

## REDMOND COMMUNITY HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015

### MEETING 6 Summary

**Task Force Members in Attendance:**

Meghan Altimore, Steve Daschle, Gary Smith, Carolyn Mansfield, Marian LaBeck, Derek Wentorf, Tim Short, Al Rosenthal, Andrea Liggett, Tasha Witherspoon, Pam Mauk, Andrew Koeppen, Lara Bolger

**Staff in Attendance:**

Charlie Gorman, Chief Ron Gibson, Colleen Kelly, Brooke Buckingham, Karen Reed-Facilitator

**Welcome, Introductions, Review of Agenda** – Karen welcomed group. On behalf of Mayor Marchione, Chief Gibson expressed thanks and appreciation to the Task Force members for their work.

**Approval of Meeting 5 Summary** – Summary approved as submitted.

**Review Balloting Results, Offer Amendments, Clarification and Comments**

Karen reviewed process and reminded group of some key provisions of their approved Charter:

- Recommendations need to be approved by 60%. 12 Task Force members are present, so 8 needed.
- If a recommendation going forward that task force member strongly opposes, they can make a dissenting statement, which will be acknowledged in the report.
- The steering committee will be helping finalizing report and also making presentations of this report on behalf of the Task Force.

Karen would like to capture rationale/comments on recommended and consensus items. She will point out the four items that nearly reached recommendation status in the event Task Force members want to revisit them.

- Motion to revisit A2. Various perspectives discussed re: pros/cons of panhandling ordinances and effectiveness. City of Tacoma has ordinance, no one has been arrested under it per their City attorney but the police find it to be a useful to. Voted on A2, 6 in favor (not passed).

- Discussion about language regarding signs in item A4. Clarification for why two separate ballot items. Moved that wording on this item be changed to read “Implement a community awareness campaign to include posting signs educating the public about panhandling. As amended, 11 voted in favor (consensus item).
- Section B—review of results related to day center; noted that not as many in favor of center being located in Redmond, B3, as for Eastside day center facilities.
- Motion to have B7 (currently at 79%) be reconsidered for a consensus item, instead of recommendation, 11 in favor (passed: consensus item). Members noted they support the broader regional approach to day centers because it will help more people, including those in Redmond.
- Motion to reconsider B3, 6 in favor (not passed)
- Motion to reconsider C1, 3 in favor (not passed)
- Motion to reconsider C6. Clarification from staff regarding status of permit fee waiver request. No second. No action.
- Motion to move C12 to consensus. 11 in favor (passed: consensus item)
- Motion move D1 to consensus; 12 in favor. (passed: consensus item)
- Move to make F3 consensus; 11 in favor (Passed: consensus item). Wording will be changed to clarify this is referring to a group of Redmond stakeholders.

Karen recapped proposed changes and provided opportunity for the Task Force to propose further changes. There was discussion of E3, related to teaching high school students budgeting and several other things. Some members noted they would support education about effects of drugs/alcohol. Concern expressed about need to address root causes; others expressed concern about negative impact on some students from some of the proposed subject matter. Noted that this issue is about the education system and is a big task. After further discussion, the group approved the addition of language to the Task Force Report to the following effect: *It is important to identify and deploy upstream strategies addressing the underlying causes of homelessness, but these were generally beyond our capacity in this time-condensed Task Force effort.*

At this point Lara Bolger joined the meeting. Karen asked the group to vote whether to approve the slate of recommendations and consensus items. The motion passed 12-0 with Lara abstaining since she had not be part of the discussion earlier.

A member observed that the Task Force composition includes more homeless advocates rather than businesses, and this explains the results of the voting. Karen noted that this perception is one reason why she posed requiring a supermajority for recommendations, but that she does not share the view that the group is not well balanced in its composition.

**Review Draft Task Force Report** – The group reviewed and offered suggestions and revisions to draft report. Karen will make the edits and a redlined version of report will be sent out for review and approval. The Task Force slate of recommendation will be presented in the report. The original ballot with voting results and details around each item will be presented as an attachment to the report.

The group discussed the challenge of implementing the recommendations. The concept of a small implementation committee was supported – the City would be expected to convene such a group, and would be expected to include parties other than city staff in the effort. This would not preclude others from taking the initiative on items. Actions recommended in the report are not necessarily city-driven. The implementation group would come back to the Task Force in six months to report progress. At that point, the Task Force could be joined by other community stakeholders to hear about progress (consensus item F3).

If Task Force members see any problems with the draft report, they have until this Friday to let Karen know. Karen will incorporate the edits discussed tonight and send out the report next week for review, after it is approved by the Steering Committee. All Task Force members will be asked to confirm their approval or disapproval of the report; the only edits accepted at that point will be typos and clear errors. If the sixty percent approval threshold is not reached, the Task Force will be reconvened.

### **Proposal for Task Force “Roll Out” Plan: Council Presentation September 22**

The group reviewed a proposed communication plan for the Task Force recommendations. Packet materials included a set of proposed messages and a list of various community groups that the Task Force could speak to. In addition to the items in the draft roll out plan, the following items were added: get the link of the final report to businesses who presented on panel; present to One Redmond; present to state legislators; present to the Eastside Human Services group: Alliance of Eastside Agencies; Eastside Human Services Forum.

Staff will craft a PPT presentation for the Steering Committee to review and present. The Task Force will have an opportunity to offer comments before the presentation is finalized. The first presentation will be to the City Council on September 22, although the final report will be published a few days in advance of that. Asked that group wait until after Council presentation before sharing report in the community.

### **Closing Comments**

Karen thanked the City staff team for their superb work and support of the Task Force.

Group asked to share thoughts about their experience on task force:

- Tasha - enjoyed, wonderful to be part of a group like this.
- Gary – enjoyed the process.
- Pam - enjoyed working with everyone.
- Marian - learned a lot, homelessness is complex, looking forward to hearing how it unfolds
- Lara- thank you for leading us, facilitation of a diverse group; first time as pastor in this type of role; looking forward to what happens next,
- Al –it was interesting; feels that group has more homeless advocates and should be more business folks
- Andrea – enjoyed participating as a downtown resident, getting to know more people that are part of the community and feel like to feel like I am doing something to improve situation.
- Tim – Appreciated the diversity of group, wants to learn more, enjoyed learning different views.
- Andrew - Learned more when people disagree. Researched outside of this and learned a lot; want to focus upstream.
- Steve – Like that we made substantive recommendations. Like that the homeless conversation transcripts are posted on website-- that was best part of it for me, very interesting.
- Derek - good representation of community, everyone was genuine.
- Carolyn – Learned a lot, expert facilitation. Connection with community as it relates to work on commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM