



# Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting Chat – February 25, 2022

00:05:21 - Jeffri Walters-Pierce County Library: - Good morning!

00:10:44 - Sunshine Harper: - Good morning everyone!

00:14:01 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Zoom Norms

Mute yourself when not talking.

Use Zoom's raise hand feature if you have something to say.

Limit distractions by turning off your camera if you need to take another call.

00:14:19 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Community Norms

Lead with a racial equity lens.

Be aware of power dynamics.

Challenge concepts, not people.

Listen to learn.

One person speaks at a time.

Speak from your own experience.

Make space, take space.

Assume best intentions and take responsibility for impact.

Be aware of time and agenda.

00:14:34 - Sally Perkins: - History never says goodbye, it just says "see you later" Eduardo Galeano

00:16:15 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Meghan: You can drop the digital flyer in the chat too

00:16:16 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Hi Calvin!

00:16:33 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you for being here, Calvin!

00:17:00 - Calvin Kennon: - Hi Jennie 🙌 Hey Rob 🙌

00:17:42 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Hi Emily, Im Jennie with TPCHD, Can I have your email and phone contact info please? THANKS!

00:19:09 - Meghan Brocato: - Screen shots of the brochure are in the chat

00:19:28 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Great - thank you Meghan!

00:22:01 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Wow - great!

00:22:23 - Gerrit Nyland: - Monique - do you have an official name for the shelter?

00:22:30 - Sally Perkins: - Monique, thank you for your persistence!!

00:23:05 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Monique, can you remind me if there is a name for the new space? THANKS.

00:23:12 - Jennie Schoeppe: - OOPS, Gerrit asked.

00:24:04 - Jeanea Worley: - Monique do you have a sign up for Volunteers and contact information

00:24:49 - Jeanea Worley: - thank you

00:25:06 - Kathleen Edelheit: - I've missed a couple of weeks of Coalition meetings. Has the new encampment at 2nd & Tacoma Ave S been mentioned yet? I stopped by and told a couple of people there about how TPB can help if anyone has past evictions in Pierce Co. but that was the extent of the conversation.

00:25:20 - Andrea Haug: - Neighborhood Council 😊

00:25:23 - Stacey Soltoff: - build relationships w housed neighbors! ❤️

00:25:47 - Nicole G. WFS she/her: - neighborhood associations

00:27:41 - Sally Perkins: - It is Hilltop, not new Tacoma.

00:29:01 - Rob Huff (he/him): - The page I am talking about can be reached through the Coalition website at <http://www.pchomeless.org>



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- 00:29:51 - Richard Dorsett: - Lots of blankets, coats, hand warmers, other supplies came my way and were distributed; have handed off balance.
- 00:30:35 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Richard!
- 00:32:20 - Rob Huff (he/him): - You bring up very important system issues, Ed. Thank you.
- 00:32:29 - Janet Thiessen: - FYI...CVS committee of City Council, who makes recommendation to Council about homeless ban, postponed their discussion until March 10th. 2nd time this discussion/recommendation has been put on hold.
- 00:32:37 - Richard Dorsett: - Many of the people most at risk this week are those onesies and twosomes that were displaced and have not resettled. Difficult to find them, but they are all over the place. Volunteer efforts can not serve the entire population of homeless in the city and county.
- 00:32:53 - Cameron Gomez: - Delays for the homeless services and lack of knowledge of services and protocol for those at risk of homelessness...I've seen 10 families move out at threat 14 pay or vacate in the past week from my building.
- 00:33:02 - Sally Perkins: - Ed, you are RIGHT ON! And this time people were all over the place due to the sweeps.
- 00:33:55 - Sally Perkins: - Need a warehouse and a defined distribution system.
- 00:34:11 - Stacey Soltoff: - what Sally said!
- 00:35:05 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Andrea and other outreach workers - Community Porches Project (our porch and a few other neighborhood porches) has lots of socks and some coats and various other random supplies. Let us know what you need, maybe we can help [tpdrutis@nctacoma.org](mailto:tpdrutis@nctacoma.org)
- 00:35:18 - Kathleen Edelheit: - In response to Cameron's comment, if your neighbors are receiving pay or vacate notices, PLEASE send them to us! <https://tacomaprobono.org>
- 00:35:19 - Heather Wiley: - they (county/city) need to implement a 24 hour response and action to these kind of emergencies
- 00:35:25 - Jeanea Worley: - this is a common issue we need a warehouse and a volunteer call/email tree for emergency services.
- 00:35:36 - Stacey Soltoff: - while I'm not opposed to this as \*part\* of the solution or a stepping stone to something better, this is NOT the longterm answer
- 00:36:02 - Janet Runbeck: - Come to SS4A Zoom on Monday, noon to talk about the faith based response to emergencies. Or contact Jan at 253-370-3988 [janetrunbeck@gmail.com](mailto:janetrunbeck@gmail.com)
- 00:36:35 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Well said Ed! No need for community porches if we have a central distribution location. Let's do this! City and County folk: we just want a building to use until this is not needed anymore.
- 00:36:54 - Stacey Soltoff: - many churches don't have the staffing to access the building 24/7 in an emergency & faith leaders in particular have been getting burned out during the pandemic
- 00:37:23 - Sally Perkins: - This is not rocket science. I ordered handwarmers last Fri, they arrived on Sat and I got them to the Peoples Assembly to distribute on Sunday.
- 00:37:26 - Rob Huff (he/him): - 206-369-0297 for calling Ed to get this going!
- 00:38:18 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I did something similar, Sally. It is pretty easy if you keep an eye on the forecast, for weather issues at least.
- 00:38:26 - Stacey Soltoff: - I support building this kind of robust investment in relationships w faith communities, but I don't want us to look at them as a panacea. our local gov NEEDS to step up to serve all the ppl
- 00:38:51 - Sally Perkins: - You have to want to pay attention to what's happening with unhoused people.
- 00:39:01 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Most of us can manage some storage but we could reduce redundancy and costs by having a central location.



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- 00:39:19 - Sally Perkins: - Is government nimble enough to do this? I worry about the need for quick and flexible action.
- 00:39:43 - Ed Jacobs: - Ed Jacobs 206-369-0297
- 00:39:58 - Sally Perkins: - Agree about the central location. Ed, you have been reading my mind!
- 00:40:55 - Richard Dorsett: - Mary Sudar estate sales contributed a good supply of coats, blankets, and other cold weather supplies. Will deliver more this weekend.
- 00:41:20 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Stacey I agree!
- 00:42:11 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - So, just give a building for 2 years. Right away. Tapco?
- 00:42:37 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Old MDC Building?
- 00:43:02 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - I meant old SeaMar building : )
- 00:43:12 - Sally Perkins: - The emergency conditions are not new, so it's frustrating that the govt folks are just now thinking about their role...
- 00:44:19 - Gerrit Nyland: - Current shelter availability - <https://pchomeless.org/Facilities/Shelters>
- 00:44:38 - Ed Jacobs: - Sally true. In the mean time let's get something done!
- 00:45:08 - Sally Perkins: - totally agree, Ed. Sometimes the community just needs to solve the problem. :)
- 00:45:32 - Sherrilla Bivens APRI-Tacoma: - Elijah Barrel food bank 4819 south 12 Tacoma Wa Saturday 12-2 everyone welcome no limits no requirements
- 00:46:13 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you Sherrilla!
- 00:47:01 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Anyone who is new to the meeting today who runs a shelter, transitional housing program, or other agency but who is not already connected w/ me at TPCHD, please share your contact info here! -- Liam, Ivy, Emily. I want to add you all to my email distro lists & contact info for important TPCHD updates. THANKS!
- 00:47:40 - Sunshine Harper: - Awesome!!!
- 00:47:54 - Jennie Schoeppe: - OMGOSH AWESOME about Henry. :)
- 00:49:12 - Tim Jardine: - Jennie Schoeppe, I'm Tim Jardine - Rapid Rehousing Program Specialist at Helping Hand House. email is [timj@helpinghandhouse.org](mailto:timj@helpinghandhouse.org) I work with Ivy.
- 00:49:52 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Thanks, Tim!
- 00:50:00 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you Liam!
- 00:50:51 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Seattle's gain - our loss
- 00:51:04 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - Thanks TP
- 00:51:05 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Agree 100% Theresa.
- 00:51:12 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Hi Kevin!
- 00:51:24 - Liam McEvilly: - [liam@harborhopecenter.org](mailto:liam@harborhopecenter.org)
- 00:51:27 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - I'm getting sound but not picture
- 00:51:32 - Heather Wiley: - no video
- 00:51:33 - Jennifer Ammons: - Me too
- 00:51:38 - Liam McEvilly: - (360)440-6845
- 00:52:28 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Still not a full screen video though
- 00:52:56 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I had it full screen before and it wasn't showing the video...
- 00:54:08 - Sunshine Harper- CHAP Navigator: - Just want to share our program at Tacoma Community College. CHAP College Housing Assistance Program. I'm the Navigator there, please reach out for any additional info if you want, or if needing to refer someone to our program. Sunshine Harper [sharper@tacomacc.edu](mailto:sharper@tacomacc.edu) 253-566-5210 if you know anyone in need that I can help. Thank you.
- 00:54:36 - Sunshine Harper- CHAP Navigator: - This is awesome!!
- 00:54:52 - Ivy Mori: - Hi Jennie Schoeppe, email is: [ivym@helpinghandhouse.org](mailto:ivym@helpinghandhouse.org) thanks
- 00:55:02 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Thanks, Ivy.



