



Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Affordability

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Monday, April 3, 2017

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Hankins called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Julie Hankins, Committee member Jim Cooper and Committee member Jeannine Roe

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Hall, City Manager
Keith Stahley, Community Planning and Development Director
Phil Owen, Executive Director of SideWalk
Meg Martin, Interfaith Works

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.A** [17-0327](#) Approval of March 10, 2017 Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Affordability Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 5.A** [17-0360](#) Meeting with Representatives from Thurston County and the Homeless Housing HUB to Understand the County's Five Year Plan

Phil Owen, Executive Director of SideWalk, gave a presentation on the goals and strategies of the homeless housing plan. The 5-year goal outcome is to achieve functional zero unsheltered homelessness overall. The strategies for reaching the desired outcome are:

- Increase inventory of diversion, rapid rehousing, and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - objective 1: successfully identify and divert all applicable households
 - objective 2: quickly rehouse all eligible households
 - objective 3: develop sufficient PSH stock to serve the most vulnerable

- objective 4: solidify existing shelter capacity without undercutting resources for housing
- Provide adequate support services for housing stability
 - objective 1: ensure that voluntary supportive services and flexible retention funds are available to all people placed into permanent housing to prevent a reoccurrence of homelessness should the household face a crisis that threatens housing stability
 - objective 2: increase job and income growth for people placed into permanent housing once housing stability is achieved

The discussion was completed.

5.B [17-0363](#) Homeless Services System and Affordable Housing Options Briefing

Meg Martin, with Interfaith Works, presented the Warming Center 2017 year-end report. Some successes with the Warming Center were:

- Served high numbers of people with little to no other options of places to be
- Served primarily the most vulnerable people experiencing chronic homelessness, who are statistically most likely to die if they are left out of services
- Created a stronger partnership and coordination with Community Youth Services outreach team due to serving higher numbers of young adults
- Worked with Family Support Center for the families with children we served
- Partnerships formed
- Heard many anecdotal reports from businesses, city staff, residents and organizations that the rest of downtown was reportedly quiet
- Data collection

Some challenges were:

- Lack of adequate outdoor space
- Inadequate building
- Impact on immediate neighbors
- Low staffing ratio/under-funded
- No pet relief area
- Ongoing stigma

Mr. Stahley gave a presentation on the initial review of services and housing gaps in Olympia. Data from the 2016 'Point in Time' survey was discussed. Some of the data collected was:

- 211 out of the 342 individuals that participated in the survey are from Thurston County
- 205 of the people surveyed reported at least one disability
- 39% of those that reported specifically stated mental health disabilities
- 27% of those that reported specifically stated permanent physical disabilities

The information was received.

6. REPORTS AND UPDATES

Mr. Stahley provided information for the next meeting. It will be held on Wednesday April 19, 2017. There will be three items on the agenda: comparing and discussing ideas from other cities, discussion on the Downtown Strategy and discussion on coordinated entry system and the vulnerability index.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.