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Rosemary Powers

Well welcome everyone. It's so wonderful to be here with you this morning. I've been thinking a lot about the tragic events in in Palestine Israel, and not to speak about them specifically, other than to note, our importance of our engagement in some way. I did find a piece of poetry from what a poet I really loved was the national poet of Palestine, Mahmoud Darwish, just a little slice of a poem that I think fits us well, so I'd like to share that and then add just my little interpretation at the end Darwish says, A dream is a piece of the sky, found in everyone. We can't be boundlessly realistic or pragmatic. We are in need of the sky to strike a balance between what is true and what is imaginary. So I add today, our presence here with one another is piecing together a dream, a piece of the sky that insists that everyone has a right to safe and secure shelter. Hmm. So welcome to all, and especially welcome to our open table we are delighted to have people from all areas, who care about the issue of shelter with us today. And what we do we have a set of norms for our working on this zoom thing that we've been doing for a year, and some conversation norms and at some point if you could put those in the chat, that'd be great Rob, just to one for anyone who's new, if you want to say something, there's that little hand that's on most of the Zoom things it's different colors in different places so I won't tell you where it is but just put the little hand signal up and that will help Rob or whoever else is leading the



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discussion, know that you're wanting to speak. Other than that, keep your selves mood muted when you're not speaking. And if you are indeed doing something else while you're muted but you use a lot of hand gestures when you're talking to people, it might be good to take your video off for briefly while you're doing that as well. So, at this time if there's someone new today, or someone who's coming back after a long time away and wants to reintroduce yourself, please just unmute and say who you are. If you're with a group what group that is and not a long introduction just so we know you're here. You can also add things in the chat about what you're interested in, or what kind of resources you might be looking for. So, anyone may start

Carol Colleran

don't see my, I don't see my icon for the hand but I'm Carol coloring, and I'm with revenue for housing and st Leo's

Rosemary Powers

welcome Carol, it's great to have you.

Carol Colleran

Thanks.

Sadie

I'm sorry. I'm with delay locations. And yeah,

Rosemary Powers

and we're going to hear more in the meeting, sad, it's great to have you.

Sadie

Thank you.

Take vaccines directly to India

Rob Huff

I see your hand up.

Cynthia Stewart

So I'm not new. I've been coming here for several years now, but I did want to make an announcement and actually it's an invitation. So I'm a member of the Racial Equity Committee of the continuum of care committee, and we are inviting anybody in this group who's interested in racial equity to join us on June 4 At one o'clock and if you're interested in getting the link to that meeting, just put your name and that information in the chat and I will send make sure that you get it. Thank you.



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Rosemary Powers

Thank you, Cynthia. Shoko.

Shoko Yoshikawa

Welcome. Yes, yes. Hi, my name is Shoko I'm just a citizen. Live in downtown. The museum district. I am engaged in literal pickup, activities, and that's the reason I started to be interested in in your group, because many of the leaders I pick up caused by, unfortunately, homeless thank

Rosemary Powers

you thank you for doing that and thank you for joining us. We all are all trying to solve the problems associated with not having a sufficient housing for everyone. So thank you for coming.

Shoko Yoshikawa

No problem.

Barbara Kaelberer

Barbara,

Rosemary Powers

go ahead.

Barbara Kaelberer

Hi. It's been a while since I've been in to see you guys. So good to see you. And I'm Barb calver, and I am associated with Elevate hills, and also on the road. So,

Rosemary Powers

well welcome Barbie great daddy back. I didn't, I saw your whole name I didn't see your face as well so welcome. It's nice to see you again.

Barbara Kaelberer

Thank you.

Rosemary Powers

All right, so if anyone else would like to put any information in the chat to introduce Oh, Rachel, go ahead.

Rachel Ahrens

Okay. Hi, I'm Rachel Aaron's from First United Methodist Church on. On Saturday, from 9am to 130. We are hosting a resource fair at the church in the front of the building we're at six to one Tacoma Avenue South, in it that is in conjunction with partner Cafe, and they were gonna have a few tables, actually more than a few tables set up for the resource fair, it'll have them coordinated care. A couple CMR health clinic goodwill Pierce County aging and disability. And, and more. So if you know of



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anyone that wants to stop by, also the food bank is open in the back of the church from nine to 1230, so people can get food as well.

Rosemary Powers

Thank you Rachel and thanks for your work and glad to see you here.

Rachel Ahrens

Thank you.

Rosemary Powers

So Rob, go ahead.

Rob Huff

Okay, thank you, rosemary, and welcome to everyone who shared with us this morning. We are going to shift gears to talk about what's happening on the streets this week so this portion of the meeting is just to talk about changes that we've seen needs that we've seen that are new in the areas that are being used by those who don't currently have a place to live, other than on our streets or sidewalks. So let's get started with Kevin.

Kevin Glackin-Coley

Thanks, Rob. I just want to give an update on our vaccine outreach program to date I've distributed about 950 hygiene kits and about 550 of the cell phone chargers, with ordinary guests they can charge anything just the portable chargers, those have a message emblazoned on them with information about how to get dates and times for clinics, distributed to them at an injection event and also out to a number of our community partners to do outreach teams. I still have about maybe 50 hygiene packs and about the same number of cell phones. Charge phone chargers, so let me know if that's something that you would like to have I also just got in there activated now 160 \$25 Safeway gift cards extensively for gas but for anything so if you're doing outreach, and it would be helpful to have some of those to give folks so that they could get to that the, the events, I'll put my email in again and I will get them to you ASAP. That's all through Garrett's great fundraising efforts, a grant through ch Al Franciscan and and also one from do the State Department of Health. So just in what you think I was out there buying these things and handing them out.

Rob Huff

Thank you Kevin and Garrett, for that matter. So other folks with comments from what's happening out on the streets I see Jeffrey on his phone with us live right now I know he and Collin we're going to be going out to 35th and Pacific this morning.

Jeffrey Boyce

Good morning.

Rob Huff



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Morning Jeff from. Oh,

Jeffrey Boyce

Hang on, puppy got a little crazy. Yeah, I haven't seen calling yet but I'm Oh, there he is just calling in. I was out yesterday with a photographer with tn CMP 6am police presence regularly over there. There's about 29 counts on one street, and about 11 On the other day, get some good interviews. We'll see what's going on. Tacoma Public Works is hanging around here too. We are down on 34th Street. I've already been down here once today to bring down some garbage bags and brooms and they're very thankful for those items. And I would, if anybody else has an outreach, bring bags because they're in dire need, all the camps are in dire need. So we'll. I'm going to turn it back over to you guys, and I'm going to meet up with Colin here and we're going to get set up.

Rob Huff

Sounds good Jeffrey. All right, so anyone else with information about what they're seeing on the streets this week.

Jenny Lorton

This is Jenny inside passages went out with the rise center outreach teams this week. Sorry, let me see my quiet. Sorry. We went out with the rise center outreach teams and the CMR outreach teams this week. On Wednesday, the G Street encampments, has been cleared out, because of roadwork that they're going to be doing. The ride center outreach, said that they're not sure where they've been relocated, so that was kind of disappointing, because nobody knows where they've gone. There's no parking signs, all the way up and down the street there. So they're going to see if they can figure out where those individuals have been relocated to. We also went to Yakima, and we were able to get a couple of folks enrolled in services, and they're going to be working with us at inside passages as well as we got them connected to Hemis, and so we'll see you know how that goes. This is my life this morning, and I'm meeting with another individual who's staying on J Street. This afternoon she doesn't have a phone so she's going to come back to the rise center, they're going to pick her up. So we can get her connected to services as well.