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- 00:56:04 - Richard Dorsett: - We will put one in our backyard now if we can learn the process and financing strategies. If every neighbor had one of these we could make a huge dent in the numbers now.
- 00:56:25 - Sally Perkins: - Great use for the DADU thing.
- 00:56:29 - Richard Dorsett: - Neighborhood i meant to spell
- 00:57:02 - Ming Montgomery - CLR HYPE Center: - Hi all, my name is Ming Montgomery and I am the CLR HYPE Center Program Assistant. We serve young adults and youth aged 13-24 in our day youth center. We provide laundry, bathrooms, therapy, nurse attention, transportation, computers and guidance. open 7 days a week 8am-8pm, weekends 1pm-8pm. 815 S Pearl St. [cmontgomery@cmhshare.org](mailto:cmontgomery@cmhshare.org) | work cell#253-341-5496
- 00:57:18 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Apologies for the video issues...
- 00:57:30 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - It worked : )
- 00:57:43 - Stacey Soltoff: - no worries, Rob. can you share the link to the video?
- 00:58:03 - Rob Huff (he/him): - For those who want to watch the video again, here is the link:  
<https://vimeo.com/483789087>
- 00:58:50 - Sunshine Harper- CHAP Navigator: - Thanks Rob!
- 01:00:34 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Have you seen a snowball effect yet, where one neighbor puts up a home and inspires others nearby to try doing the same?
- 01:00:35 - Monique Brown: - Can it be done on a large scale? Land from the city and homes from Block Homes?
- 01:00:44 - Verna Lilly: - How do you arrange utilities and plumbing for these homes, tie into the homeowner's. Does the homeowner agree to pay for anything or just provide space?
- 01:00:53 - Nicole G. WFS she/her: - Additional or accessory Dwelling Unit
- 01:02:33 - Monique Brown: - What are the incentives for the home owner?
- 01:03:04 - Stacey Soltoff: - besides compassion? an ADU should increase home value
- 01:03:06 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - DADU: Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit
- 01:03:22 - Monique Brown: - That makes sense, Stacey.
- 01:03:56 - Stacey Soltoff: - besides for the unhoused, the unit can be used as a mother-in-law suite, or adult offspring that need more independence
- 01:04:43 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Yes!
- 01:05:00 - Janet Thiessen: - A DADU is a detached auxiliary dwelling unit.
- 01:05:13 - Kathleen Edelheit: - Kevin, can you provide your contact information?
- 01:05:41 - Stacey Soltoff: - normalizing them makes them available for all kinds of demographics which is a way to PREVENT homelessness
- 01:06:26 - Kevin Glackin-Coley: - [Kevin@facinghomelessness.org](mailto:Kevin@facinghomelessness.org)
- 01:08:33 - Verna Lilly: - How do you arrange utilities and plumbing for these homes, tie into the homeowner's. Does the homeowner agree to pay for anything or just provide space?
- 01:09:52 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - More about DADUs in general: <https://wc-studio.com/journal/2019/2/25/what-is-an-accessory-dwelling-unit-or-a-dadu#:~:text=A%20detached%20additional%20dwelling%20unit,carriage%20house%2C%20or%20backyard%20studio.>
- 01:10:21 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Sliding scale is a good idea
- 01:10:50 - Stacey Soltoff: - YES! "we can't shelter our way out of this" "we HAVE to make changes at a societal level"!!!
- 01:11:09 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Housing solves homelessness, and this is actually housing!
- 01:12:03 - Valeri Almony: - do homeowners need to have background checks? vulnerable population and all



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- 01:14:01 - Nicole G. WFS she/her: - I'm a Thurston county resident, we definitely could use them here!
- 01:15:25 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - If a Pierce County agency wants to replicate the Block Project - would you consider mentoring/training/sharing processes and documents as well as facilitating purchase of kits?
- 01:15:26 - Nicole G. WFS she/her: - Thanks so much, Kevin. This is so wonderful!
- 01:15:28 - Paula Anderson: - Thank you Kevin! Love the idea!
- 01:15:46 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Thanks Kevin!
- 01:15:57 - Heather Wiley: - love it!! thanks Kevin
- 01:16:18 - Laurie Davenport: - Thank you Kevin!
- 01:16:30 - Calli C. (she/her) - Wellspring: - Thanks, Kevin! I look forward to the expansion to Pierce. Working with you all through Chief Seattle Club in King Co was great!
- 01:18:05 - Valeri Almony: - Its open on your website. just saw it :)
- 01:18:56 - Allyson Griffith, City of Tacoma: - The City of Tacoma is hiring for our HEAL Manager: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/tacoma/jobs/3428092/homeless-engagement-alternatives-liaison-team-manager-management-analyst-iii>
- 01:20:25 - Gerrit Nyland: - That position with the City has a \$92,456.00 - \$118,539.20 pay range - let's get some amazing applicants applying.
- 01:21:47 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Happy to share that job with 15 other people - we can share the paycheck :)
- 01:22:07 - Nicole G. WFS she/her: - 😊
- 01:22:40 - Andrea Haug: - Does anyone have any suggestions on how to get a dumpster to an encampment? I've been in a circle talking to people.
- 01:23:25 - Betty Beer: - I have purchased a box of 18 hour warmers and like 20 of the solar blankets, if someone could come to LASA and pick them up, that would be great
- 01:23:35 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Andrea - we started with 311 and it took a while but did get dumpsters
- 01:25:04 - Andrea Haug: - It's in Pierce County and Fife and WSDOT properties. I've contacted Fife and WSDOT now hasn't responded to my last email.
- 01:25:57 - Rob Huff (he/him): - If it is a WSDOT issue, you may reach out to Colin DeForrest: [Colin@i2-strategies.com](mailto:Colin@i2-strategies.com)
- 01:26:29 - Stacey Soltoff: - Seems like the biggest factor impacting Pierce compared to, say King County, is our tax rates. At least from what I get on Covid Act Now
- 01:27:12 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Sorry to hear that, Jennie. Peace to you.
- 01:27:23 - Sunshine Harper- CHAP Navigator: - So sorry for your loss Jennie.
- 01:27:24 - Jennifer Ammons: - Sorry for your loss, Jennie.
- 01:27:27 - Laurie Davenport: - Schedule for Rental Assistance/Tacomaprobono Housing Justice Project Housing Help Pop-Ups: 2-5 p.m. today at Milton/Edgewood Library, and 2-4 p.m. on Monday at Summit Library. We can help people who have 14-day pay or vacate notices.
- 01:27:28 - Monique Brown: - Condolences, Jennie.
- 01:27:35 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Sorry for your loss Jennie - travel well
- 01:27:52 - Laurie Davenport: - So sorry Jennie.
- 01:28:11 - Nicole G. WFS she/her: - Safe travels, Jennie. Condolences
- 01:29:03 - Andrea Haug: - Yes, he eventually emailed and provided some great information regarding work he is doing, but no conversation about this particular area in regards to garbage. He did mention it will probably be about a year before they would reach that camp with services. I responded to him and then nothing 😞. The camp residents are willing to use the dumpster and would appreciate it.



