

Homelessness Task Force
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Draft Minutes

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Guests

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Members

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Agenda

Urgent

Bathrooms
Warming space

Lockers

Cameron: Fire Department can store lockers from Senior Center, not for use, but for storage of lockers.

Public Comments

Morgan Brown submitted name for task force. Previously was homeless.

Approving Minutes

Moved later in the agenda

Prioritizing Issues

Yvonne lays out index cards on table with issues identified at first meeting for sorting.

-Open overnight shelter ASAP

- Homelessness Task Force Deadlines short medium long, set own deadlines
- Collection of info. What, how, issues of privacy
- Communication with Council
- Legal Camping
- Storage Needs:
 - 1 Strike force supplies
 - 2 Individual belongings
- Transportation: bus vouchers, gaps in service
- Warming Day Space
- People not eligible for Shelter
- Communication with Stakeholders: why, who, where, and when
- Feedback to and conversation with Good Samaritan re: Staff and Policies
- Essential Services: 24 hour toilets, showers, telephone charging
- Helping homeless people to take responsibility

Permanent Housing: Housing First model - Morgan

Immediate overnight needs: Open Shelter before the First: brutal already: a place to be at night

-Tammy

Alignment with this group and other groups - Will,

One stop shopping- i.e. bureaucrats come to where the people are

Overall plan of specific people

Grant funding

Harm reduction housing - Substance Abuse Disorders: housing plus addiction

Programs for people not eligible for current programs, following through cracks

The Nest, Barre Street

Yvonne addresses group after reading of needs listed above, to prioritize. Wide ranging conversation ensues. Yvonne and group push towards a coherent plan.

Coordinated entry process: federal mandate, Capstone Community Action

Short term Needs

Personal family needs

Systemic Gaps in services,

Reduce Homelessness

Wednesday November 20 to present report to council

Tactical Question of Coming to Council

Zach posed question of efficacy of coming to council every week. Bryce suggested that we should go often to council and keep pressure on. The group discussed, each member weighing in. General consensus towards not going every week.

Warming Shelter

Will reports on lay of the land. Only thing that could work would be to produce money for actual rooms.

Glen: increase shelter. Can't do it in a group shelter setting.

Group that is outside are most acute in needs of support. You can increase size of existing programs but they will remain in the gaps.

Issues that keep them out of the spaces. PTSD, post prison, active addicts, pysch. Issues, medical issues

Keren: open space, open rooms at the nest.

Glen to work offline to share ideas that HTF asks if the city this year gives the balance of the money to Downstreet to meet unmet needs. Group agrees.

Minutes passed.

Discussion of Priorities

Warming space

Toilets, telephone chargers

Places to get warm

Places to sleep

Places to get showers