Rob Huff

Great. Thanks Jenny. All right, so any other last additions for the on the street section before we move on to our first presentation. I see Teresa's hand up. And just to

Theresa Power-Drutis

say that, in terms of the folks who were staying in front of our house which is where Jenny was talking about. We did have conversations we've had a lot of conversations over the last week since the notices were sent out, and some of the folks at they didn't move as a whole group to any one place, so I know that some of them moved just a few blocks away so that they could come back and have their cat still be in the neighborhood, which is where they're used to them being, I know that some, some cars to get towed away. Some cars that weren't working, we had a lot of car repair, being done on this street. So, I don't know the outcome of that, one of the cars I didn't even recognize that was being towed away so



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it'd be good if we could give people information, that's another piece that could be left with people if your car is towed, this is where it will be, but mostly people were prepared for it because they had plenty of notice and they knew that it was about roadwork. And so, yeah, that's, I would think, don't be looking for a whole group of people have having moved and mass someplace because when I talked to people that wasn't their plan, some of them were staying together but mostly they were moving around.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Teresa and Shoko you have your hand up as well. Yes, thank

you. I also noticed that G Street and I, at least I can't pronounce their their streets name, you know the behind the Bates street Yeah, they're being cleaned up and then I was, I think I emailed NCS and maybe a copy, Jared, to, if they can have some sort of numbers of, you know, the people who are removed, and how many went to shelters and that type of any of those information, I think is helpful. and then I assume you. Your organization may be interested in that as well. So that's one thing. And the other thing I want you to notice is that I am I jog, and bike around or this area and I know that I've been noticing ll 25 Portland corner. The trust is being piled up so long. And, again, of course I put 311 Every time when I see them, and the NCS is well aware of it they, I thought that they are one of their area of regular contract, pick up. That's what initial information I got from any CS student however, evidently, it's not now, and they said that that's area is belong to transit. So I'm not driving it. Yeah, so that I really don't care who whose land that is but that's been an issue and it's been over a week that since I put 311 It has not been removed, I don't know there was a Toby yesterday before yesterday.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Chicago. And one last item I saw, well I guess he took his hand down. Jeffrey had his hand up briefly but let's move to, well actually, Colin, are you ready to talk with us yet or doesn't look like maybe he is quite yet. So let's move on to our first item on the agenda, and that is, I would like to invite. Sherry Jensen and Sandy spears to talk about the lay of vocation and specifically I know you wanted to talk about the transitional employment pathway program. So Sherry you're ready to do that.

Sherri Jensen

Yes, hello everybody.

Brenda Enninga

Thanks Rob. I'm going to go through this PowerPoint, but I'm going to warn everybody that it's long, we have 15 minutes so for the sake of time, I'm just going to go through some of the high level stuff about Julio vocation is what we do, and tee that up for Satie who is our new hire crew supervisor so let me see if I can figure out how to share that. See,

Sherri Jensen

all right.



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Brenda Enninga

So belay location is an employment social enterprise. Employment social enterprise simply means that we are a community based organization focused on using a business model to provide services to our community. Very similar to a for profit staffing agency, we generate revenue by going out into the community partnering with local businesses who need assistance with their workforce and we charge a staffing fee. The difference between us and a for profit staffing organization, is that the revenue we charge goes back to program implementation. There are hundreds of employment social enterprises nationwide. There are 1000s of for profit staffing agencies nationwide, and there are only 70 nonprofit staffing organizations. The employment social enterprise as a model really focuses on that transitional employment, quick access to income. We provide support services, case management, we prepare folks with job readiness skills and prepare them to enter into that competitive employment marketplace. Retention is not something that we have been super great at over the last couple of years we launched in July of 2018, and we have grown exponentially. Currently we're serving about 90 individuals every month, with the goal of expanding on that this year so retention is incredibly important to us, and in our city of Tacoma contract we recently wrote in some, some metrics to measure that, so hold on one second, just like Jenny, I have to yell at my daughter, Rohan.

Rob Huff

And one request Sherry If you can make the slides larger. I don't know if there's a way to hide that sidebar on the right.

Sherri Jensen

See, how do I do that, is that bigger.

Rob Huff

That's, that's bigger.

Sherri Jensen

Oh, I

Brenda Enninga

see I see technology is not my forte. So, it's such a big PowerPoint presentation I had to condense it into PDFs to get it to.

Rob Huff

Oh right.

Sherri Jensen

Oh, all right, well let's see. Okay,

Brenda Enninga



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well I Oh, does use evidence based methodology. We did not just come into this program without looking at the research and ensuring that it's a model that works so there has been lots of data with employment social enterprises nationwide. We have found that a lot of folks who come into employment social enterprise. How come I've never had a legitimate job, they come in with barriers to employment, previous experience with the criminal justice system with homelessness. So I'm going to go pretty quickly through these.

Sherri Jensen

Let's see.

Brenda Enninga

ESDs benefits to society. The policy or the research that's been done has found that there's 123% return on investment for taxpayers government philanthropy and the people they serve. What do ESDs offer most ESDs provide training, focus on job retention, self sufficiency employees went from receiving 70% of monthly income from public benefits to earning 70% of their income in current wages, other facts highlighted life stability housing stability tripled. at Vallejo. Last year alone during a pandemic, we helped about 53 individuals move into housing, these are individuals who were living in street shelter car, homelessness, when we, when we were introduced to them as the core values growth and mobility, immediate access to income that is really the primary objective with vallejo is we, we want to bring folks in and immediately connect them with income, either through our transitional employment Pathway Program, which we'll be talking about soon, or through our staffing model. There's a certain dignity that comes with earning bona fide wages are lots of employment social enterprise, in Washington, of this whole list. There are only three total staff nonprofit staffing agencies uplift Northwest and Seattle formerly Millionaire's club charity. And, well, Seattle, which is a new nonprofit staffing organization. So what is the LAOs purpose to combat poverty and homelessness in Pierce County by offering quick access to income, combined with wraparound support to help participants create a well defined path towards permanent employment and housing. My daughter's building a floor in the living room right now it's quite distracting workforce expertise of Vallejo, launched in 2018 through my work with the coalition. Back in 2017, when the then Mayor Strickland declared an emergency over homelessness. I use my workforce experience to launch hire 253 and through the work, hire 253 Through my work at sound outreach, really said, Hey, what, what are, where are gaps in services we are doing a lot of work in advocating for more housing for more attainable housing. But what about employment, lots of folks who are living homeless either have earned income, or could move in that direction with comprehensive case management and wraparound support. So we created this solution really because of the work that I had been doing with the coalition previously. Alright, and I'm going to go pretty quickly through these just to be mindful of time. Employment social enterprise can be really any type of business model. There's bakeries, they sell baked goods, there are restaurants. We are an alternative staffing organization, and again they're 70 of us only nationwide

Sherri Jensen

going to



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Brenda Enninga

through the pandemic. A lot of you know that we had to make quick pivots and do lots of things that we did not expect to do when we launched the layout in 2018, we had really focus on providing day labor, working with the construction production light industrial markets. But pandemic hit and we had to

Sherri Jensen

quickly pivot

Brenda Enninga

and we were able to leverage our model to move into shelter operations we partnered with the health department, with the YMCA with City of Tacoma really created unique programming to keep jobseekers employed. We, one of the first steps that we took was to extend eligibility for services beyond the requirement of having to be experiencing homelessness or showing that they were low income, we said any job seeker who was COVID dislocated or any job seeker could come to us and that allowed us to really move into the focus area of nonprofit staffing, which we continue to do through our partnership at Bethlehem, and I presume we will continue to do. This is my favorite part because it's about our transitional employment Pathway Program, which is the foundational program at phileo Satie is here today as one of our new staff members and safety came to us through the launch of TPP when we launched in 2018 we executed a contract with the city of Tacoma to offer employment services, exclusively to stability site residents. Sandy was one of our first participants and she really embodies how somebody can go through a transitional approach from not working, not engaged in workforce struggling with employment barriers and move through to permanent employment, safety, when we connected, she very quickly said, I want to work, and we said okay and we put a plan in place, and she was able to do the things that she needed to do to address her barriers within the first three or four months of working with her, we had moved her into housing, and had identified as a paid internship, we call it OJT, on the job training for her at an organization where she had said, this is the only place that that, that I've ever felt welcome. And so we, we knocked on their door and we said we have this amazing gal who would love to work here. She says that you've made her feel so comfortable and they said, Great, we'll never create funding for her, there's never going to be any opportunity for full time employment and we said that's okay, this is going to be the opportunity that she can learn and increase her, her skills and improve her resume, and within three months of working there, they said, Hey, can you please extend her for a couple more months because we are going to find funding for this position we want to hire her. So we did and they did, and she worked there for about a year and enrolled into school she's still in the Human Services Program, and she came to work with us back in I want to say, October as a shelter staff worker so before I pass it over to her I will go over to EP TP TTP is a three phase approach to transitioning individuals experiencing significant employment barriers to employment, into full time employment and housing. Phase one which you all have probably heard about is our hire crew is helping individuals reintegrate into employment and hire crew operates, really to provide that immediate access to income. We don't care where you're at, we don't judge you by any of the barriers that you have folks come to us with, you know they're experiencing homelessness, they may have substance use issues they may have behavioral health, that has not been addressed and,



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and we don't care. We want you to come and we'll provide work opportunities for you at safety, do you want to go ahead and take over.

Sherri Jensen

Are you there cd,

Rob Huff

cd you're muted right now. Yeah.

Sadie

Can you guys hear me. I'm sorry. So I want to start by saying good morning, and I had this whole spiel about what I was gonna say and then I got in front of the camera. But what I want to first start out with is, I want to get things out to Sherry, because what she so gently said, is that a couple of years ago I was homeless, and I was addicted to drugs I was abusing drugs. So, I think her because now that I'm in a position to help other people. She kind of thought about me. Schuchat thought about me, and the ability of mine to give back to the community that I've taken from, right. So let me get back on to hire crew. Hire crew pretty much stands for helping individuals reintegrate into employment. And a short other words out of my experience because I've only been doing this for about a month now. It allows me personally to show skills or steps that I've taken to become professional, or I guess perceived as a hardworking, dedicated civilized person that pays taxes right. Um, and I am handed a group of people that start off, probably not wanting to work, and if so, can only be able to work like a couple of hours and I slowly and I'm slowly starting to integrate ethic, work, work ethic, the ability to stay on task. The self care you need for breaks and certain things like that. We, we dispatched four times a week to different local communities, and our goal is to beautify the local area. Right now we are working heavily with Metro Parks. I'm pretty much doing pulling out grubbing weeds and doing things to help Metro Parks is parks like look, our way. Put it this way. So the way that they, it was put to me is that when I started there. When I came, she said that we had been helped helping her. Not only beautify the Metro Park area, like the parks. But from what I've seen, it is been able to reconnect with people that have been disconnected from society, back into society, as I'm doing as we're working a lot of our jobs consist of light landscaping work for right now. I am trying to look for. I'm trying to look for different partners to start doing like litter pickup. There was pressure washing and graffiti removal, but there. We've done a little bit of graffiti removal but not too much of that stuff. We're pretty much here to get it back to the community. That's something that personally is a blessing to me. And, and something that I'm learning is that I can do that without having people, or allowing people to see their own path, right, which allows them to do better. So, the only real really requirements that I have, because as you heard, hire crew it's like step one, it's for a low barrier access. I, I have a great personality, one, too. I love to see people where they're at, because that's like the realest the rise. The It doesn't get any better than that, right. So, from there, it's like, I am able to show them that they don't have to enclose themselves, they don't have to change themselves. They just have to be better versions of themselves, right, because they see, first of all they see me, because I really work what I preach, you know, and they know that a lot of people that I've worked with so far, I used to, on a personal level I used to be homeless with. I did a lot of drugs with them and for them to see me in a different way. Kind of helps



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them get through the scary part of whatever transition, they, they feel like they're going through to get through it. But, by saying, The only requirements that I have, for, for anybody that wants to join the program is that they have their i&i documentation, it's just ID and your social security card right. But other than that, I am literally meeting them where they're at. And if that means recruiting them at campsite. I do that. I've gone to stability sites I've gone there twice so far. A little on a different No I actually used to live there. And it's, I'd say, a weird thing going back there and doing work like recruiting and resourcing for other people when it was done for me. So, pretty much, I'm learning how to give back in a way that was given to me, that allowed me to be actually really successful in life so thank you know, you're wonderful, and

Brenda Enninga

y'all I was showing you the wrong PowerPoint No wonder I was tripped up Satie this, that I tell sad all the time, the program defines she defines the program before stadion and our other participants and seeing some of the success. It was just an idea and a model, and when we got the opportunity to extend higher beyond just the stability sites David was the first person. She hurt her face is on our Vance ad I taught data is that you're going to be driving our van with your face on it. So I'm really hire crew is that low barrier access to employment and it's, it's an opportunity to provide unique case management, sad is working right alongside individuals being able to identify their work readiness, empowering them to begin thinking about taking those first steps towards change. And so it's it's a beautiful process and CD does wonderful so I know that we are out of time so the other slides I flipped through or just other programs that we have in house, to provide additional comprehensive support for our folks so

Sherri Jensen

I will leave it there, thank

Rob Huff

you. Awesome, thank you, Sherry. So if folks have questions for Sherry And Sandy please use the chat, and, and again, welcome and thank you very much for your presentation from both of you. I do want to call a little bit of an audible here I know Collin has let me know that he is, he has some folks who would like to share with the coalition from out at the 34th and Pacific area, so call on if you're ready to do that. Now I can hand over to you. And you're on mute right now calling.

Colin DeForest

Hello Rob Yeah, thank you, um, Jeffrey and I are out here at the 34th in Pacific sight so we've been out here a couple times this week. Um I don't know if anybody's been by this site but it is grown right so there's some people out here more than willing to talk. Um, there's definitely a community that has been formed out here. They have garbage services that they're paying for themselves, actually they got the garbage can dumped and they're paying for it themselves, they're still portable toilets or any services like that. Oh, we got a couple people I have cam right here right now, I think she's willing to talk and I think she just wants to share a little bit about, you know, the most important voice I think we all know



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that we have the hardest time hearing so I think I appreciate Rob you're doing an audible and giving us the opportunity to truly hear this, this voice of the experts that are in this so I'm gonna pass it to Kim.

Kim

You guys doing. I can't

Colin DeForest

wait. So we're working on a little bit about what your story is as well right here.

Kim

I'm, what I've been homeless for about a good four years now, you know, due to my own decisions, and being homeless. It's really hard, you know it's our decisions we need to make better decisions, we need to we need advocates we need we need people that, that hold us up that are at a higher, you know, what can I say better, higher level higher level of like looking at the bigger picture just, oh, we're in the woods or we're in these places where we're not supposed to be, oh, you know they're their label on is so much that they don't care about us, you know, we get people that come by here with their garbage and dump it on the side of the curb and they just don't care. You know, so, the biggest thing is oh, sorry health issue we have people here are, we need to wash your hands. We need to use a restroom. We need to be able to dump our garbage is, you know, and there needs to be consequences for those things, if we don't, there's gonna, there has to be order here. You know and I think that, I understand that a lot of people we're not we're not to be babysat but some of us probably do need to be babysat if there's someone that cares we'll do better if there's someone that is here, that is, You know, making sure people are okay you know there's there's, you know there's young men here that that collect all kinds of stuff and they don't really necessarily want to collect it, they just want attention. And what that what I mean by that is they want someone to say, Are they okay. Do you need help to throw that away, and then they'll throw it away. You know, so.

Colin DeForest

So quick question, what are we, what are, what is the community missing, but what are we missing that you guys need out here, what do you what do you think we're missing.

Kim

It's a unity thing it's a, it's it's.

Colin DeForest

And what do you need,

Kim

and what we need is toilets. We need to be able to, you know, we need to let me show you know we need tents, you know I guess they're going to be banding tents, which is crazy garbage cans groans. No everything really. But you know, and that's really pretty much it wipes.



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Colin DeForest

How long are you guys. Seems like there's a pretty tight crew out here. How long have most of you guys been out.

Kim

Most of us been out here, a good. Most of us been out here a good five years.

Colin DeForest

Five years bouncing around, how long at this specific right here we've been here almost a year, almost a year

Kim

we've been on the street for almost four years just right here,

Colin DeForest

keep bouncing back and forth, right,

Kim

like statement to segment wherever we can put it in. We tried to be there, you know, and we try to keep it clean and we try to have someone over here and I can honestly say I come back and forth to all the camps and I bring what I can. What I have clothes, gloves, and really for the women that are you know battling just with their own with their own higher power, you know, and I try to bring a little bit of that, that care back you know, address when it's hot outside instead of wearing a sweater, you know, let's, you know, teach them how to keep their skin up, you know, we can still teach them that, you know, we can still teach them in that they have to shave we can remind them of that. It's okay. Right, if it's it doesn't matter if it's a bathroom mirror long it's it's a mirror right because reflection is still us.

