



MEETING SUMMARY STAYTON HOMELESS TASK FORCE

Monday, March 13, 2023

Stayton Community Center
400 W. Virginia Street
Stayton, Oregon 97383

1. CALL TO ORDER

6:00 PM

Julia started the meeting at 6:00. Due to a fire at the Community Center, the meeting was relocated to the Library meeting room. Signs were posted on the Community Center door and staff positioned outside to inform members and the general public of the meeting location change.

2. Introductions

Task Force Members- Kassie Brown-Resident, Tricia Frizzell-Resident, Steven Halverson-Resident, Mark McDonald-Resident, Jared Oeltjen-Resident, Julie Whitehurst-Resident (business owner), Cari Sessums-business owner (resident), Rebecca Kelly-Resident, Kim Dwyer -Santiam Service integration team (resident), Ben MacDonald-City Council (resident), David Giglio-City Council (resident),

Staff and public present: Julia Hajduk-City Manager, Gwen Johns-Police Chief, Mike Meeks-Sergeant, Dan Fleishman-Planning Director, Ross Williamson-City Attorney, Bob Parsons-Parks, Bill (did not get last name)

3. Review and comment on Public outreach plan

Julia reviewed the public outreach plan and asked for input. Members provided suggestions for additional outreach which has been incorporated into the updated plan. See updated plan dated 3/17/23

4. Review code audit

Ross reviewed the Code audit and potential options for addressing. Based on the discussion, the task force members determined that they would need some additional information to help them ultimately make their recommendations. Information requested included:

- Map of City owned property.
- Information from parks and PD on what their thoughts and recommendations were on allowing camping in parks or alternate locations.
- Want more information from officers on laws enforcing minor's curfew and officer thoughts on this as well – want to get input on whether it is better to leave curfew standards in place or take out

- Want statistics from code compliance on the level of problem we are currently experiencing with RV and car parking/camping on street.

5. Review and comment on community survey questions

Prior discussion of Code Audit led into the community survey to ensure that the survey was asking questions that the task force members wanted information on to help them make a recommendation. As a result, task force recommended adding a question about minors.

Overall, the task force provided input on the wording of several questions to be more neutral. The updated survey (attached at back of this meeting summary) reflects the changes and recommendations suggested by the task force. The survey will go out March 31 and close April 14.

6. Public comment/correspondence

Bill (did not get last name) provided input and comment to the group. Says he is hearing group discuss ways to handle homeless but not really discussing what they need. Recommends that for those that want it, to help them get residency so that they have an address and can be more established in the community. Has lived experience with homelessness and spent 28 years in prison. Wants to help group with this work.

7. Next meeting – April 10, 2023; 6-8 PM

The next meeting is intended to be a listening session so that task force members can hear from the public. There will be an additional special meeting on April 24th so that the task force can discuss the input received from the survey, open house and other outreach.

8. ADJOURN

8:00 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00