



Agenda

Homeless Housing Taskforce

Monday, June 17, 2024

2:30 PM

Training Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall

HYBRID MEETING DETAILS

24-00569 Please click the link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015494317>
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma); +1 253 205 0468 US
Webinar ID: 840 1549 4317

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

In attendance: Ruth Kendall, Chair; Dian Cooper, CoChair; Steven Boyer; Gena James; Connie Lantz; Shannon McLain; Rob Painter-Johnson; Lauren Princehouse;

Unexcused: Tim Watson, LPD

Staff present: Kayce Settlemier, non-voting member; Chris Collins, Public Works Director & Asst. City Manager; Justin Brown, P&R; Angela Abel, PIO; Nancy Vandehey, Admin

Guests: Scott Neves, DEM; Charles Ingalls, American Red Cross; Leslie Davids, Cowlitz Co Sherriff BHU; Jerry Wilkins, Family Health Center; Stefi Sudar, Family Health Center; Eric McCradle; Mike Moss, Cowlitz Co Public Works; Ramona Leber

MINUTES

24-00566 MINUTES FROM MAY 20, 2024

Minutes were approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

24-00564 EXTREME WEATHER TASK FORCE - JOINT MEETING WITH COWLITZ COUNTY

Location options were discussed. (Cowlitz Co Training Center - "Boathouse", old Jail, Event Center, MAC, Senior Center) Challenges and advantages of these locations were discussed. The average number of individuals seeking assistance was 36 per night. In the past, the First Christian Church was paid \$1500 rent for the season, paid a portion of the utilities and hired a service to come in and do a deep clean. As of yesterday, the current balance of funds is \$74,000. Kayce talked about the screening process. The consensus was to explore the Senior Center and then the Boathouse. The MAC might be an option for a day center. It is the understanding that KCA does plan to host a CWS for this winter. We could explore them being the CWS for all of the county for this coming year. In 2023 it was open 50 times.

Cooling Shelters are coming sooner. Sundays are the biggest challenge. The Salvation Army was interested in being a cooling shelter.

Free Transit fares are offered at any time that there is a warming or cooling centers open.

Next steps - Justin Brown to follow up with Senior Center. Next is to follow up with Boathouse. FHC will follow up with the hospital on the blowup tents they used during COVID.

Subcommittee for RFP - Shannon, Dian and Rob with Kayce to start looking at what an RFP would look like.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

24-00565 BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY UPDATE

Tabled due to time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 pm.