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Rosemary Powers

Thank you, Rob. Yes, and good morning, everybody. I'm delighted to be here with all of you and today, I want to say of just a few words of appreciation for the contributions of all who enrich our communities with their history and culture and creativity. And to begin, we meet on the traditional homelands of the Pol tribe. of Indians acknowledging our debt to their stewardship of this region, and the need for action and addressing the continuing effects of historical trauma. We're reminded also of the contributions of other communities we have many monthly celebrations to note today is the end of Arab American Heritage Month that was recognized at the federal level in 2021. May has been celebrated as Asian American Pacific Islander month since 1990, in part marking the anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad primarily by Chinese immigrants. And we anticipate the celebration of Cinco Demayo coming up next week, which historically was a celebration of Mexican resistance to foreign intervention. And on Sunday, May 1, much of the world celebrates International Workers Day. This came about as some of you may know to to commemorate the struggle for the eight hour workday, and it was created after an incident in 1886 called the Haymarket affair in which a demonstration was organized and the organizers were found guilty of a bomb that went off during the demonstration that they didn't have any relationship to but it was a very polarized time. And so in a president Cleveland,



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though some of us may not remember this declared Labor Day in September and in part I think to take attention away from the radical notion of the workers rights that were part of that so ironically, much as the world celebrates may 1 as May Day and workers rights day know about the Haymarket incident while many of us in the United States its origin have kind of forgotten about it. So it may day and the effects of seeking just wages and working conditions makes me appreciate the role of those who work every day to mitigate the effects of homelessness, especially outreach workers and shelter housing staff who may be living very close to the edge themselves and the counselors, the grant writers, the creators of useful websites, the lawyers, the city and county workers, those who are able to meet here with us at nine o'clock on Friday mornings and those who are out being with the people who need the resources. So all of these celebrations are historically significant and treating special holidays and weeks and months, reminds us that we're interconnected in essential ways we too often forget, as the political origins of many of these celebrations suggests, such symbolic honoring can take the pressure off of efforts to achieve fundamental social changes and so can feel like window dressing rather than actually commitment to change. But we can still center our awareness on our interconnections. And Walt Whitman acknowledges this at the most basic level in his song for myself a poem that's often seen as a celebration of the individual, but he says in in the 1892 version, in a time also polarized politically, he says, I celebrate myself and sing myself and I assume, you shall assume, for every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you. For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you not a bad theme for our being basically interconnected, and bridging our divides and appreciating and fairly compensating the good work of our companions. So welcome. And we're about to start our meeting. So those of you who are new I just wanted to remind you of our norms for our time together. We have the raise hand function for when you want to be recognized and helps Rob to see who's in order for being heard. We ask you to keep your self muted when you're not speaking because background noise is quite distracting. Similarly to turn off your video if you're doing something other than just paying attention or participating in this event, and then we do use the chat as a really powerful place for networking. So put your questions in there, especially if you're new, someone will respond. If you have an announcement to make about an event, say it several times, perhaps people do come and go and they could hear hear this hear your information at various times. And just use it to put in your information about yourself if you want to have people contact you. So use it during the meeting. It's not disrespectful at all. And then I think we can have a little bit of time here for anyone who is here for the first time or a re coming back after a while away. To just use a hand function or raise your hand if we if you can't do that if you're on the phone are not able to be visible. And we'll have you introduce yourself Jasmine.

Jasmine Ratterree

Hi, I'm Jasmine Ratterree. I am sunshine Harper's intern for the chat program. So this is my second time attending this meeting.

Rosemary Powers

Well welcome and good luck on all your work. And who



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Theresa Power-Drutis

else is with you?

Jasmine Ratterree

Oh, I have two children. They're homesick so I have a three and four year old.

Rosemary Powers

Well, thank you for being with us. Yeah, Riley Hi Riley.

Rob Huff

Don, I see you're raising your hand.

Don England

Morning. Um, I'm here just well, Verna Verna Lilia suggested I attend a meeting I've been talking to her about what I like to do as far as volunteering goes, I was rather naive. She pointed out to me some of the things that are possible and I was somewhat overwhelmed. So I really just wondering what I could do and where so thank you.

