



## Downtown Homeless Solutions Task Force

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### Meeting Agenda #5

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

555 Liberty St SE Rm 240

Salem, OR 97301

1. Call to Order  
Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of April 4 Minutes
4. Public Testimony on Proposed Solutions:
  - a. Toilets (Type, how many, where, security needs, maintenance issues, etc.)
  - b. Sanitation (Trash pickup, service models such as partnerships with nonprofits, Sharps containers, HAZMAT information for businesses)
  - c. 2-1-1 Contact List (Ownership, who should be included, when to call 911, etc.)
  - d. Showers and laundry facilities (Type, location, operation and management, etc.)
  - e. Good Neighbor Policy with expectations for behavior (What should be included, how should it be communicated, what consequences should there be if any, etc.)
  - f. Assess codes and ordinances (Are the tools we have available reasonable, or do they need to be changed?)
  - g. Mentorship program/partnership between businesses & service providers (Could the business community support programs to offer work opportunities, such as cleaning up areas downtown?)
5. Adjourn

**Next Meeting: TBD**

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## Meeting Agenda #4 – Community Solutions

Tuesday, April 04, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Salem City Library, Anderson A & B, 585 Liberty St SE

Action Agenda/Minutes complements the meeting audio recording attached to the online Minutes.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

**Audio:** 00:00:25

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 p.m.

**Welcome and Introductions**

(Hr. Min. Sec)

**ROLL CALL:** Councilors Cara Kaser-Chair (Ward 1), Councilor Jim Lewis (Ward 8); and Matthew Ausec (Ward 5); Tylor Jackson-Salem Summit, Dana Vugteveen-Salem Center Mall, Evan Delgado-Governor's Cup, Gayle Doty-Building Owner, Christy Wood-Run-Away Art Studio; Neal Kern-CANDO, Paul Logan-NW Human Services, Sandy Powell-Olivia's, Shannon Garcia-Oregon Law Center, Trevor Phillips-Salem Hospital, Steven Hill-Union Gospel Mission (UGM)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brad Compton, Irene Bernards, Jon Reeves

**STAFF:** Kristin Retherford and Sheri Wahrgren-UD, Chief Gerald Moore, Sgt. Kevin Hill-SPD

**GUESTS:** Lorrie Walker, Delana Beaton, Pamella Watson and Kathleen Thorpe -Home Base Shelters of Salem; Gary Miller-DSA; Joan Tomlinson-City Vibe; Mike Potts, Tom Ellis and Jeanine Knight-UGM; Jim Quincan; Bela Wilch; Councilor Brad Nanke (Ward 3); Angela Puntney; Matt Maceira and Gary Schreck-Be Bold Street Ministry; Karen Kirschner; Tara Arichad; Kevin Cunningham; Micki Varney; Ken Houghton; Councilor Tom Andersen (Ward 2); Beth Hays-Community Resource Trust; Kim Bender.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

00:02:20

**Motion:** Move to amend, move item 5b (Define Consequences) to after announcements, and approve the agenda for April 4, 2018,

**Motion by:** Member Doty

**Seconded by:** Member Wood

**Action:** Agenda for April 4, 2018, approved as amended.

**Vote:** Aye: Unanimous

**MOTION CARRIES**

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

00:3:57

**Motion:** Move to approve the minutes for March 20, 2018, as presented.

**Motion by:** Member Ausec

**Seconded by:** Member Phillips

**Action:** Minutes for March 20, 2018, approved as presented.

**Vote:** Aye: Unanimous

**MOTION CARRIES**

### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### A. Summary of Homework

00:04:10

**Presented by:** Kristin Retherford

Information was displayed on the wall. Displayed materials are attached to minutes.

#### B. Governor's Reentry Council

**Presented by:** Kristin Retherford

Information in packet

#### C. Homeless Input at Meeting

**Presented by:** Kristin Retherford

Mr. Potts and Mr. Elli, who are in the Union Gospel Mission program, gave review of their situations.

i. Homeless need a hand up – not a handout

- A place to feel needed, wanted and respected

1. There are few places for families to stay together

- A place to eat a nutritious meal, wash their clothes and take a shower = self-respect

1. You build it – they will come (transportation accessibility required)

- 2. A place to take pride in
- A person has to want to change
  - 1. They need a place to start
  - 2. Having the opportunity to make the right choice
  - 3. Mental illness is an issue
- Behavior and Consequences
  - 1. Give rewards for positive behaviors
  - 2. Consequences: community service
- Tent Cities
  - 1. Need to be run by member of the homeless community

**Comments and questions:** Potts, Ellis, Lewis (location of shelter), Doty (housing), Wood (the attraction to downtown, consequences businesses can offer), Garcia (barriers to accepting services), Retherford (behavioral issues and tent camps)

## 5. DISCUSSION

- a. **Define consequences** (order moved on Agenda by committee action) 00:43:45
1. Have homeless person clean up their own mess
    - i. May not be well received
    - ii. Need an ordinance - no racial slurs, no spitting, no vomiting, no leaving refuse, no defecation
      1. Need someone to enforce the ordinance
      2. Need consequences and rewards
  2. Community Service and job options
    - i. Need an established sense of community
      1. Establish relationships – pull back into community
      2. Need housing
  3. Expectations
    - i. Social services partner with police department
    - ii. Homeless should clean-up after themselves
      1. Business owners cannot ask employees to clean
      2. Employees don't feel safe
    - iii. Treat others with respect or suffer consequence
    - iv. Everyone should have same expectations
    - v. Currently sidewalk cleanliness is business owner responsibility
      1. Should cleanliness just be on the business owner?
      2. **Expand downtown Clean Team?**
        - a. **Currently Clean Team is two people (\$90,000 per year-Parking Fund)**
        - b. **Training intensive**
        - c. **Collect around 70 bags of garbage daily - Monday through Friday**
        - d. **They are not on call**
        - e. **They do not power wash**
        - f. **They clean trash receptacles and benches**
        - g. **They can clean hazardous waste**
        - h. **They don't go on private property**
    - vi. Property value in jeopardy
    - vii. Folks sleeping on sidewalk
      1. Should be against the law
      2. **Need alternatives for sleeping, eating, facilities – “Where”**
        - a. **Need options to have expectations**
    - viii. Should move once business opens

**Comments:** Chief Moore (sit-lay ordinance 7 a.m.to 9:00 p.m.), and Sargent Hill (make-up of the homeless community, crime, respect, community, jail may not be a deterrent; Mobile Crisis Response Team, enforcement partners)

- b. **Continued brainstorming of solutions** 00:00:00
  - c. **Identification of possible obstacles** 00:00:00
  - d. **Next steps – Focus on Downtown solutions** 01:41:00
    - 1. Take solutions developed from prior meetings and homework assignments to City staff to research funding opportunities and what partners would need to be involved in solutions.
      - i. Homework assignments: were reviewed
        - 1. Funding solution: Construction Excise Tax
        - 2. Space for people to eat, sleep, launder, and facilities.
          - a. Multiple places for facilities
      - 2. Research solutions from other cities
        - i. New Mexico model: homeless are employed to assist in clean-up
          - 1. Research partners and needed funding.
        - ii. One-to-one relationships – fund people to connect with the homeless
        - iii. Provide temporary housing of some type
        - iv. Put them to work to keep them busy and train them – to feel part of the community
      - 3. Bring staff research back to this Task Force to formulate recommendations to City Council.
6. **ADJOURN** 08:00 p.m. **NEXT MEETING:** TBD 01:59:20