Colin DeForest

So, how many people out here would be willing, do you think would be willing to, let's just say in theory if the city was willing to say hey, here's what we're gonna do we're gonna make this, we're gonna let you people that are here right now, we're going to we're going to set up a managed outdoor sight or lightly managed sight, there's going to be some basic rules and requirements to be here, how many people you think would be willing to follow

Kim

that or who I think we all will. I believe we all will, it might be two or three, but you got to understand that still goes along with saying, you know, forever you know a lot of people are living here because of where they live and what they're allowed to do. So if people if we're talking about responsibility, that's where it's going to begin with, with, with me and you guys doing the work, because you're always gonna have that one person that's going to stand up and say, Hey, I'm writing with these guys, you guys are either gonna jump board or jump ship which one, because guess what were the days still goes on. There's 24 hours in a day. So guess what, each minute that goes by, we're going to start making a



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different positive change in our thinking, what we're doing. So if they don't want to jump on board, trust me. We're still going out number the ones that don't want to, that don't want to jump on. Okay. Um,

Colin DeForest

you know, I think this is great. If there's any questions Rob I can't really see it's kind of a bad view on camera, but I know that I don't want to take up a whole heck of a lot of time I'm hoping that this is something that becomes the regular and not just like a very unique situation because I think we all want to hear this voice, but specific questions for Kim, or if not Kim, this is, this, this is the homelessness. So these are all the people from the community, whether you're government you got the county you got the city on here, And you got all of our amazing outreach workers. So I mean, if there are any other questions I would just say, oh it looks there we go. Can you read it if there is one Rob because I can't really,

Rob Huff

yeah so they're mostly there's comments. Srila Bibbins asked about if there was a way to adopt a site to support. I don't know if you want to address that at all call in, I know that's not really a question for Kim,

Colin DeForest

why would you say you know, from these people I don't know what kind of outreach services are coming out here right now, but I kind of asked you this already but are there any specifics you kind of named them off of, like, we need this and this and you already mentioned, I'm

Kim

gonna say this, honestly, coming from a person that's been out here in the streets for a long time. We need a we need a team, there's maybe two or three female females that are over here that are willing to jump on board with me about having the, the Nightwatch. And that means that I watched you on this campus. That means that things have to go right. That means that friends or family, whoever they are, we have to keep it firm, because that's the only way we're coming in if they feel like we're being too hard on them. We're not talking about cursing. We're not talking about putting nobody down, we're not talking about the one nobody should excuse my language, but we're just talking about simply do you want to follow the rules or do you, because we need somewhere safe to be. That's the biggest thing safety. So we need we need safety first. We need a street crosswalk, you know, we don't want people to get mad about us crossing the street, you know, stopping traffic if it means walking down a couple blocks just across the street so be it. That has to be enforced. So,

Rob Huff

thank you.

Kim

You're welcome.



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Rob Huff

Yeah. So I don't see additional questions I definitely see a lot of thankful comments, Kim for sharing your, your story. I see Rachel has asked a question directly. So Kim, you have an encouraging positive spirit you're valuable to those who camp at the camp, I admire your strong attitude so just wanted to pass that along.

Colin DeForest

Very cool. Well, you know, hey, I don't want to take up a whole lot more of Kim's time and hopefully this can be something where we can talk to Kim and others there's a lot of others at the site that are interested in chatting to so I just think it's important that we see that sometimes just driving by a site and looking at it, it may look one way but when you actually come in and talk to these people. It's very organized here everybody's very open to allowing people to come on the site and they're they're willing. They're trying, and I just think from it the city or the counties on this. We're sitting on a city property right here and right next to us as a county property, and it's just that simple guys, you guys can make this work if you want to. So, I really would say the balls in the city in the county's court, And we got people that are obviously you hear them, they're willing to work with you. So let's figure it out.

Kim

I mean if we're already here, then obviously we can be here so we can make it one step further with making it safe and clean and habitable. Let's do it. Cuz I'm on board all the way. I'm trying to get everybody with an income, all in my face so we can write down our little goals and plots, because if we're not paying rent there. That means we could pay for things here. You know, what we have. We either we're not seeing 1000s and hundreds of dollars we're just a little bit of things.

Rob Huff

Yeah, thank you so much, Kim. I did, Teresa did you want to ask one final question before we let him go.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Yeah, just a quick thing Kim, thank you so much, it's good to hear from you, and I'm wondering if you have taken a time to write down the rules that you are considering in your group.

Kim

Absolutely.

Theresa Power-Drutis

If you have I would be really delighted to see them. I think we all would. So,

Kim

yes, yes. Thank you. You're welcome. Thank you guys,

Colin DeForest



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and I would just say to me, there's one word that I heard over and over again, and I think it's one word that we all know and it's safety, right. I mean, it's really that simple, safe sites for all right so thank you guys thanks for giving him the opportunity and hopefully we can maybe schedule something Theresa maybe, maybe you can come out to the site and we can pass along the paperwork and really see where they're out with it so thank you. Thank you guys. Thank you, thank you.

Rob Huff

Alright, so I appreciate everybody listening hearing I know that's a voice we definitely need to hear as we guide our efforts and it actually is a great way to lead into the next piece of our agenda, which was going to be a breakout discussion about the conversations that we need to have. What people need to hear to be motivated to end street homelessness, as everybody in this meeting, most of the people on this meeting, know we've made it a goal, and the county has adopted that goal to end street homelessness in Pierce County. By November one, and we know that there's some serious work to do to set that make that possible. And one of those big barriers that we need to work through is communication and the message that we use when we're talking with the community so that's the goal of this conversation tree side, I will cue this up now for you to lead us into the breakout groups. So I hand you the floor.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Okay, so, um, thanks for all of you showing up, and I know you didn't show up to do this work, but I'm hoping you're going to be willing to engage in it. We are really working on having a campaign. So not just doing small things all over the place but doing something that will be publicly facing to help other people in the community who might be on the fence, or people who actually have negative feelings about this work, how do we engage people and let them know what the real issues are and do some sort of getting rid of some of the false information that has been out there. So, this breakout session is asking you actually two questions. One is, what do you think the most important message or messages are, what would, what do you think people would respond most to it in terms of working together with us on this. And then the other question is, how do you think we can get that message out, are there particular groups or modes of media, something that you think would be a really good way to push this campaign out, but the fact is we really need to get going on this, we have been going on, don't get me wrong, there are a lot of people doing a lot of work, but this is a way of kind of trying to give everyone a set of talking points that we can bring out some images that we can bring out we want to engage anyone who's got some creativity in helping to put the message out there that's going to get us the support we need to make this happen in the community, so that's the cue up to questions, important messages that you think ought to be out there for the community and important ways we can get those messages out that it, Rob.

Rob Huff

Yeah, that's what I'm going to do is I'm going to randomly assign folks to small rooms, five or six folks. And what we'll do is ask the one person in the room to take some notes when we come back from this breakout we'll do about a 10 minute brainstorming session. When we come back, please. Paste your notes into the chat, and what we will build kind of a database of ideas that can be used by the



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group of folks who are trying to do this campaign. So, with that I will create the rooms and send everybody off and we'll come back here at 1001.

<Breakout Groups>

Rob Huff

All right, welcome back everybody. I hope that that was a good productive conversation and I, I'm willing to bet that it was too short. But, but it's a place to get started so appreciate your time and thoughts, please. Paste your information into the chat and we will be sure to capture that and work with ComPilot, excuse me, to get it to Teresa, so that we can get going on this messaging campaign. So we are a little behind on our agenda so I want to shift us over now to do our regular government updates and invite tieghan from the city of Tacoma to offer city of Tacoma updates, Teagan The floor is yours.

Tiegan Tidball

Hey good morning everyone, it's always a pleasure to be here and see all your smiling faces that last breakout session was really really fun, I just want to say I really enjoyed that one. So let's do some city updates so what do we got going on recently. So, um, the first thing I want to present on is so staff presented the use of property itself 69th And proctor during study session last week, and we are going to be moving forward to implementing a terms like model in this location, including moving the units from East 60 to McKinley and expanding available units so the more units at that space and to stay up to date on this project please visit WWW dot city of Tacoma slash authorized encampments and I will also put this in the chat. Our rental assistance. The portal is still available. I'll also put a link into the chat for individuals that date for our current census for our temporary emergency shelters is also updated on the website. I'll add that link as well so you can get lots of links for me today. Um, so going back to 69th and project proctor project. So we're, we're working on a timeline for this. Currently, and when when the timeline is solidified, we would like to meet with a small group of representatives from the coalition to discuss development of the site design. If there are any willing participants we would continue to engage with this group as we move forward in the implementation of the sites, very exciting. We're gonna get a bunch of input also for persons with lived experience and things of that sort. So we'd love to get a little group from you guys so please if you're interested, reach out to me directly, or if somebody, if you guys want to talk about it and create a group and send it to me later, that's fine too. Whatever, whatever makes sense for you guys. Um, so, another update I want to give is that the first reading of the no camping. Camping ordinance was moved to June, 15. So I want to highlight that I'll also put a link to the Save as it comes legend star so if anybody wants to keep up on those updates to when any of that's coming on, I'll have that for you as well. So like I said lots of links for me today. Um, I think that was the big stuff for my updates if we have any questions I'd be happy to answer them and if not we can we can move on.