Rosemary Powers

This is a great place to hang out Don and it is kind of overwhelming but we take little bites and work on them together and it is good work to do. So thanks for coming to check it out. Thank you I can't see the whole group. Rob. If there's anybody else that that's wanting to introduce themselves, you could recognize them that'd be great.

Rob Huff

Great, I see our good friend Monique Brown.

Monique Brown

I just wanted to be recognized.

Rosemary Powers

Well, excellent. You I recognize. Good morning, Monique. We hope to hear more from you soon. Thanks for being here. So thank you all and let's begin.

Rob Huff

All right. Well, thank you as always Rosemary for the thoughtful and introduction and start to this morning's meeting. Again, I'll reiterate please do use the chat as a resource. We do capture the chat at the end of every meeting. And it's posted on the PC homeless.org website, along with the video and the



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transcripts of each meeting. So that is a great resource that folks can search for for answers if they're not able to be here on a given morning so please use that. So let's shift to our first item of what we do every week and that is asking folks for updates of what they're seeing on the streets this week. This segment is really meant to provide an opportunity for those who are doing outreach to our houseless neighbors to understand what the new needs are what is changing on the streets across the county this week. So I opened the floor to those who are doing direct outreach and hopefully we have some good things to share. And I see Monique with her hand up to start us

Monique Brown

off this time. I'm being serious. I'm for real this time. So I was driving to church on Sunday down Yakima and I saw a new group of people I don't know if this has been talked about because it's been a while since I've been on here, but a new row of folks there on Yakima probably 25th area 21st Area they were they're gone. Now I see some back so I'm not sure I don't know if anybody you any of your Facebook friends of mine. However, if you noted yesterday, we have porta potties at the encampment. Ada and two others we have hand washing stations. And I understand that no later than next Friday we will have electricity. If that is the case. Then we are going to start just bringing folks in and getting them ready. We are all set. Costco donated a new carport for our kitchen tent. We bought a second one for the eating area. And so we're putting all that together. And right now on our list. We have 28 veterans that will be in and then we have two on our standby. So we're ready. We are ready.

Rob Huff

That is fantastic news. Let's see next on the list. Phone number ending in 5552.

Sarah Mitchell

Good morning everyone. It's Sarah from downtown Tacoma rescue mission. I just wanted to give a positive update that we've had so far for the month of April about 20 successful move out. A lot of them are relocations out of state and I am planning an empowerment day in at the end of May at the downtown campus. We're trying to get haircuts trying to get the VA to come. Medical Provider I've noticed that a lot of people are feeling discouraged when they leave the campus that they feel like they're just gonna get turned away because they're experiencing homelessness. No one's gonna want to hire again. No one's gonna give them you know, a second glance. So my idea is to bring people and agencies to the campus to interact with everyone and let them know that you know, they are a valid individual and to try to get services that benefit them. And I could post more of that when I get more details. on it.

Rob Huff

That sounds good. And Monique dosi raise your hand again.

Monique Brown



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I'm sorry, I'm gonna get it together this morning. I was I don't know who was speaking just now but if Fabo could table at that event, that would be awesome. Second thing I don't know if anybody works with families, but I have I don't know if you can see this airplane. And you see that airplane. I have boxes of these little stuffed airplanes. And I would love for somebody to come get them and put them in the hands of babies. I say again,

Erika Snell

I work with families.

Monique Brown

Okay, Erica at my site at at 208 Pacific. On the south a second seat street side. If you enter there, I will give you three to four boxes of these lovely Delta airline stuff planes

Erika Snell

any please put that in the chat so I can go back. I don't have notes right now. I've seen myself in just a little while and you'll get to know a little bit about me. That's really awesome. Thank you. I'll put my info and

I also work with families I work at the tiny home village onsets and orchard. So I got babies. Okay, well,

Monique Brown

let's say we'll share the wealth. We'll split them in half. Okay, at 208 I'll put it in the chat. Thank you. Sorry, you guys. I won't say it you promise.

Rob Huff

No, no, don't don't make that promise because we like to hear from you morning. Especially when you've got marshmallow shaped stuffed airplanes.

