



CITY OF SILVERTON HOMELESS/HOUSING TASK FORCE MEETING

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Wednesday, January 26, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**
- II. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from the meeting held on December 22, 2021.
- III. Public Comment** – Items not on this agenda.
- IV. Discussion/Action**
- V. Task Force Updates**
- VI. Adjournment**

**CITY OF SILVERTON
HOMELESS/HOUSING TASK FORCE MINUTES**

Zoom Web Conference Platform

December 22, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kyle Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The task force members and staff were present through the virtual meeting platform Zoom. Chair Palmer explained the meeting is being held through Zoom in accordance with House Bill 2560.

Present	Excused	
X		Kyle Palmer
X		Rachel-Anne Rapoza
X		Sara White
		Helen Thomas
X		Connie Yoder
	X	Dana Smith
X		Jennifer Hannan
	X	Sarah DeSantis
	X	Hilary Dumitrescu
X		Karen Garst
	X	Joseph Schmaus

Staff Present:

City Manager, Ron Chandler and Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk, Traci Nichols (via Zoom, then via dial-in).

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee voted to approve minutes from October 27, 2021.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None received.

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

4.1 Chair Palmer discussed the previous recommendation that room be made in the parking lot behind the Fisher Building for potential placement of pallet shelters. He indicated other proposals were brought forward to talk about, and what was being talked about tonight would clear up a lot of unanswered questions.

4.2 None discussed.

V. TASK FORCE UPDATES

5.1 Chair Palmer called upon City Manager Chandler to offer his presentation on a new proposal for pallet shelters. CM Chandler stated that the County had a large amount of grant funding from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act), and that a portion of that funding was for displaced persons. CM Chandler expressed difficulty in finding suitable locations within the City parking lots for the pallet shelter plan. CM Chandler shared some of the shelter research he had done in other areas, and how that had led him to the current proposal he was sharing tonight. CM Chandler pointed out to the committee via screen share an aerial photo of the City Shops. He showed an area within the City-owned 3-acre facility where pallet shelters could be placed, as

well as a possible future location for Sheltering Silverton. CM Chandler shared pricing for modular buildings that would be suitable, and explained plans for rearranging existing structures to accommodate Sheltering Silverton. CM Chandler also explained that the existing water line to the property would not be suitably sized for the new usage, so a cost estimate for an 8-inch water line and a fire hydrant was prepared. CM Chandler stated that the City had taken all of those numbers, and had applied for a \$1,077,000 grant through Marion County for use of some of the ARPA funding. He stated that Marion County had not given him a firm date, but it should be around the end of January. CM Chandler stated there was an existing power pole on site that could be tied off of to run power to the new structure. CM Chandler answered some questions for members of the committee, and indicated that the ARPA funds would need to be used by 2024. He thought that the time frame to get started on the project looked like one year or less.

5.2 Member Garst brought up the idea of having a rooming house in town. Chair Palmer mentioned the renovated property behind Roth's, and the fact that they were looking at creating a hybrid rooming house. He did not see that it had come to fruition at this point. He felt this was a logical piece in the transition from one thing to another.

Member White brought up statements from police that sheltering programs had brought an increase in crime. She mentioned the statements could be harmful for the organization, and for sheltering work. She would like to see the data behind such statements. Member White said that statements like this shared indiscriminately were harmful to their organization. She expressed appreciation for some of the newer officers, their compassion and 'trauma-informed' approach to dealing with mental health.

Chair Palmer brought up bringing homeless community inside this winter. Hannah Paysinger of Sheltering Silverton joined the discussion, and mentioned that they were attempting to hotel everyone that they could. She also stated they were looking at opening up some night shelters, where people could come in and warm up and get food. She said they didn't have the capacity to do a duration shelter this winter. Chair Palmer inquired as to whether they had the funding to hotel people through the winter; Hannah Paysinger stated they'd applied for grant funding, and it was her understanding that they had plenty of funding to hotel people.

Hannah Paysinger mentioned her appreciation for City Manager Chandler and his thoughtfulness, caring and how proactive he is with regard to their program.

Member Hannan stated the schools had been receiving help with logistics through Sheltering Silverton and SACA for their homeless and emancipated youths.

Chair Palmer brought up the Safe Parking Program. Hannah Paysinger stated that everything was going well, and there were no complaints regarding the program that she knew of. She stated that the YMCA was still allowing participants in the Program to use their shower facilities, and that [Kaitlyn Barnes] was very kind in accommodating late arrivals.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Member White made a motion to adjourn and Chair Palmer adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Traci Nichols, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk