

Homelessness Advisory Committee
Phase 2, Meeting 8
Friday May 7, 2021
11:00am - 12:30pm
Location: Zoom

Meeting Facilitators: Chris Hutchinson and Katie Huey, Trebuchet Group
Interpretation: Jazmin Beltran

Committee Members Attending

Seth Forwood
Matthew Robenalt
Brian Ferrans
Desiree Anthony
Dean Hoag
Cheryl Zimlich
Gloria Kat
David Rout
Joe Domko
Julie Brewen

Committee Members Absent

Laura Walker

City Staff Attending

Honore Depew
Beth Sowder
Jacqueline Kozak-Thiel
Clay Frickey
Brittany Depew
Adam Stephens
John Feyen

Observers:

Pat Ferrier
Joe Glomboski
Kevin Jones
Evelia
Lorena
Sandra
Troy Lane

10:50 - 11:00 Pre-meeting Technology Check

- Join early to test video/audio and enter your username

11:00 - 11:10 Welcome / Meeting Logistics

- Interpretation services available
- Agenda & Group Norms review
- Review remaining meeting schedule and topics
 - This is the penultimate meeting - May 21st is the end of this committee as it currently stands
 - Important that the committee feels like they are “done” and this end product represents their voice and is encompassing of the work

11:10 - 11:30 Group Review of the DRAFT report

- Review the Trebuchet Group’s first draft outline of HAC report
 - Members were shown how to make a comment - highlight the area you’d like to

comment on . Off to the right-hand of the screen, click the plus. It will put your email address in there so we will know who said what

- Practice making a comment in the Executive Summary version
 - Review of collective perspectives of committee members, process, limitations of the work so far, and tiered approach of desires for services
 - Checking commitment level to agreement on a 24/7 shelter -
 - Predicated on the notion that the 24/7 shelter is but one piece in a larger system - if the will to solve this problem evaporates after building a 24/7 shelter and if that model becomes a “warehouse” for hiding human beings, not in favor of that (Joe) - agreed by David and Desiree
- Location ranking results to date - review of data
 - Which locations do we recommend to be investigated in what order?
 - David Rout - This is a really good illustration - a clear direction - as a Service Provider, this helps me see Vine & Redwood as another really good location - not total consensus
 - Fear and Hopes for Impacts and Opportunities by sites

Chris reviewed sections of the report by location including hopes/fears/ impacts/ financial and resource needs and the timeline / mitigation considerations

Q - How well does this reflect what we’ve done as a group and what we’ve learned from each other? What perspectives are not shared here?

Q - Question about evidence for separating populations geographically - don’t have the answer but this is a good thing to look into further ie) trying to solve youth and adults at the same time can cause problems

- Discussed when Murphy Center was created was a similar discussion - lessons learned is that some historically marginalized groups decided it was not a very welcoming place for families with children or people of color
- La Familia participated in a study group with Homeward Alliance and perceptions were shared that intentions were good but results were not what was expected - Spanish speaking families do not feel comfortable coming to the Murphy Center

12:15 - 12:30 Wrap Up and Next Steps

- How satisfied do committee members feel with results? What would support the committee to be more satisfied?
 - Julie - I'd just like some deeper dive into expansion/improvements at existing shelters and including Murphy Center, maybe in this work or later.
 - Brian - report reflects the conversations that we’ve had - in terms of next steps there are other audiences we need to engage to move the process forward.

- Dean - it would be nice to wrap it up by next meeting.
 - Desiree - I feel heard, and I am in support of the final meeting being next week.
 - David - I'm comfortable with the report. I think it reflects a diversity of opinions and gives us a framework to move forward. This group does not need to be the "implementation" group--nor do I think the members see themselves as such.
 - Matt - The draft is close, but would like to see how the member comments that will be made over the course of next week alter the current draft.
 - Cheryl - next steps and closing of the document - making sure in 2 weeks that we can make the report feel solid - can you bring it to a close after seeing how people react, or do we need an hour to work and then talk - there's a piece that we need solidified about next steps.
 - Seth - Emphasize what Cheryl is saying and it's really important to consider new Mayor & City Council members that we have. We need really robust next steps in order to keep the momentum going.
 - Joseph - I second Matt's thoughts, curious to see how the report evolves this next week. We have certainly narrowed the field and will provide good information.
 - Gloria - once this is delivered, is the City going to create a communication strategy? How will you continue to keep informing residents?
 - This would be great to crowdsource from this group to create a new approach
 - Could City engagement specialist Leo Escalante be the point of contact?
- Next (final?) meeting - May 21 11:00AM-12:30PM
 - Committee comments/inputs - **please provide by Wednesday May 12th 7 pm** to have your inputs included
 - This [GroupMap link](#) is open for committee members to share next steps
 - Make comments on [this document in Drive](#)
 - We will incorporate these inputs and comments, and share the working report with Darin to review a few days before our meeting
 - On the 21st, we will review the report together with Darin
 - Will be a review of the report rather than a formal presentation
 - Opportunity for Darin to listen and ask questions
 - May 21st is planned to be the final working meeting where we discuss how to wrap up and make sure the final comments are captured and shared. We will decide if we can finalize the report, or if a follow-up meeting is needed for group discussion and refinement to finalize the report
 - Looking ahead to June or early July, committee members may be invited to participate in discussion about next steps that come out of the report

Committee Purpose:

Advisory Committee to the City Manager to consider key questions and offer recommendations regarding the potential development of permanent homeless shelter in Fort Collins.

Key Questions for Advisory Committee Consideration:

1. What amenities and services should be co-located with a 24/7 shelter?
2. Where can a new 24/7 homeless shelter be located?
 - a. What trade-offs will exist?
3. How can impacts be addressed and mitigated?
 - a. What type of engagement is needed?
4. What funding considerations are recommended?

Role of Members:

- Advise City Manager on key considerations from varying perspectives
- Represent community interests to identify opportunities and concerns related to key questions for consideration

Group Norms:

- Speak from personal experience
- Lead with inquiry and curiosity
- Value diverse perspectives
- Get comfortable with discomfort
- Acknowledge the difference between intent and impact
- Use the buffet rule (firsts before seconds)
- Speak Directly and Honestly