Sarah Mitchell

Hey, Monique. It's Sara from the downtown campus. If you want to reach out to me to join the empowerment events. I'm on my phone. My kids love to touch my laptop that's always joined via phone my email is SAR a w@trm.org. Thank you

Rob Huff

and I put that in the chat as well. So thank you sir. Yeah. Other folks with updates from the streets this week Richard I see. I see your mic on.

Richard



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Oh my oh my mics on this is not as I guess not as happy a discussion. Second Yakima North second Yakima has had a small encampment has been bouncing around and over the last couple of weeks has generated a lot of really unfortunate commentary on social media by the neighbors. Talking about harassment, threats of violence, using all kinds of stuff, and it's kind of an unfortunate thing. One of the issues that I run into a lot out there is how people talk about the issue. And when we've got these fairly progressive educated North Enders taking some really reprehensible commentaries. It's pretty distressing. But a couple days ago, there was a notice posted on the public strip that that was going to be landscaped enough that while this is interesting, I have not seen this yet. But what it was was one of the neighbors who has the wherewithal got a permit from the city to do landscaping where the encampment is or was so they were going to spend the money to buy the rocks and get the heavy equipment and put it put in Soviet style rock barriers so people wouldn't camp there. The campers Of course, lingered and they'll move a few feet then the next day, I think it was Thursday a person was arrested for accusation of homicide, and the police scattered debris all over the street in the vicinity picking through for evidence, I assume, by the end of the day. My days run together but I think it was the end of Thursday. The city had been out and had cleaned up the mess. And the man the homeowner was doing the work so it wasn't the city doing the work. But he was had a front loader and was scattering rocks up and down on the public. Parking strip. Kind of creative. kind of unfortunate. But if that's the way things are going to move over there, it's worth keeping an eye on. I've talked to a number of the campers who again will move about half a block they're hanging out around stadium thriftway and aren't going anywhere immediately. The other response a block up where Michelle has her encampment, the next door neighbor went out bought a bunch of the aluminum planter boxes instead of boulders at least has where they're going to plant some kind of flowers or whatever is their method of discouraging camping. All of which is to say this is really a lousy way for neighbors to be thinking about how to respond to encampments. I'm going to be doing some interviews with neighbors over there in the coming week. Just talking with them about how they think about people when they move into their neighborhoods. But anyway, it's kind of a mess. It's not a huge encampment, but it's an unfortunate way on how some of our North Slope neighbors are responding to an encampment and I'll be keeping an eye on that. Thank you

Rob Huff

Yeah, thank you for bringing that up. Richard. It's something I wanted to mention as well that because I live close to that site as well, I I've been seeing the chatter online where people are encouraging each other to turn on sprinklers to keep people from to chase people off sites playing loud music confronting those who are homeless. So the challenge is that folks are just it's disturbing language and the sort of thing that could lead, unfortunately, to direct conflict. And so, so that's one of the things that I'd like all of us as a group to think about and maybe we'll do this as a breakout conversation in the future. To talk about maybe what members of the coalition can do to help try to lower the temperature and that conflict between people who don't have somewhere to stay and the people who are housed nearby because especially as we get into the summer months, I worry about those kinds of conflicts. Theresa, I see your hand up.



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Theresa Power-Drutis

Yeah, I just I want to say that that's happening here on this blog, too. We have a lot more people on the board than we usually do. And so like we had one of our taillights got burned by a fire that somebody was just you know, they were building a fire because there's no place for them to build a fire. And so I get it, but I also get how my neighbors are feeling so I'm always trying to talk to the people in the camp about how important it is that we keep good relationships in the whole neighborhood. I think it's a two way street. And I totally get people who are trying to run a business. This really makes it hard. So I think it's important for us to do that outreach and enrich and around reach. But I also think, to pretend that we're going to make things nice for everybody without taking a stand as a city and a county to create spaces where people can camp like what Monique is doing. That's what we need. We are moving the the seats on the Titanic Titanic and we need we need safe campsites so we does I see the coalition's job as those two things been helping to make things better while we have what we have, but really insisting that that change it's not right for the neighbors, like these neighbors to be mean people are not normally so crazy. They get crazy because they feel like they have no space that is safe and quiet and good and everybody deserves it whether they have a house or not.

