



Land Use & Environment Committee

Homeless Response Plan Status Report

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive a report on the status of the Homeless Response Plan. Briefing only; No action requested.

Report

Issue:

Whether to discuss the status of the Homeless Response Plan process.

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Background and Analysis:

In March 2019, the City began a public process to identify long-term strategies, actions, measures and partnerships to respond to the homelessness crisis. This includes planning for the needs of residents, visitors, business owners and individuals experiencing homelessness. This process is hosted and shepherded by a Community Work Group made up of 11 community members who bring a diverse set of perspectives and experiences.

The process timeline is attached. During the first and second phases, the Work Group heard from more than 700 community members and key stakeholders through 17 different workshops, focus groups, listening sessions, community conversations and an online survey.

At this stage, the Work Group is using what they've learned to identify draft strategies. In October, these will be shared back out to the community and key stakeholders so the Work Group can collect

additional input and use it to make changes. The Work Group will also identify ideas for metrics and actions, to be further fleshed out by City staff and partners. The Work Group will sunset in November.

At the meeting, staff will provide an update, including:

- Where we are in the process
- Overview of principles developed by the Community Work Group and based on community input that will guide the Work Group in drafting a set of strategies
- Next steps and upcoming public engagement
- Ongoing coordination and alignment of Olympia's Plan with Thurston County's Five-Year Homeless and Housing Plan

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The public has a high degree of interest in the City's response to homelessness. A summary of input from Phase 1 is attached and also posted at EngageOlympia.com. The summary from Phase 2 will soon be posted at EngageOlympia.com.

Options:

Information only. No action requested.

Financial Impact:

This process is being conducted in-house using base department budgets. In addition, the City Council directed \$30,000 of Council goal money to support the public process.

Attachments:

Public Input Summary (Phase 1)
Process Timeline
Link to Engage Olympia