Rob Huff

Great. And if folks have questions for Teagan please drop them in the chat I know the chat is extremely busy right now because everybody's reporting out on the conversations we just had, but we can weed through those and taking can get back to you as we move along. For our next bunch of government



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updates, I'll turn the floor over to I'm trying to see who's on the call. Do we have anybody from Pierce County to offer updates this afternoon or this morning.

Jeff Rogers

Yeah, this is Jeff, I'm here but I asked a few people and we don't have an update for today. Sorry. Everything ended last week so we have no update.

Rob Huff

Okay, thank you Jeff and thanks for letting us know. And I did briefly I got an email from Rianna from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department last night she's unable to attend with us this morning as well. She is working with the other folks from the health department and doing a vaccine clinic at one of the shelters this morning so. So we're a little bit short on government updates. The next item on our agenda was going to be a continuum of care, update with Gerald, Gerald has let me Gerald Daniels has let me know that he doesn't really have a particular update for for this week's meeting. So thank you for letting me know that Gerald. So let's shift our agenda around a little bit and have Maureen, talk about advocacy updates.

Gerald Daniels

Okay, real quick Russell Yeah Gerald, Apologize. I really haven't got my feet wet in committee yet they're so the other days meeting, everything was gentlemen I've tried to get the meeting notes, and I'll be ready to give at least a general before I get into it, would you have committed it I'll be a part of coordinate Perfect.

Rob Huff

Thank you Gerald and Maureen.

Maureen Howard

Okay, so, um, if you work with families with children. Remember, the child tax credit, they should be those who are eligible, they should start receiving that money directly into their bank accounts, if they have a bank account, I think, in July if they don't have a bank account. Think about helping them set one up. Seattle credit union will do online. We know that sound credit union that BCU will do walk by appointment, folks who have shelter addresses, all that sort of thing I see my guilders so I know you've got a lot of folks using am as their address. So let's make sure that everybody who's eligible gets that money and it might mean they've got to file 2020 federal taxes, even if they don't owe them. Alright, so it's. And if you run into trouble. Let me know, we'll figure out what to do but I'm hoping that outreach workers in case managers and everybody who deals with families with children, has that as been getting that message and getting it out to people, because that's going to be, you know, that'll be \$3,000 for the older kids between July and December, it'll be 3600 for the ones under six so that's could be huge. So then, that's one thing, the jobs bill of course at the federal level is still sitting in all of the negotiations between the Democrats and the Republicans, something will happen. I don't think anybody knows what it is right now, but Senator Murray is taking a key point is we're still saying housing is economic. You know it's infrastructure housing is infrastructure. So, stay alert for campaigns around



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keeping housing in this. Now, a couple of opportunities. So one of them, are these emergency housing vouchers that are coming under the American rescue plan act under ARPA, and we've talked about these before. And so they couldn't be more complicated. Clearly I don't know how, but HUD has been extraordinarily clear about how this process is going to work the vouchers go these are not like normal HUD vouchers. These are not for people who are already on a waiting list for the local housing authorities. These are targeted housing vouchers that the Tacoma Housing Authority will receive 134 Pierce County Housing Authority will receive 60 to both housing authorities have to formally tell HUD that they want the vouchers, by the 24th of May, and they can tell, HUD that they not only want what they've been allocated, but they want more, how to assumes there will be some public housing agencies across the country that will not take these vouchers and HUD will reallocate them. HUD is adding money to these vouchers, so that the housing authorities have an incentive and communities have an incentive. So, so part of it is the housing authorities and the housing authorities know how to do this stuff. The other part of this coming from HUD is the continuum of care, which has a very specific role, the continuum of care is supposed to define the how people are actually going to get from homelessness to one of these vouchers and HUD is very specific about the, the type of the language in the MLU that the continuum of care must sign with HUD. That must be signed, no later than July, but the July 31 But these vouchers come July 1. And part of the money the incentive money to the housing authorities, is that these vouchers, get used within four months, which lines up perfectly with our November 1 target these vouchers, by federal law are for people experiencing homelessness, whether they are sheltered or not sheltered. They are for people at risk of homelessness, they are for people who are fleeing domestic violence, and that is an expanded world, that includes trafficking as well. and they are for people who are housed but their housing is so unstable that they could in fact be become homeless again. And that includes folks coming out of public institutions. So I know some of you are working already with the housing authorities. And I know several of you are in the continuum of care. A couple of us sat in on that meeting that continuum of care as monthly meeting on Wednesday. And my understanding is that they've, they have a committee that is working on this, the continuum of care itself does not have to do the actual work. They just have to make sure it gets done under HUDs guidelines. And so there are continuum of care across the country that run programs, ours does not run programs it overseas programs overseas, they homelessness response system. So, they're under a fair amount of pressure right now to act. One of the decisions that we can make. And, and we made it once, we made it in that list of our priorities that we did. As soon as we knew the ARPA money was coming the American rescue plan money was coming, and we actually put in to prioritize the new housing choice vouchers for our households below 30%, ami, and we could ask the continuum of care to hold to that note, no matter where they fall in terms now so falls in terms of eligibility we could ask for that to be a priority. One of the concerns that I've heard already on doing that is not to do anything that slows these vouchers from getting out.

No I was not aware of that Tom Yeah.

Maureen Howard



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Dan, you're not muted. Unless you're trying to ask a question. Thanks. So, one of the, on the one hand there aren't that many fewer than 200 right now. These do not go with the unit. These are not project based these go with the person. And there's a lot of language in the bill and in the HUD guidance about what that is Housing Authority specific how they, how they budget how they fund how long the appropriation is all of that sort of thing. These vouchers go with the person, they stay with the person until the person is no longer eligible for them. And so, they're an incredible opportunity. I think if we think of them as a pilot that in. Hopefully, there would be more vouchers coming. We cannot create the units fast enough, but we can subsidize units that exist. And so I've sent out information I'm not going to keep sending it to the entire list I'll send it to housing committee, but you can go to that HUD, emergency voucher page, it's a clean website. it's got the recordings on it from the trainings that HUD has done already, it's got a slide decks on it. If you have a particular interest in, whether you think we should prioritize this or not. Let me know the Housing Committee I'll talk about this Thursday, the 27th At our meeting. We'll talk about it in the steering committee. And mostly we want these vouchers going out, I think, as fast as possible, as fairly as possible. And so that's, that's the vouchers. Now the other thing that's out there that has taken shape. So we've been waiting for the state of Washington for the Department of Commerce, to tell us how they're going to make the money that was appropriated in the last legislative session available. So Congress had a meeting with stakeholders Monday afternoon. And the piece of money that we've been particularly interested in is called the rapid capital acquisition fund. And that money. So there's about 120 million in it, but about 27 million was already directly named by the apartment building that Lehigh is buying with the City of Seattle, that was an unnamed item in that fund, there's about 93 point 8 million that is available for competitive, and basically first come first served. So, these are the things about it and what we need is we need to know how many organizations really want to buy a hotel or an apartment building. It must be uninhabited. All right, you've got to have Purchase and Sale, you've got to be able to meet the regular Washington State Department of Commerce. Housing Trust Fund thresholds. This is not funding for somebody who wants to begin doing housing for an organization that has never dealt with the Department of Commerce around the Housing Trust Fund. If you fall in that group, you need a partner, and the state said this already, you need a partner who is an experienced nonprofit housing developer who has been working with the state, the only organization that I know, right now that's got a purchase and sale is Lehigh low income housing Institute's got a purchase and sale on that Comfort Inn out on about 84th and Hosmer I think I know there are a couple of other organizations that several months ago said they were interested, I don't know if they still are the money. Here's why it's really important, the money is going to come in rounds, but if all the money gets used round one. That's it. And round one requires a match. So we've asked the city and county, how they planned to make a match possible. This ARPA money that the cities, all the jurisdictions God can be used for the match, but not at this point, neither the city nor the county has designated that. So that's now distinct from the building itself. There's the operation the program so right. So, some of you I know have an interest in like having a floor. They want a floor for people who are coming out of re entry you want to forgive people who are, or I guess they're coming into re entry, they are re entering, you want to floor for people who are, who have medical needs, you want a floor for people who are working, you want a floor, you know, that sort of thing. So that's another way to look at this is to talk to folks who might want to purchase the building and say look, we'd be rather, we'd be interested and operating a floor, or maybe operating the entire thing, so we put on our



