

# Community Discussion on Homelessness

**Building a Strategy Together**

**Aberdeen Homelessness Response Committee**

**Meeting with the Aberdeen Business Community**

**March 23, 2023**



# Agenda

- Rules of Engagement
- Introductions- Why are we here? What will come out of this meeting?
  - Mission Statement & Goals
- Current State
  - Boise Decision/Grants Pass Ruling (Dale-5 minutes)
  - Good neighbor policy with non-profits (Elaina – 5 mins)
  - Behavioral Health Response (Elaina -5 minutes)
  - Different Dynamics of Homeless Population (Liz – 5 mins)
- Facilitated Discussion
  - Survey Results
- Group Work

# Homelessness Response Committee Members

Debi Pieraccini, Chair

Kati Kachman

Kacey Morrison

Liz Ellis

David Lawrence

Stephen Armes

Patrick McDaniel

# Ground Rules for Tonight's Discussion

- One person speaking at a time
- Raise your hand to speak
- The microphone will be handed to you
- Be courteous and respectful
- We want to give everyone an opportunity to speak





## Other Ways to Communicate with Us

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- Note cards
- Parking Lot with Post-its

# *The Mission of the Homelessness Response Committee is to...*

Create

- Create a bridge between the homeless and community

Resolve

- Resolve the long-standing, unresolved crisis

Lower

- Lower the population of homelessness in Aberdeen

House

- House the unhoused

Mitigate

- Mitigate the impact of homelessness on the community

Reclaim

- Reclaim our City

Resolve

- Resolve the consequences of homelessness

Help

- Help prioritize resources to create strategies that guide staff

# Goals of the Homelessness Response Committee are to...

- **Set clear Goals**
- **Set clear Timeframes**
- **Create more collaborations with County, State and non-profit**
- **Execute on our goals, tasks**
- **Meet more often (twice a month)**
- **Invite representatives from the business and homeless community present**
- **Find out where money is going**
- **Provide committee representative on other homeless efforts**
- **Get downtown organizations included on the Committee**

# Long-term Objectives

- Create a community-informed strategy.
  - Create a survey specific to various stakeholders.
  - Create townhall meetings for specific stakeholders.
  - Design a plan according to feedback received from stakeholders.
  - Stakeholders include:
    - Business Community
    - Wards
    - Homeless Community
    - Mayors from other Grays Harbor cities
    - Other Governmental Agencies in Grays Harbor County
    - Non-profit Organizations
- Work Toward Permanent Shelter Options.
- Review/Revise codes that impact homelessness.
- Building stronger relationships with our governmental and non-profit partners.
- Pursue funding opportunities to help us sustainably address homelessness.
- Have a stronger voice on legislative priorities and bills that impact homelessness and its root causes like addition, mental health, and a lack of housing.
- Continuous support of the levee project which will improve the City's infrastructure and housing.
- Lead and support efforts to rebrand Downtown Aberdeen.

# Short-term Objectives

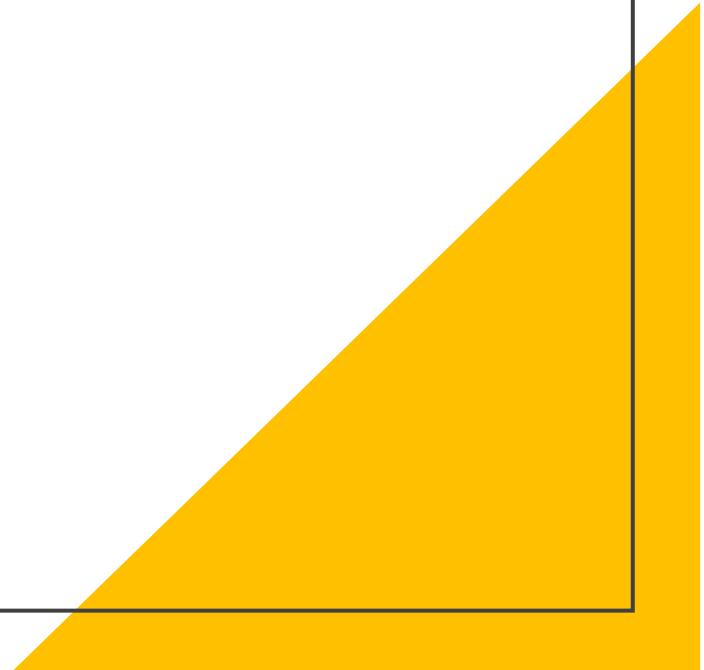
- Increase meeting times and frequency to maximize our efforts.
- Appoint Aberdeen representatives on other homeless efforts around the County.
- Increase collaboration and communication with the County, State, and non-profits organizations.
- Include Downtown organizations onto the Homelessness Response Committee.

# Boise Decision and Grants Pass Ruling and How They Affect Aberdeen

Police Chief Dale Green

# Good Neighbor Policy

Elaina Moore





# Behavioral Health Response

Elaina Moore

# Homeless Encampment Dynamics

Liz Ellis

# Let's Talk

Let's go over the survey results and dive deeper into some questions.

# Survey Results

# Group Discussion

Lisa will be by with a mic

What positive steps  
can the City take to  
make the location of  
your business safer?



What's within the city's  
capability that you would  
like to see the city address?

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# Break Out Groups

- We will break out into groups.
- Select 1 person to present.
- 20 minutes to discuss and brainstorm.
- Each group will have a topic they should discuss.
  - **Sanitation/Trash**
  - **Theft**
  - **Loitering**
  - **Vandalism**



Answer the following question for your topic:

**What do you think should be done to address this issue?**

# Next Community Discussions

Ward 5 & 6	Tuesday, April 18, 2023	Council Chambers
Unhoused Community	Thursday, April 27, 2023	Council Chambers
Ward 1& 2	Tuesday, May 2, 2023	Pavilion
Ward 3&4	Tuesday, May 23, 2023	Pavilion

# Final Thoughts & Questions

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Would you like to have a follow up meeting?



Thank you!





- Sanitation
- Theft
- Loitering
- Vandalism

- Group Work
  - Break out into groups
  - One representative
  - Sanitation
  - Theft
  - Loitering
  - Vandalism
- Topics:
  - Public Works
  - Public Safety
  - Housing
  - Mental Health
  - Substance Abuse
- Groups