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- 01:29:48 - Jennie Schoeppe: - thank you all! have a wonderful weekend.
- 01:30:12 - Sally Perkins: - Godspeed, Jennie.
- 01:30:30 - Jennie Schoeppe: - TPCHD vaccine clinic info: <https://www.tpchd.org/gettested>
- 01:30:58 - Jennie Schoeppe: - OOPS. that's the testing page. Here is vaccine page:  
<https://www.tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture>
- 01:31:24 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Dr. Chen's statement on Gov lifting of mask mandate (at end of March):  
[https://www.tpchd.org/Home/Components/News/News/294/286?fbclid=IwAR2ugrogUHUS-fDTr7q5Z9EUmZMrKbsc629bErgSoPX8wRBoS37h4vq\\_h18](https://www.tpchd.org/Home/Components/News/News/294/286?fbclid=IwAR2ugrogUHUS-fDTr7q5Z9EUmZMrKbsc629bErgSoPX8wRBoS37h4vq_h18)
- 01:31:37 - Rob Huff (he/him): - This is the link to the packet from the meeting earlier this week:  
Performance Audit Committee - Feb. 23, 10 a.m. - Homelessness Gap Analysis, packet includes the full analysis document: <https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/council/model/otDocDownload.cfm>
- 01:31:57 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Orgs can request testing kits or other resources by completing this form:  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5Kj32tfFQ0e-gC9zkXEVDIFhiGsH8RLhhOeWmgHiA5UOUFBWTFXWURCVFNTUTZOUURHT1ZPSEFFMC4u>
- 01:32:27 - Jennie Schoeppe: - as always, email me w/ questions: [JSchoeppe@tpchd.org](mailto:JSchoeppe@tpchd.org)
- 01:34:41 - Jennifer Ammons: - RRH (along with HCVs) may not be working very well in Pierce County right now, because there's so little affordable housing available to get people into.
- 01:35:11 - Sunshine Harper- CHAP Navigator: - Wow and it makes sense. Rent control is so important.
- 01:35:52 - Stacey Soltoff: - agreed. it's insane that WA has made it illegal to put limits on rent hikes
- 01:37:32 - Kathleen Edelheit: - We can help remove some barriers to housing, please refer clients to us if they have past evictions in Pierce County, or if legal financial obligations are holding them back.  
[Tacomaprobono.org](http://Tacomaprobono.org)
- 01:37:42 - Gerrit Nyland: - \$100 rent increase causes a 9% increase in homelessness - U.S. Government Accountability Office, "Better HUD Oversight of Data Collection Could Improve Estimates of Homeless Population," GAO-20-433 July 2020, Available from: <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-20-433>
- 01:38:10 - Sally Perkins: - the report is available on the County Performance Audit Committee web site. It's in the "packet" after the slides used for the presentation.
- 01:38:20 - Jennifer Ammons: - I heard that the boiler actually stopped working, and the owners have been waiting on a part to repair.
- 01:38:27 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Sunshine: the real-estate/developer lobby is a formidable opponent - but there are people in these professions who agree with us too.
- 01:38:40 - Gerald Daniels: - Sorry, I'm stepping away for a few minutes.
- 01:39:10 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Temperate climates too
- 01:39:29 - Laurie Davenport: - I heard that information also Jennifer, the boiler stopped working and the owners are waiting for a part.
- 01:39:42 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Org. Committee: - the boiler was shut off> known issue since process of sale began last June> unacceptable to shut off in winter
- 01:40:08 - Jennifer Ammons: - Residents of the McKinley Apartments (or anywhere else landlords may be engaging in questionable practices to force people out) can contact TacomaProBono or NJP for assistance. Several people have already encouraged them to do so.
- 01:40:17 - Sharon Seabrook: - where on mckinely is this complex?
- 01:40:26 - Jennifer Ammons: - McKinley & 34th
- 01:40:30 - Laurie Davenport: - Agree, please have those affected contact us.
- 01:40:33 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Org. Committee: - residents were given space heaters. cannot heat units are at about 60 degrees right now