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priority list for the money. I can't believe. Anyway, we put on that list and we voted 1000 existing units of housing at 100,000, a unit that assumes hotels are coming in right now at under, 100,000, a room, so. So reach out to me, let me know please. And we'll figure out how to get whatever support is required. And I know the big ones like CCS have got teams to work on this, but some of you might be thinking about it and might just need a little bit of help. So what else do we have, we've got the city, excuse me, has put forward, its recommendations for the use of the ARPA money that the city of Tacoma is getting so they're going to get about 61 million over the two years they have half of it now, they'll get half of it next May, 10, and in the proposal that was put forward to a council in the study session 9.3 million out of the 30.5 that they're expecting or that they have is for affordable housing and homelessness, and it's not delineated beyond that so I've reached out to the city and asked if they have in fact made any preliminary plans if they've designated any use of that money. If not, are they going to do nofas if so when are those nofas gonna come, that sort of thing I just did that last night so we don't have an answer yet. The, we know that each jurisdiction has that money. We know that Lakewood is engaging in a community process, as to how to use that money, so be alert to the jurisdictions that you're working in, and I'll try and keep tabs of this. So I think that's it. So those of you who work with people who are not undocumented back to those emergency housing vouchers, it, they're not required to show their social security number, at the time of eligibility, but they are required to show it within 180 days. So, and if you have questions, they're on that website, the HUD emergency housing voucher website there's a place you can ask questions, and I know the National Low Income Housing Coalition, and folks I'll start picking up more on these but the trainings are really good. If you have an interest. So, let's see. Let me just go into the use of public property.

Rob Huff

Yeah I think that's the next item on our agenda.

Maureen Howard

Okay, so the use of public property is the ordinance that addresses camping on all public property all government owned, leased or easements, in the city of Tacoma that's ordinance 28756 And we had understood that the ordinance in its current draft, which is now a May 14 draft would be made available to the city council last Tuesday at their study session, it was not. Instead, the council just received the original ordinance, so I've reached out to the city folks who are. We've been meeting with and said, Look, we're getting requests from city council members for the ordinance in its current form, so maybe you all might want to rethink, when you're going to give it out their timeline now is longer as Teagan said earlier, so this will be all of the negotiating over the ordinance was done with city council members with council staff, and the city attorney city staff on the operational side, the MCS, Office of Equity and Human Rights come up Police Department none of those folks were involved. So I think what's happening is that they're going through this new ordinance and looking at the impact on them as staff and their departments and so right now the timeline is that this goes back to council for a first meeting on June 15 with a presumed vote on June 25, even at its most current form, it retains the penalty in the code that the first and second offenses, would be a civil infractions. They, they find would be \$25 plus whatever the accompanying statute allows, and that would be the third offense of any following would be up to \$250 in fines, and up to three days in jail. Either or both with the court, having the ability to



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waive the fines for any person who was judged, unable to pay, which is most of the folks that we are concerned about, and that the court could offer, community service, in lieu of the fines. We, I don't want us voting yet because we haven't seen a final draft. But we already know we're divided on that issue should there be an A penalty or not. And the thinking behind it is that people need some sort of a consequence that has meaning. Other people say, No, this just isn't how we help people change behavior especially this ordinance can't be implemented until we actually have shelter for everybody. And, you know, we're, We're not close to that right now. So, and then there are some of us who don't believe there should be any ordinance at all. So right now we have the coalition side we're just waiting, we've put forward additional an additional question about what exactly does easement mean are the parking strips in front of our homes and businesses are the sidewalks in front of our homes and businesses are those easements, or are they are they private are they public or what the city attorney said he would get back to me by Monday so we just keep putting forward questions and waiting on the city, our city. You know partners across the table so that's where we are there. Yeah, I see a couple hands you want to manage.

Rob Huff

Yeah, So, first tee had her hand up.

Maureen Howard

Yes,

Thy Nguyen

thank you. Hi everybody I'm thinking when and I'm a community organizer with the People's Assembly, and I just wanted to share my thoughts and feelings on the ordinance. I believe that ordinances and codes are inherently punitive and so I'm trying to understand why the coalition is working within a framework of criminalization to develop housing solutions instead of pushing the city to create initiatives that reflect the actual priorities and interests of the unhoused perhaps initiatives that actually distribute resources from enforcement of law to actually increase instability independence for the unhoused personally and being on the streets and building with people and talking with folks about, you know this proposed band. I find that it's insulting that some folks of this coalition have been sitting around the table with city government, entertaining amendments to an inherently violent attack on public survival. I wonder where is the analysis of structural oppressions that have created the very conditions that make it so that people can't afford housing that make it so a disproportionate number of unhoused people or black indigenous people of color, and you know as a community organizer somebody who works full time to these coalition living meetings can hardly be considered open to the public when they're happening during working hours and are catered to folks who represent or benefit from the various systems in acting violence against the unhoused, I mean how many of you are out in the streets talking to folks living outside hearing their needs and demands, taking direction from them. We had calling out here who was trotting out. Kim almost like as a token and she even said source of his ban was terrible, but instead of asking real questions about what are things that will work for you. It's just kind of this cushioning of the real harms that have been happening. And I believe that the influence and the resources that this coalition hoards needs to be redistributed to folks living through homelessness, and



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to grassroots organizers on the ground for working to directly support them. The ordinance needs to be dropped entirely there's no revising a policy that is premised on criminalization and violence against unhoused people as a coalition claiming to work to end homelessness, you're accountable to unhoused people and should be building alongside them not partnering with the government system or institution that is repeatedly harmed on house people, those are my comments.

Maureen Howard

Thanks T. Thanks for joining us. The conversations a lot longer than this morning, allows that I think. Yeah.

Rob Huff

So the one thing I would, I would add Maureen is that I do think that it should be known that there as Maureen has alluded to there hasn't been universal agreement that there about the value of meeting with the City Council and the city staff to alter this ordinance and that ordinance should exist at all. Just want to make clear, not everybody agrees. I know, personally, the way that I have approached this is, I shared this with Maureen last week, I try to approach the work that I do in this sector, as do no harm. And in the conversations with the city around this ordinance that I don't think should criminalize homelessness at all. Those conversations are about doing less harm if people do end up caught up in that. And, and being reflected by that ordinance, so I appreciate your comments team.

Maureen Howard

We started with a, an ordinance that began with being placed in the power of the police and \$1,000 fines and 90 days in jail. So when the mayor reached out and asked for our comments, we gave them. And when Tom's reached out councilmember Tom's reached out and asked to meet with us, we said yes. In the same way that if People's Assembly reached out and said you'd like to meet with us we do the same thing, so. Okay, anybody else. I think that's what I know at the moment, or what I make notes up for the moment.

Rob Huff

Owl I see your hand up.

Jeffrey Boyce

Just just sort of a subtle point. We're in a sense, there are caught in the situation of responding to the ordinance and focusing mostly on altering that rather than also advocated. At the same time in the same conversations that the city provides some of these resources to homeless folks that we've been asking them to to book to provide. So I've got kind of in that process of reacting to an ordinance we're kind of limited what we're advocating,

Maureen Howard

except that we did get we changed the warehouses.

Al Ratcliffe



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We did a lot of the important stuff I'm not minimizing that, no, no, no, but I'm

Maureen Howard

just saying that the language that the work that you've just described. The languages in the, in the whereas is to move that forward. Okay. And so, I mean, I think these things are important that we get the city on record with those kinds of statements. I'm not one who believes in criminalization, I've been. But, you know \$25 beats 1000 and community service beats \$25 and the records would be expunged. So

Rob Huff

Shoko you had her hand up as well.

