Gilman and Committee member Nathaniel Jones

OTHERS PRESENT

City Manager Steve Hall
Community Planning and Development (CP&D) Director Keith Stahley
CP&D Deputy Director Leonard Bauer
Providence St. Peter Hospital Associates Michelle James, Tj LaRocque and Sue Beal
Assistant Fire Chief Greg Wright
ACR Business Consulting Managing Director Aaron Rodriguez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.A** [16-0720](#) Approval of May 19, 2016 Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 4.A** [16-0679](#) Update on Proposed Community Care Facility

Providence St. Peter associates provided an update on the proposed Community Care Facility to be located in Downtown Olympia:

- Final numbers stating the tenant costs of the building will be known by Friday June 17, 2016
- Hope to have the building open by September of 2016
- Hours of operation are anticipated to be within a 12 hours window (weekends included) - however not all services provided will be available that entire time,

i.e. the building will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- The facility is not intended to be a warming center or day center

Public Comment:

- Judy Bardin asked how much of the services will be professional and how much will be volunteers. Providence answered: most all of the services will be professional. They will have enough coverage with professional services that they will not be reliant on volunteers.
- Roger Horn asked about state and county grants or funding. Providence responded stating that they are applying for any help they can get. They are also focusing on partnerships that will enable the Community Center to be sustainable.
- Rachel Newmann inquired about the housing aspect of the facility. Providence responded by stating that they do not work with the housing side of services directly so they are unable to speak to detail.

The information was received.

4.B [16-0682](#) Discussion of a Coordinated Response to Homelessness

The City wishes to hire Aaron Rodriguez, Managing Director at ACR Business Consulting, to help coordinate response to the homelessness issue in the Downtown area. Mr. Rodriguez is supporting the County's process to update the Thurston County 10 Year Housing Plan, making him well positioned to assist the City in efforts to manage homelessness and its effects Downtown. His tasks would include designing a coordinated methodology and approach to homelessness. The City would then decide how to best implement the methods and approach.

Public Comment:

- Roger Horn asked if this study would dramatically change the homeless census and the way it is done. Mr. Rodriguez responded with saying ideally, yes.
- Steve Langer praised the coordination efforts taking place.
- Rachel Newmann inquired about the definition of homeless. Mr. Rodriguez responded that the definition of homeless has a wide range.
- Judy Bardin asked, is there any thought given to pilot testing questions? Mr. Rodriguez replied; engaging conversations with those who have a professional level of expertise with formulating these types of questions will put us on the right track.

The discussion was recommended for approval and referred to City Council.

4.C [16-0698](#) Update on Olympia's Action Plan

Mr. Bauer provided an overview of the Draft Action Plan.

The Draft Action Plan was recommended for approval and referred to the City Council.

4.D [16-0683](#) Status Reports and Updates

Mr. Stahley indicated upcoming meeting topics for LUEC July 21, 2016:

- SmartGov Report
- Complete Streets Funding Study - multi-modal currency effort status report
- Welcome Center Update

The report was received.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.