

Community Streets Initiative Task Force

Monday, March 30, 2015

4:00-5:30 P.M.

Weyerhaeuser Room, Everett Station, 3201 Smith Ave

Draft Meeting Summary

Task Force Members Attending:					
Chris Adams	X	Sylvia Anderson	X	Jonathan Apuan	
Glen Bachman	X	Sophia Beltran	X	Flora Diaz	X
Bob Dobler	X	Alan Dorway	X	Megan Dunn	X
Cassie Franklin	X	Linda Grant		GeorgaDee MacLeod	X
Mark Mantei		Mark Nysether	X	Ed Petersen	X
Renee Quistorf		Robert Reese		Marilyn Rosenberg	
Matthew Savage		Tom Sebastian	X	Craig Skotdal	X
		Julie Zarn	X		
Task Force Member Alternates Attending:					
James Upton	X				
City/County/Housing Authority Staff & Support Team Attending:					
Ty Trenary		David Hall	X		
Dan Templeman	X	Ken Stark	X	Bob Downey	
Deborah Wright	X	Ashley Lommers-Johnson			

David Hall explained the purpose of the meeting was to reconvene by March 31, 2015, as agreed by the task force and to update the group on the progress of the 63 recommendations listed on the Final Report. David explained the process to develop an Implementation Plan. The subcommittees used a template to draft an action plan to define timelines, outcomes and parties responsible for each recommendation.

David gave a Recap of the Task Force Mission, Recommendations and Final Report. He explained the task force met 9 times in 2014, with the first 5 meetings being informational. After that, the group looked at Best Practices; toured Compass Health, Evergreen Treatment Services, Snohomish County Jail and 2 Church Feeding programs; researched and read materials; held a Public Hearing for community comments; convened a panel of business members hosted by the business community and convened a panel at the Mission for input by homeless individuals. The group deliberated at the next 4 meetings.

Deputy City Attorney Hil Kaman reported that by increasing the Liaison to the Mental Health Court to a full time position, the court has doubled its capacity of cases and is reducing the number of "chronic utilizers".

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Police Chief Dan Templeman reported the Police Department has increased dedicated foot, bike and vehicle patrols to 7 days a week. The Department is working with Social Services groups to get individuals connected to services. Chief Templeman said the Police Department is committed to outreach.

Sylvia Anderson told the group of Everett Gospel Mission's success with their approach of Outreach, Nudge and Push in the encampment near the Mission and they plan to do this every month.

Ken Stark of Snohomish County Human Services said the County is pursuing state dollars to refurbish the Carnegie building for transitional housing for homeless released from jail. Ken said legislators in the House gave one million dollars in the House capital budget for the Carnegie rehab. Ken said the County is working with the City to create housing units for the homeless. Ken noted that House Bill 1721 extends the authority of Emergency Medical Services to transport people to places other than the emergency room. Ken said the City's Government Affairs is working to support mental health legislation.

Deborah Wright told the group that one of the 63 recommendations on the Final Report is access to day centers. The Everett Recovery Café has opened at 20th and Broadway and is open 12-4 Monday through Friday. They will need support to provide the services they will be delivering.

Mayor Stephanson held a roundtable discussion with the Mayors of the 16 Cities in Snohomish County in February. There was a strong interest from City Leaders to do something on a County wide basis. He told the group that 3 ordinances will be considered by City Council on Wednesday, April 1: prohibiting panhandling on street corners and in medians, banning sitting or camping on sidewalks, and an alcohol impact area.

Ed Petersen of Housing Hope has submitted an application to the state Department of Commerce for funding for apartments for individuals who are homeless and work ready.

Tom Sebastian of Compass Health said one recommendation is increased funding for Mental Health. Two initiatives are now in the legislature regarding involuntary treatment. Compass Health is supporting a bill for new proposed intensive service packages. Compass Health is also supporting a bill providing funding for crisis intervention training for law enforcement.

Julie Zarn said Providence Hospital formally supported the bills Ken Stark mentioned. And they have started an institute for healthier communities.

David said he, Chris Adams and Sylvia Anderson continue to get the word out to the public about the task force by presenting to Rotary, United Way and smaller groups to garner support from the community.

In the coming months there will be more progress to report. The group is committed to six month check-ins - dates will be set later to report on additional progress.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.