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- 01:41:27 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Org. Committee: - also the residents are on a fixed income so they are having to pay for higher electric bills! unacceptable.
- 01:42:06 - Jennifer Ammons: - I made a series of loooooong comments last night on the Facebook post about the McKinley Apartments situation.
- 01:42:28 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Thank you for the work you've done on this Gerrit
- 01:43:08 - Calli C. (she/her) - Wellspring: - Any of those families with kiddos in the Tacoma School District can connect with their school counselor and get connected with the McKinney Vento program for referrals to Wellspring! We can assist with quick relocation and move in cost assistance/one time payments for stabilization.
- 01:43:09 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you, Rob and Gerrit.
- 01:43:54 - Timothy Harris: - \$100 = 9% increase stat dates to article published un Journal of Urban affairs in 2013.
- 01:44:14 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you, Timothy.
- 01:44:43 - Stacey Soltoff: - thanks Timothy. wonder if that data is still accurate or if it's gotten worse since...
- 01:44:44 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Human Services Committee - March 1, 9:30 a.m. - Resolution approving the Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness:  
[https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/council/iview/committeeMeeting.cfm?committee\\_cd=hs&meeting\\_dt=Mar%20%201%202022%20%209:30AM](https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/council/iview/committeeMeeting.cfm?committee_cd=hs&meeting_dt=Mar%20%201%202022%20%209:30AM)
- Resolution: [https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/council/iview/proposal.cfm?proposal\\_num=R2022-22](https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/council/iview/proposal.cfm?proposal_num=R2022-22)
- 01:45:25 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Org. Committee: - It is my current life's mission to Defeat the Camping Ban Ord 28756
- 01:45:53 - Stacey Soltoff: - right there with you, Cathy
- 01:46:24 - Ed Jacobs: - Did HB 1620 pass out of committee?
- 01:47:27 - Gerrit Nyland: - The above file has the EcoNorthwest report. Thanks for pointing out that it had been posted, Sally.
- 01:47:56 - Theresa Power-Drutis: - Rob you are the coalition's entire observer corps today- thank you for the updates!
- 01:48:10 - Sally Perkins: - I asked Mr Vetter for it and then had to admit I had not scrolled though the entire packet. :)
- 01:50:28 - Stacey Soltoff: - my 2 cents - NIMBYism & "it doesn't affect me (housed person) so it isn't a problem/urgent/important/worth my time"
- 01:51:14 - Carol Colleran: - don't see invite
- 01:51:20 - Stacey Soltoff: - I think if ppl cared enough the resources are/can be there
- 01:52:12 - Jennifer Ammons: - That's my sense too, Stacey. Momentum gets lost when communities push back. Lots of people want the site, but none of them want it near them.
- 01:54:27 - Stacey Soltoff: - but how many of them would not have a problem taking in their (housed) neighbors after a fire? it really is about seeing other ppl as themselves & what our responsibilities are to care for one another
- 01:56:55 - Stacey Soltoff: - so many of us are struggling under the pandemic. my income dropped 50%
- 01:57:41 - Jennifer Ammons: - My radical, objectionable idea is to capitalize on that NIMBYism by charging communities to not locate encampments there. Yes, that will result in them being sited in lower-income communities, but that's what happens anyway. Why not at least make the communities whose power and connections will enable them to avoid having an encampment sited near them PAY for the privilege they already have, and then use that money to help pay for the encampment?



