



## Meeting Minutes

City Hall  
601 4th Avenue E  
Olympia, WA 98501

### Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Affordability

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**Monday, April 3, 2017**

**5:30 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair 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**

City Manager Steve Hall  
Community Planning and Development Director Keith Stahley  
Sidewalk Executive Director Phil Owen  
Interfaith Works Representative Meg Martin

**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

Sidewalk Executive Director Phil Owen 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

Interfaith Works Representative Meg Martin 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.