



Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee

Downtown Response Team Coordination Project Briefing

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Briefing only. No action requested.

City Manager Recommendation:

Briefing only. No action requested.

Report

Issue:

Whether to receive a briefing on the Downtown Response Team Coordination Project.

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Background and Analysis:

Over the last four years the City of Olympia has significantly increased its staffing levels with work associated with making Downtown feel more welcome and safe. In this line of work we have engaged staff from:

- Downtown Ambassadors
- Clean Team
- Parking Enforcement
- Code Enforcement
- Walking Patrol
- Crisis Response Unit
- Familiar Faces

- Homeless Response
- Olympia Fire Department
- Park Rangers

Currently we are underway with a process to ensure that all these programs are effectively coordinating and communicating to achieve city objectives. The City is utilizing Communications Resources Northwest to bring together the staff groups who contribute to making Downtown safe and welcoming to develop goals and agreements for how the groups work together so that we can identify ways to help our Downtown Response Teams work effectively and support one another through improved goal alignment, communications, and collaboration.

The final deliverable for this process will be goals and agreements for how the groups will work together and support one another to improve their alignment, communication, and collaboration. This process will also identify where the teams see gaps in their ability to fulfill their responsibilities and areas for future process improvements.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The City has obtained multiple surveys over the last few years that clearly articulate a broad public desire to see the City address concerns about safety throughout downtown.

Options:

1. Receive the briefing on the Downtown Response Team Coordination Project.
2. Do not receive the briefing on briefing on the Downtown Response Team Coordination Project.
3. Receive the briefing at another time.

Financial Impact:

No financial impact associated with the briefing.

Attachments:

None.