

**Homelessness Advisory Committee**

**Phase 2**

**Friday, April 9, 2021**

**11:00am - 12:30pm**

**Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87195939231>**

**Meeting Facilitator: Chris Hutchinson, Trebuchet Group**

**Committee Members Attending**

Brian Ferrans  
Cheryl Zimlich  
David Rout  
Desiree Anthony  
Dean Hoag  
Gloria Kat  
Julie Brewen  
Joseph Domko - arrived at 12:10  
Laura Walker  
Matt Robenalt  
Seth Forwood - arrived at 12:10

**City Staff Attending**

Honore Depew  
Beth Sowder  
Brittany Depew  
Jackie Kozak Thiel  
Clay Frickey  
John Feyen  
Kyle Stannert  
Adam Stephens  
Annie Bierbower  
Ron Simms

**Committee Members Absent (None)**

**Observers:**

Pat Ferrier  
Amanda West Fordham  
Christine Koepnick  
Kim Bappe  
Joe Glomboski  
Katina Norwood

**11:00 – 11:10 Welcome / Meeting Logistics**

- Agenda & Group Norms review
- Review remaining meetings schedule and topics
  - Trebuchet Group will synthesize inputs and put together draft to be as clear as possible for the recommendations so decision makers can make effective decisions
  - Welcome to new Deputy City Manager - Kyle Stannert new to Fort Collins from Bellevue, Washington

**11:10 – 11:20 Location Options to Include – Process Discussion**

- Would the committee like to consider adding or removing any locations from consideration?

1) Should we add Vine & Redwood to the conversation?

**Location - Vine & Redwood**

- A Larimer County property (is in a flood plain) - currently a fleet shop - to the North of Traffic Operations for the City
- Main building has been condemned for years - will know more in the next 6 - 9 months about when the decision will be made
- Acreage of the County fleet services site is a little under 8 acres
- Convenient to being in between current service providers
- Consider because storm water could be mitigated - central location close to upper N. Ft Collins & other services in the area - could partner with Larimer County
- Several members expressed the question - Wondering why we wouldn't consider this?
- Decision has not been made by County as to what to do to the property - if it's not going to be re-developed it would be put up for sale - once decision to sell wouldn't be part of the County

**Commitment from members to consider Vine & Redwood location - everybody committed, mostly agreeing - will leave this on the spreadsheet**

2) Are there any options on this list that are nonviable that could be removed to focus on a fewer number in greater depth?

**Location: Viability of Behavioral Health**

- Trilby & Taft near the landfill - - others agree this location is too far out from other services.

**Commitment from members to remove Behavioral Health Services Facility from further investigation - Everybody committed - take off the list**

Q: What are Pros and Cons of co-located services?

- Intentional effort to increase outreach in different segments of community and down in Loveland - trying to reach people in different locations
- Big benefit of having services close together is PEH don't have to go back and forth to get services basics include: where to go during day, where to go during night, where you get fed - if these are close together creates less work for those trying to get out of homelessness
- Transportation is difficult even with adequate public transportation

**Location: Mulberry & I-25**

- Feels like an area that the County & City having challenges with in general - feels like a dangerous mix - drug activity, trafficking activity
- Creating a "off-the-highway" stop for attracting those needing services
- Clarification from Clay - goes from Lemay & Mulberry all the way out to I-25 - a broader area for consideration

- Large police presence makes it a good area(?) - a lot of drug activity - make it easier to access drugs and could impact our travelers, tourists, having more homeless people in our motels and hotels
- One motion to keep it on the table - good transportation and opportunities closer to Lemay - an area that would have less impact on neighborhoods
- Annexation timing unclear - going through process where we're looking at service implications - could start as soon as a year and a half - realistically like 2 years - probably in medium-term - unsure of what parts we would start with

Q: Is Annexation a necessity to move the project forward if Mulberry corridor is chosen?

- County has a land-use entitlement that could allow for development of a site in this location
- An impact, but may not prevent using this as a site

**Commitment to keep Mulberry (Lemay-Timberline) location for exploration - even distribution - let's leave it on for consideration**

#### **11:45 – 12:15 Impacts and Opportunities – Content Discussion**

- Consider impacts and opportunities by location and for different groups

Spreadsheet has been shared with the Members and they are invited to fill in impacts and opportunities for the surrounding community and providers and PEH by location

Q: What evidence is there of this or what supports the notion that underserved groups must be separated geographically in order to be effectively served?

- Murphy Center - hub of services - definitely populations that don't come, Spanish speakers who are homeless don't come with the same frequency as other demographics, don't serve as many youth as we know are in our community - local evidence is limited demographic that come to Murphy Center on day-to-day basis
- Dry vs. wet distinction?
- Different marginalized groups, Latinx, BIPOC - that they can't co-exist?
  - Poudre Valley Mobile Home Park - concern about getting into the park at night

Q: How do we capture a sense of urgency in this spreadsheet? Can we include what the process steps that still need to happen for each piece of property - planning, zoning, development - as compared to need in the community?

- Add another column - timeline for development
- Consider property acquisition - if someone doesn't already own the property - this will change depending on location and adds a level of complexity

Q: How long does it take to make changes / start the project from when the property is acquired?

- If you have the property, can take up to a year to get ready

### **What's not working and/or working in today's meeting from the Member's perspective?**

- Mitigating factors may have more robust conversation
- Providers want services close for their guests, and business owners / neighborhoods would rather not - may be at a stuck point

### **12:15 – 12:25 Remaining Key Questions – Process Discussion**

- North Fort Collins Business Association put out a survey to collect data on potential inputs
  - Examples from other communities - could provide information about facilities in Denver
  - A lot of work and unknowns and we can strive to get a recommendation - not just lots of options - something we can say, "this is our first option"
  - Once we have the mitigation and strategies filled out, and have talked to funding considerations - what's the least-worst choice
  - Challenge is that we're provider heavy - can sway the vote - not an equally weighted representation of the community - hoping for commitment about what's least impactful for the community AND serves PEH
  - Can we start with something rather than creating a mitigation plan in the meeting?
    - Need better tools to "categorize/grade" the options
  - A day-shelter makes a big difference - people don't want to be sleeping in ditches, roaming around, just don't have anywhere else to go - if we have effective day-shelter can do better outreach and move people through and out of the situations that they are in
    - location wasn't big enough + exacerbated by the Pandemic
    - Influences case manager's ability to maintain contact with guests - felt every day at the Murphy Center
  - Really important for Point A & Point B to be closer when people are seeking services - may be the main factor to getting people out of homeless shelter
- What information and resources would the committee like to have to inform considerations and recommendations?
    - Feedback from North Fort Collins Business Association
    - Crime Statistics - don't want to just focus on negative impacts

### **12:25 – 12:30 Wrap Up and Next Steps**

- Call for a Small Group? - Honore can facilitate a meeting and will follow up with an email to find those who are willing to provide information and things to consider
  - Include a Doodle poll in that invite
  - Add comments and questions to the spreadsheet
- Mitigation & Engagement (#3) and Financial Considerations (#4)

- Next meeting – April 23 11:00AM-12:30PM

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:**

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

**Group Norms:**

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