



# MEETING SUMMARY STAYTON HOMELESS TASK FORCE

Monday, February 13, 2023

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

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

6:00 PM

Julia Hajduk started the meeting at 6:00

## 2. Introductions

Task Force members were asked to introduce themselves and their affiliation to the community/task Force. In attendance were:

Task Force Members- Kassie Brown-Resident, Tricia Frizzell-Resident, Steven Halverson-Resident, Mark McDonald-Resident, Jared Oeltjen-Resident, Sonja Persey-Business owner (resident), Julie Whitehurst-Resident (business owner), Adam McFarland-Business owner, Cari Sessums-business owner (resident), Rebecca Kelly-Resident, Kim Dwyer (virtual)-Santiam Service integration team (resident), Ben MacDonald-City Council (resident), David Giglio (virtual)-City Council (resident), and Robert Marshal-Arches, Breezy Aguire-Arches

Staff present: Julia Hajduk-City Manager, Gwen Johns-Police Chief, Mike Meeks-Sergeant, Lance Ludwick-Public Works Director, Dan Fleishman-Planning Director, Ross Williamson-City Attorney, Kendall Smith-Public Works operations supervisor, Bob Parsons-Parks

## 3. Review project scope and schedule

Julia reviewed the project timeline and scope. Noted that March and April will be very busy with public outreach and listening sessions. She also noted that there is some work that must be done by end of June and that the work of the task force might be iterative as a result. The goal is to be done by the end of the year. See presentation slides for more detail on the scope and schedule.

## 4. Meeting logistics

Julia reviewed the meeting logistics slide (see presentation) and showed how to use the name placard to indicate the desire to speak.

## 5. Overview of Homelessness and case law

Julia and Ross reviewed the current statistics and case law with the group. See presentation slides.

There was group discussion about the Point in Time Count and the limitations with what it measures. Tricia pointed out that the information from the Marion/Polk Homeless assessment does not take youth data into consideration. It was noted that there are many definitions of Homelessness and it will be important to know what our definition of homelessness is.

There was discussion about the groups charge. The primary purpose is to advise on policy choices of how to implement case law related to camping outdoors and, if the City chooses to do more than “nothing”, what that looks like. The primary focus of this task force is not on providing resources for homeless people or those “on the verge of homelessness” but this will most likely come up in the course of the work that we do. This work and the outcomes will likely lead to more robust conversations about addressing homelessness in the community.

**6. Public comment/correspondence**

Julia shared that these meetings are public meetings and open to the public, therefore there will be time at the end of the agendas for sharing public correspondence as well as allowing for verbal public comment if there are people in attendance. The time for verbal public comment may be limited to ensure that the meetings end on time, but we will be sure to allot time at each meeting.

**7. Next meeting – March 13, 2023; 6-8 PM**

**8. ADJOURN**

**8:00 PM**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00