

Coalition Steering Comm., Oct. 13, 2021

Governance workgroup:

- Workgroup still working on a description of how we work now
- Will reach out to other committees for descriptions
- Document for review will be coming soon

Race & Equity:

- Met last week and raised possible ways to do actions right now.
- Group has had 3-5 people per meeting, without a lot of overlap.
- Suggestions: Educating ourselves on the disproportionate impacts of homelessness on BIPOC, a one-page description of the Coalition on paper, ask presenters at Friday meetings to address challenges related to race and equity related to serving people who are homeless. Question raised about the website and accessibility, possibly partnering with the Lived Experience Coalition to help with that work.

Housing Committee:

- Meets Thursday.

Safe Sites:

- Spanaway United Methodist is signing on to safe parking, offering 6 spaces.
- Need to figure out the funding, since the program

Media campaign:

- CityLine recording happened earlier today.
- LaMont asks that we keep the LEC in the loop about public testimony opportunities as well

Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness:

- Steering Committee - first draft of plan sent out. Prevention section and permanent housing sections incorporate Maureen's work. Question has been raised about how best to handle existing plans. Gerrit wants to land on a plan that is easy to use for accountability. If you have something to add to the RFI process in the way of ideas, the window to do so is closing.
- Shelter Plan Workgroup - no new meetings until after Nov. 4...
- Maureen notes the issue of handling the Nov. 1 date? It has been announced that we will not meet the Nov. 1 date to end street homelessness.
 - Jeffrey's response - We have done what we could to hit the Nov. 1 date. We have hit politics, and the politicians are the barrier.

- Suggestion that we hold breakouts about how the Coalition should respond to this question.

Emergent issues:

- At the Evergreen Encampment - LaMont, LEC has been holding meetings and healing circles with that community every other week. We just really want to be of service, and it is the work that our LEC is very concerned about. Really interested in making this response a model, to use peers and incentivize their initial time in shelter spaces.
- Johnathan asks that folks meet with the LEC at the Evergreen site at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday.
- Maureen would like to go over and approve the sweeps statement at this Friday's meeting.
- Janet asked for 3 minutes on the Friday meeting to ask for a representative from the Coalition to attend the Pierce County Sex Trafficking Task Force? - announce it this Friday, hold a vote next Friday
- In the future, we need to consider who from the Coalition will participate in the bi-weekly meetings of the Lived Experience Coalition.