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- 01:58:53 - Stacey Soltoff: - the economic instability will only stoke fears around homelessness & increase NIMBYism
- 01:59:43 - Stacey Soltoff: - Jennifer do you imagine some kind of property tax?
- 02:00:26 - Jennifer Ammons: - Haven't gotten that far yet, Stacey!
- 02:01:17 - rosemary powers: - Housing Solutions: Lessons from our neighbors to the North  
--info from former Gov Christine Gregoire, March Dones, Felicia Salcedo and Mary Flowers  
--discussion of what might work for pierce county  
--Introductions from Tacoma Mayor Vitoria Woodards and Pierce County Council member Jani Hitchen  
Organized by Continuum of Care Racial Equity Committee  
5:30 -7:00 pm, Wednesday, March 2  
Virtual. Register at <https://bit.ly/3RDk8L>
- 02:01:20 - Stacey Soltoff: - we can call it a Scrooge tax 😊
- 02:02:03 - Monique Brown: - Room 3: Funding is always an issue. We need some "out of the box" thinkers making decisions. Congregate shelters do not work because most are not 24/7. Individual shelter units on a piece of city property would help.
- 02:02:40 - Ed Jacobs: - Room 4. Barriers where people become discouraged and disconnected from the causes. Fighting the bias surrounding people that are homeless. Combined with the loss of Hope in the Homeless Population.
- 02:02:47 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Org. Committee: - Room 6. What is preventing new shelter space is costs including direct and indirect costs, liability, sanctioning process, What can help overcome this is defunding some programs while funding others that directly provide housing, streamlining the beaucrocity, and a commitment to counting the full cost of homelessness
- 02:02:47 - Monique Brown: - I was not finished and hit enter! Tiny home villages should be utilized more as a permanent housing solution.
- 02:03:07 - Meghan Brocato: - If anyone would like a pdf/hard copies of the brochure that goes over voter registration and casting a ballot for those lacking a permanent address, send me an email at [Meghan.brocato@piercecountywa.gov](mailto:Meghan.brocato@piercecountywa.gov)
- 02:03:34 - Timothy Harris: - Room 1, I think: Government does nt want to invest in the structural solutions to really address the issues because they persist in the comforting delusion that mass homelessness is a "temporary" emergency. They are uncomfortable explaining to the community why low-barrier shelter is needed. Lots of NIMBY pushback to siting low-barrier shelter that the city doesn't seem all that interested in countering.
- 02:03:44 - Gerrit Nyland: - A nice shout-out from the County Executive about the Court Resource Center and the amazing Dom Hardeman - <https://blog.co.pierce.wa.us/executive/2022/02/25/redemption/>
- 02:04:06 - PATRICIA .: - Group 5 > there is a huge spectrum from street to permanent housing... consideration of the steps it takes for folks from the street need to be softer & warmer & more considerate
- 02:04:21 - Jeffrey Boyce: - #10 Pack a City of Tacoma Council meeting about their apparent lack of effort, 50 people speaking will spook some.
- 02:04:35 - Cathy Pick-Tacoma Tenants Org. Committee: - Have another meeting at 11 am. See you next week!
- 02:04:54 - Sally Perkins: - Thanks, everyone, have to run.
- 02:04:58 - Janet Runbeck: - Rm 2. Top 2 barriers: government is too slow to respond. and Liability. Local orgs not experienced with sanctioned encampment management. NIMBY, org administrations not





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willing to take on new models deemed risky. ideas: find orgs willing to mentor local non profits to address concerns, including legal advise.

02:05:02 - Dana Peregrine: - a couple things came up as far as short term shelter solutions... A request for info on this very thing from Pierce County was done, yet still no response on what the County will be doing with the info - and funding these sites, because they do need staffing. The rising crime issue came up and how many neighborhoods and Business Assoc are pointing to homeless as the reason (this data contrary to the Tacoma news tribune article today). Concern with growing scorn and tensions

02:05:58 - Verna Lilly: - Thank you, Patricia!

02:05:58 - Jennifer Ammons: - Yes, "scrooge tax"! I know we don't want to make NIMBYism seem acceptable, but it does get traction and result in inequitable outcomes anyway. It seems like we should turn that around and take advantage of it.

02:06:28 - Jeanea Worley: - Thank you patricia

02:06:34 - Stacey Soltoff: - agreed, Jennifer!