



City of Longview

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Agenda

Homeless Housing Taskforce

Monday, February 26, 2024

2:30 PM

Training Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall

HYBRID MEETING DETAILS

24-00179 Please click the link below to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015494317>
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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

24-00181 Minutes from January 22, 2024.
Meeting on January 15, 2024 rescheduled due to holiday.

NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

24-00182 5 YEAR PLAN, ONGOING

24-00183 POVERTY SIMULATION / BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

PUBLIC COMMENTS

TASK FORCE COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



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Monday, January 22, 2024

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:36 pm.

ROLL CALL

In attendance: Ruth Kendall, Chair; Dian Cooper, CoChair; Steven Boyer; Gena James; Connie Lantz; Shannon McLain; Rob Painter-Johnson (joined at 2:41); Lauren Princehouse; Tim Watson, LPD
Staff present: Kayce Settlemier, non-voting member; Kris Swanson, City Manager; Nancy Vandehey

MINUTES

24-0082 MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 18, 2023

Shannon McLain asked that we use the correct spelling of her last name - McLain.
With this correction, the minutes were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

24-00184 Council Report - added by Council member Ruth Kendall

Ruth provided an update from the recent outcome of the Council meeting regarding the Task Force. The proposal was for the City to end this task force and rejoin the County. Council voted to wait until the end of April to move forward. She is hoping that we can get a recommendation to Council for the Longview 5 year plan to adopt the County plan and then work towards an addendum to add to the plan. There was discussion on funding requests for Hope Village as we need funding to continue. It was asked that we verify with Dept of Commerce that we can adopt the County Plan as ours. The task force wants to stress that an addendum with specifics to Longview will be coming once finalized.

Lauren Princehouse, seconded by Dian Cooper, to recommend that the Council adopt the Cowlitz County 5 year Homeless Housing plan. This passed with a single no vote from Rob Painter Johnson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

24-0080 5 YEAR PLAN, ONGOING

Kayce provided a hard copy of the Cowlitz County 5 year Homeless Housing Plan and a copy of Dian Cooper's City of Longview Plan Addendum to the Cowlitz County 5 Year Homeless and Housing Plan. An email from Ruth Kendall (01.22.24 sent to Nancy & Kayce) was shared with the task force. She highlighted the items that we have completed, that we are currently working towards, or the item applies to the County, not the City level. It was requested that we add 4 d. Other Ideas. It was requested that the phrases "research based", "evidence based" and "best practices" be used in the addendum. The goal of the subcommittee is to bring a draft to the next meeting. It was noted that this Thursday is the Point in Time Count.

24-0081 POVERTY SIMULATION / BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

It was requested that this be renamed to Task Force Comments in the future.

ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 26TH

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm.

Objective 1: Increase access to affordable housing units.

- a. Add more affordable housing.
 1. Interlocal Agreement with Housing Opportunities of SW Washington (HOSSWA) funded by Affordable Housing Sales Tax Levy to facilitate development of housing projects in Longview.
- b. See County Plan
- c. Revise local zoning to allow for denser housing.
 1. Accessory Dwelling Units,
 2. Cottage Housing,
 3. Shared Driveways,
 4. Modified light industrial zoning to allow residential use, and
 5. Explore other opportunities for denser housing.
- d. See County Plan

Objective 2: Quickly identify and engage all people experiencing homelessness. Maintain effective and efficient coordinated entry system for housing and housing related services.

- a. City of Longview outreach and enforcement project will engage homeless individuals and assist them in accessing services to acquire housing.
- b. See County Plan.
- c. See County Plan.

Objective 3: Increase prevention and education opportunities.

- a. Support community life skills programs.
- b. See County Plan.
- c. Provide education and information for the general public.

Objective 4: Maintain a crisis response system in Cowlitz County. System is efficient with the most appropriate resources and interventions for the homeless population.

- a. See County Plan.
- b. See County Plan.
- c. See County Plan.
- d. Ensure access to shelter during severe weather events.
- e. Support efforts to increase alternative interim habitation options, including but not limited to transitional housing, vehicle habitation, and all types of sheltering.
- f. See County Plan.

Objective 5: Increase the use of data driven strategies and decision making.

- a. See County Plan.
- b. See County Plan.
- c. Report on City progress annually.