



# Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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## Steering Committee Meeting Notes – March 2, 2022

### Attendees:

- Rosemary Powers
- Gerrit Nyland
- Richard Dorsett
- Ed Jacobs
- Mike Yoder
- Mike Boisture
- Dana Peterson
- Jeremy Walker
- Theresa Power-Drutis

### Posted Agenda

1. Race and Equity Committee update – Rosemary – 5 minutes
2. Update on Pierce County Comprehensive Plan to end Homelessness – All 10-15 minutes
3. Governance Committee – “Next Steps” discussion – Rosemary – 10-15 minutes
4. Safe Sites for All Committee – Emergency Supply Staging Sites Network – update – Ed
5. Advocacy update if available - 5 minutes
6. Flooding and Soggy happenings on the streets – Theresa - ?
7. Agenda Items for Friday Meeting - Rob

### Race and Equity

- Rosemary - doing outreach to groups that may not know about the coalition. Send out invitations to African American Faith communities. Spoke to the Tacoma Ministerial Alliance, the Black Women's Caucus, and the Hilltop Action Coalition. Will reach out to others as well.

### Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness

- Mike Yoder – Noticed discussion of whether to have Unified Regional Office in the County or with an outside consultant - was that expected
- Gerrit - yes - the Council is split, but I'm hoping they come to an agreement so that it is a unanimous passage
- Rosemary - communication is a clear priority in pulling this plan off - what should be the Coalition's role?
- Theresa - I'd recommend we not plan for Gerrit to do all that communication. (*appreciated -ed*) We do a good job inviting people in – especially that we consider everyone welcome.
- Theresa - there is a need for coordinated action and advocacy. We don't need everyone to decide to support one thing.
- Rosemary – we can provide facilitation of coordinated action.
- Ed - who should be on the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Board? We need to make sure the underrepresented included. We need to talk about who should be on that.

### Governance Work Group

- Rosemary - Next Steps Structure discussion



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- What would it take for the County to pull this plan off? What does the comp plan need? Trust building, unsilencing (*word doesn't think this is a word, but I beg to differ. -ed*), leadership, communications? (*this might have been a note from the prior item – not sure. -ed*)
- Ed - Coalition will need some solid answers on things that have been voted on by the whole coalition that we stand up for. Want to keep the Coalition open and flexible.
- Mike Boisture - I'd add in Collaboration with all the entities - sometimes we lose that. How can we help in the communication. Get communication to the Coalition.
- Mike Boisture - I'll talk to the experience I had on the shelter committee - I seldom got any feedback - that was my biggest frustration.
- Gerrit – hoping we can use the connections in the coalition to support fundraising efforts around the Comprehensive Plan.

## Emergency Supply Staging

- Ed - Brotherhood Rise is willing to purchase these supplies
- Need to determine how much is enough for us to purchase
- Kat put together a telephone conversation with the American Red Cross - to figure out how we can work with them.
- Planning still underway

## Advocacy

- Rosemary - McKinley apartment - a concern
- Want status on HB 1620 (*I should have known this – I got the update at the Advocates Open House but didn't take notes, alas. -ed*)
- Theresa - Capital Gains Tax was struck down and will go to the State Supreme Court

## Flooding

- Gerrit - County put a protocol together to do outreach when Public works identifies an encampment at eminent risk of a flooding event.
- Mike – regarding laundry – I am interested in a laundry service for encampments. Currently getting a van and piloting home laundry service.

## Friday Meeting Agenda

- 9:20 - Tacoma Public Library coming to talk about mobile hotspot program
- 9:30 - Jeremy Walker - Jeremy Walker - Senior Project Analyst with the Department of Commerce will give a brief presentation on the Building Community Funds Grant Program and the opportunity to provide input on a Nonprofit Outreach Tool. My email is [jeremy.walker@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:jeremy.walker@commerce.wa.gov).
- Dana - I can do a 15 minute presentation on the CHIRP program at Friday's meeting or a coming meeting.
- Continue conversation from last week - what shelter is missing in Pierce County