Shoko Yoshikawa

Um, yes I certainly agree with all of your comments, but the group may not be represented well in this, this group is the people who live in near encampment residents and businesses who have been unfairly influenced by the criminals that related to not necessarily homeless people, but, you know, those who tried to sell drugs to them or related associated with the homeless. And so they know are pushing very hard the city about this ordinance, so I fully understand all your points but at the same time at something needs to be done to remove them out of those areas.

Rob Huff

Alright so I'm going to shift yours I know that, sorry. Yeah, yeah. And and we appreciate all the perspectives, and as you can probably hear we are. We are conflicted and, you know this is an important issue and it's the reason that we're here every week to try to help people and to hear their voices and make sure that we can be responsive and. And it's not easy, so let's move on to their next item in the agenda and thank you for that update Maureen, I will. The next thing we have on the list is an update from the safe sites for all group. And I don't know if columns available Jan, do you want to offer here. Okay, come here

Colin DeForest

and then I can tap Jan also So, okay, um, you know specifically looking at we had a great save sites for all meeting this week, specifically looking at the safe parking network just moved in a referral last night I was just private messaging Jan on the side. Someone that came through to Jan, a senior lady that showed up from California, we just got her safely into a site last night which is great. Some things that are going on with the safe parking network, the four, he said assembly of believers site has, they, they had agreed to go through April, they pushed on through May, but they're starting to have a lot of activities at their sites so they've officially shut down, which is unfortunate but it's also is very positive, very interested in doing it again if it's a seasonal thing. They ended up serving 21 individuals at that site, which is great. I got to go through the numbers a little bit more to see exactly how many got housed out of there. But that site is shut down right now. Tahoma, do you see I don't know who's on here from T u. You see, I kind of gave the update we had a really good meeting with law enforcement with law enforcement and officer from the homeless outreach team met us last week on the sites, I



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think, as I mentioned last week, really positive meeting we're meeting with that officer, again, on site with T uusi leadership, this next week, and we are going to hold a community meeting outdoor at the site with the neighborhood, and the law enforcement officer has agreed to before the meeting we're going to go visit the neighbor, there's a belligerent neighbor that's been a challenge to the site so we've paused, putting people on the site because we don't feel like they're safe at our safe site which kind of defeats the purpose. Our South Hill site has the pastor from our cell till site met with Jeffrey what church was it a church, church out in key pan. What's the St John's mountain key pan. Orient Gig Harbor, really positive meeting they're really interested in moving forward, we have a meeting set up with them for next week, I believe, so that is very exciting. It's going good. Our Celtel site is overflowing. So right now, to call my referrals, they're kind of sitting on the back burner, because with you you see being down we have other couple potentials, but nothing has happened yet. But, you know, things are going well, as far as the safe sides for all, I don't know if anybody from that group has anything to say but I mean, I think a lot of the energy is trying to do exactly what we're doing out here right now and figure out ways that we can move forward with some lightly managed or self governed or managed outdoor sites to meet people where they're at. And I think we're hopefully moving forward on that stuff so I know we shared some documents again with the, with the city, we share them with us safe sites for all group, and people are reviewing those and if they have any edits or recommendations I think they're sharing those. So, yeah, lots going on, lots to do.

Rob Huff

Thanks calling Jan Do you have anything to add,

Janet Runbeck

just an example of what a crazy world we live in, I was sitting in a driveway in Tampa, Florida. When I got a text from a woman in California coming to Tacoma needing a safe parking site and Collin, Collin was able within days to get her into a safe parking site, All with the miracles of modern technology.

Rob Huff

That's great. All right, so let's move on to the next item on our agenda which is Garrett with committee appointments.

Gerrit Nyland

Yay. Thank you, Rob. As you are aware, hopefully all of you, we are taking the ad hoc committee that the county is putting together to the next stage, which is going to be creating a comprehensive plan to end homelessness. Over the next six months, and also breaking a group out that's going to work on immediate shelter so we can create enough shelter in the community so everyone has a place they belong by November 1 That's two separate groups where we had two representatives on the original group, we have been allocated one representative on each of those two groups. And we would like to find folks on the coalition willing to do that we sent that email that was sort of at the bottom of the email. A few days ago for pushing that that, That kind of formal process is yet to be adopted by county that will happen at Tuesday's county council meeting, but we want to be prepared because things moved fast last time. And so we're going to vote for two positions to get filled today. So the first one is on the



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steering committee, so this is a group meeting monthly, and perhaps more, and they're going to be responsible for sort of shepherding the process. A big part of this is involving all the voices we need to have in the conversation, and then being the liaison between that steering committee and the coalition, so that if we feel like they're not bringing up community voice in and have lived experience voice and we can be, you know, active and making that happen, or whatever that particular need is marine you've got your hand up

Maureen Howard

only to let people know that who are looking for Courtney, that she was invited to be on the steering committee, as representing associated ministries and coordinated entry.

Gerrit Nyland

Thank you, marine, So, again, the commitment on this is monthly meetings, and probably significant research outside of that regular attendance, not perfect attendance but regular attendance at our coalition steering committee meetings, or at least providing a written report out, and then collecting any feedback that might have come from that and again somewhat regular attendance at the coalition meeting so that we're able to report out there as well. skill set is really just an interest in understanding how the homeless system works, and a desire to work to make it more effective. I've only received one volunteer for that so far and that's Marine. Thank you for putting yourself out for that marine Was there anyone else that's interested in representing the coalition at that. Steering Committee for the comprehensive plan. You can nominate someone to. And if they're not here we'll just voluntold them. That's how we roll.

move your toes.

Gerrit Nyland

Well, we'll take our suggestion and our loose, administrative systems and the general quiet that we have as evidence. And so, to keep ourselves in the world of formality, let's go ahead and take a minute to vote. Who should officially represent the coalition on the comprehensive plan to end homelessness.

Rob Huff

I don't know if you saw, Oh yeah Tallinn, or karaoke cholera and I mentioned Larry Seacrest as well.

Gerrit Nyland

Yeah, Larry is not interested in doing that right now, At least according to my last conversation with him. But if he's on. Are you on Larry,

no

Julian Wheeler



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era This is Julia Wheeler by phone. Can you maybe either one or you or, Rob, email the question, so I could you know email back the vote, I don't know how to vote by, by phone. Thank you.

Rob Huff

We could just do a voice voice vote. The question is who should represent the coalition on the county led comprehensive plan to end homelessness, the two options are marine and abstain.

Gerrit Nyland

Alright, sorry phone folks but there's not enough of you to shift the shift for glad you're here Julian. So we have a 87% voting for marine 13% of standing so Marines gotta got some work to do for the next six months, congratulations Marine.

Julian Wheeler

I voted by email, but it was for marine so.

Gerrit Nyland

So 14 votes then. Thank you. The second. We need to let me get myself organized here. Okay, the second one is to represent the coalition on this theory at this hearing on this shelter. Work Group. So this is a much shorter time requirement so it's, this is something that's going to be a plan is going to get created by the end of July. And then, or by July 1. And then implemented by November, 1, and this group will be meaning every other week and well it's good to know the whole homeless system the things that you need to be a good representative of the coalition on this workgroup is an interest in totally understanding how the shelter system works, so you don't need to know how it works just that willingness to learn it. And, and again and willingness this one more so willingness to come to the, you know, most of the steering committee meetings and the Homeless Coalition meetings to keep that line of communication going and, and as we're looking to create shelter, this is, you know this is a role that's pretty vital and keeping again all of the flow of communication between the folks on the coalition that are out in the community. And the folks providing lots of other representatives like I think James Pogue, you know who is active in the coalition and also the continuum and also run shelter and lots of us will be involved in in other ways, but as the official coalition representative, and so far we have one volunteer, which is me. But we'd love to have some other nominations, or volunteers.

Theresa Power-Drutis

I nominate Jan. Jan runback,

Gerrit Nyland

that's something you're interested in.

Janet Runbeck

That's the best joke I've heard all day. Um, if Garrett, if Jared is willing to do it, I know, I could pull a Marine, and ask to be. What was marine on the last one a second or an alternate an alternate. Oh, But is that a



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Theresa Power-Drutis

possibility. That's actually what I was nominating you for I, I'm sorry if I stepped into something there, but I, I think Garrett be great but I think he'd be a great alternate.

Janet Runbeck

Okay, that'd be okay. Sure.

Rob Huff

And I see a couple of additional nominations in the chat. Mike boys sure nominated by Richard Berg hammer, and Paul Anderson nominated by Sherry Jensen.

Janet Runbeck

I take my name off because both of those folks are excellent representatives of other parts of our region. I'm mainly a Tacoma person, City of Tacoma person, and Mike and Paula are so much more in the weeds in other areas.

Gerrit Nyland

I don't see Mike on the call, unless you're dialed in, but I do see Paul is here if that's something you'd be interested in Paula.

Colin DeForest

What was that I'm sorry I was talking to a neighbor here.

Gerrit Nyland

I said, Paul, I'm not calling Oh,

Colin DeForest

I'm sorry, I heard I thought Herman Kahn, I'm sorry.

Paula Anderson

Yeah, I'm on here. Um, I'm just trying to think if I have enough time I've got so much going on, That's, that's the only stop to that. Mike would be a good candidate for that and he has recently retired from multiple positions. So we might check in with him to answer what, so this is for tell me again what committee, this is,

Gerrit Nyland

this is for the shelter workgroup that the county is putting together that is going to be creating the plan to have enough shelter across the county so everyone has a place they belong by November 1, so it will meeting every other week, probably through June, and then implementation will be happening over the next few months until November 1



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Maureen Howard

Okay

Rich Berghammer

Garrett. Yes, I've spoken to Mike on numerous occasions over the past two weeks, he is interested.

Gerrit Nyland

Thank you Rich actually put them on the list because after I said that out loud I was like you know Mike would really like to do this. So, and obviously, those of you that don't know, like he's come from a pastoral background but he has been the one of the driving forces behind. Freezing nights in Puyallup. That's a group that operates I think five or six months of shelter. Using an incredibly cost effective model of churches and in collaboration with Paula and in the, in the New Hope Center in pee wallet. And he's president, typically at these meetings, and also ran the East Side warming shelter slash winter shelter, this winter. Yep. So, Paula. Were you interested.

Paula Anderson

I think it Mike would be a better person for that. I, we can work closely together, and I can provide any kind of input that he would like to get for me to make sure that we cover everything, but I think he would be great at this and I know he's interested in this. So, that would be a hard No, sorry.

Gerrit Nyland

Well we know where to find you to get your input ball. Exactly. Just follow the trailer. So, so far I have Mike moisture and me and Jan maybe as an alternate.

Janet Runbeck

I'm voting for Mike.

Gerrit Nyland

So, Garrett Nylund Mike moisture on the option list here, And how they want to formally call for getting through I think we've, we've hashed this one so I'm going to go ahead and put it up to a vote. So again this is voting for the shelter committee to represent the coalition. Oh this is gonna be a close one. This one's fun guys. So,

Theresa Power-Drutis

are we to assume that one of you will be the representative, the other one will be the alternate.

Gerrit Nyland

I think that sounds like a great assumption Teresa.

Theresa Power-Drutis

Are we gonna assume that the two of you are going to work that out or should we, whoever gets them.



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I think this is Julian I submitted my vote by email. Great.

Gerrit Nyland

Thanks. All right, it's literally separated by one vote. So I'm going to give you guys another 15 seconds here.

Sherri Jensen

Do you the emailing and vote is, is helpful.

Gerrit Nyland

Yes,

Rob Huff

well on I am unable to vote in these

Gerrit Nyland

FMI Rob,

Maureen Howard

you could email.

Janet Runbeck

And actually, I kind of thought we're gonna vote. Two times one time for the main position and one time for the, the second position.

Rob Huff

No, it doesn't make sense to add need to do that. Okay.

Gerrit Nyland

All right, I'm ending it. I'm going to share the results, and with the email vote. That puts Mike moisture at 23, to 22 So, congratulations, Mike. And that was fun. I like our system. So, I'm going to go ahead and thank everybody for being a part of that and not every day they'd every vote counts, except yours Rob and mine. Thanks everybody. And I'll go ahead and connect in with Mike.

Rob Huff

Awesome. So we've got just a few minutes left, I wanted to turn the floor over to Kelly to run a question by the group or something.

Kelly Blucher



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Thank you so much Rob It's so good to be back. I'll be quick and I want, well I have to say I've missed everybody so much and it's so nice to be here. So we are discussing revitalizing the Workforce Development Committee as part of the to come up Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness, what has happened in recent I would say in the in the last month or two, is we have so many employers right now that are coming to us and hiring hiring hiring and so we're trying to figure out how to get the word out so what better way to get the word out than to bring back hire 253 So we are currently in some discussions with associated ministries to possibly partner with Project Homeless Connect which I saw was being held at People's Park in. In September, so I think that's a definitely a good option for the next hire 253 Of course, as always I would love all of your support in that and goodwill is ready we've toyed around with the idea of having it at our location as well outdoors but it's just so up in the air and I think, pushing it out until September may absolutely be doable. But anyway, so that was the exciting news is that we are we are revitalizing the Workforce Development kitty, talking about bringing back hire 253 And I definitely want to talk with each of you as to how we can do maybe smaller employment fairs really specifically helping those who are experiencing homelessness are in current housing instability, we do have a lot of employers on deck right now that are paying. They're paying pretty good wages, I know there's one surgical company that was no experience that was \$20 an hour Goodwill for instance we're hiring in our online sales which is right down in in Tacoma at our main building, we No experience necessary anymore we used to have pretty strict qualifications and at this point, we are just trying to find people to work hours can vary, so same thing and I'm hearing that from employer after employer after employer so I would definitely like to start connecting with all you begin that workforce development committee again and really seeing what we can do as multiple organizations and community members to work together to get that out into the community. Thank you.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Kelly. So we have just a couple minutes left, is anybody else have any,

Gerrit Nyland

any kind of jump in on that.

Rob Huff

Yeah, go ahead.

Gerrit Nyland

So and I didn't talk to Kelly but to facilitate communication of the the rebirth of the Workforce Development Committee, I did create a listserv for the Workforce Development Committee. So if you want to sign up for that, you just have to go to our listserv page on the website, and you can get yourself connected up to that, so currently it's just me on the listserv, because I just made it yesterday, but, but go ahead and get on there and once meetings get scheduled we'll have them all up on the coalition website as well.

Rob Huff



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Julian is that you on the phone, raise your hand raised. We have someone on the phone with their hand raised that wants to make a comment.

Can you hear me. Yes. Okay. This is Julian. Julian Wheeler, that's my phone number so this is your chance to write it down if you want to get in touch with me by phone home office number I should say but again chair the Pierce County accessible communities Advisory Committee, and in the event you haven't heard about this per chance. Our next regular session meeting is going to be Tuesday July 13 At nine on Zoom which is now becoming less of a certainty because of the, the wrapping up of this lockdown, but we're still going to meet by zoom and so I want to do is go ahead and invite everyone there, and I just want to really push the points here that we are about our committee is charged with the task of considering projects. Accessibility projects in Pierce County and we can take a role in voting to advance projects for funding to the accessible communities subcommittee of the Governor's Committee on disability issues of employment. This could really make a difference. If any of your projects have an accessibility component to it, and particularly in, let's say public sector budgets where such projects do not make the cut. So wanted to emphasize and this is according to the state law, of the, it's called the accessible Communities Act of 2010. I really want to encourage people to get involved. Garrett has taken an interest in has already submitted the project. Those results are pending. And incidentally, don't tell me what I said this but I'm attending the Governor's Committee meeting right now on a different venue. If you're interested, you could look up Governor's Committee on their website Employment Security Department. Thank you very much. Have a good day. Have a good weekend.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Julian owl.

Jeffrey Boyce

This may not be discussed today but I've been thinking about the home and TacoMan plan which is very solid, but the one thing I think is missing is some effort to bring back single room occupancy board in house kind of situations that may be helpful with some of these folks that need housing. So let's not discuss that today, but at some point should we take some position about that is only my question.

Rob Huff

Thanks Al. So we are past our time so I know I want to pay close attention and honor people's time, I thank everybody for being here on this Friday. If you want to hang with the group that will do the planning for next week's meeting we're going to do that here after a short five minute break. Otherwise, have a great weekend and appreciate all of you have a good, good weekend.