Rob Huff

Thank you for that Teresa. And Vern I see your hand up as well.

Verna Lilly

And Medical Reserve Corps and community health workers are collaborating on a public health pilot project. At encampments, where we're emphasizing STD education and prevention. We're handing out condoms and informational flyers. We're also handing out some healthy snacks as as a hook to get the conversation started. And we've been at the Seventh Street and Tacoma Avenue side across from the first Methodist church a couple of weeks, and we may move to another side and we're hoping that it'll grow into more of an ongoing outreach from our two organizations with a public health emphasis. So if anyone is interested in advising or has suggestions, I'll put my email in the chat.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Verna. And do we have other folks who'd like to share what they're seeing on the streets this week? All right. So if there is additional information that you would like to share, and you don't want to do so publicly in the meeting, you can definitely put that in the chat. Just another reminder about that resource. And let's move on to our next item in the agenda. So every week we've been doing community spotlights and this week, I'd like to invite Erica Snell to talk about the tiny home project. So Erica, you have the floor



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Hello, I'm Erica I'm gonna actually turn my video on. I've had some spotty reception at my house, so forgive me but I'm going to be in a public setting when well, not very public.

Rob Huff

No problem.

Okay, hi, America. And we are at sea center located on 100 and fourth and Portland Avenue. We are starting a project and we are working. We have a few of affiliations with Clover Park Technical College, we are creating a zero energy build site for homelessness. We're targeting families right now at the moment. Our project will host about 40 homes. The longevity of the program is we don't have a timeline but we're going to be reintroducing families back into the community with programs for training and job development. And that'll be affiliated through Clover Park as well. Our project we would like to expand it to helping men and veterans as well. We're in the beginning stages. Our first phase was the land development. And our second stage is getting everybody informed and doing some outreach to let everyone know that this project is starting we take referrals from anywhere. So any referrals that come our way. I'll put our contact information in the chat settings. Right now we're seeking partnerships to help because this is a big project. Our biggest partnership with Clover Park is going to be very helpful for building costs. Their Students are going to come out and build the sites for us. So it can go up very fast, where we just supply the building materials and for our budget analysis. We won't have any utility costs. And so this will help with our net zero, clean energy that we're also diving deep into as the community will be offering bio gas and if you're not familiar with what that is all the way like systems that are installed, are compostable your food waste or combo postable. It's just like a normal toilet it flushes but then the gas that is created is turned into fuel. For cooking. And then we're it's solar powered. So this is going to be a great project for women and children right now to get safe housing. We have a child care center already operating in a business development center already operating so we're just trying to get these houses up as fast as possible so that we can start serving community and replacing some people into a safe, clean environment. We are very familiar with the broken window concept. We think that everybody deserves a clean, safe environment. So our homes are going to be more of like a resort style and that's kind of a synopsis of our projects that we're doing.

Rob Huff

Fantastic. So do you have a sense of the what's the timeline for your project?

Um, so Clover Park works quarterly with their students and their necks to start from the ground up with their students that will be in September for build outs for there's an extensive amount of land development that does need to happen in this area. We have about four and a half acres. We're considering doing safe parking site as well. But the the building materials for that are going to be a little



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heavy. I know that we can have at least up to eight vehicles without permitting for safe parking that we're looking into so we can start serving the community right now. But we do have to be mindful of what we are allowing into the property with the child care services already set up and that's something that we're within our program we're looking how do we control background checks and you know, situations in that sense. As we get those projects, further developed, we're going to come into situations like these. We are going to need some input because we are new to building this program.

Rob Huff

Great. So can you share what's the location again?

I mean, it's 100 and fourth and Orland avenue that the exact look site location at property is 105 to 2/22 Avenue East. And if you were to Google around the clock childcare center or ATC center, it will take you to that site and then it's all the back property. The Portland Avenue exit kind of is right along the property. So there's a great way to get the access point for our citizens in need.

Rob Huff

Great. So do you have a moment for questions from folks? Absolutely. Yeah, so anybody with questions for Erica? Yeah, Teresa.

Theresa Power-Drutis

I was waiting because I've already talked today but somebody else if you raise your hand, I'll make myself brief. Erica, thank you so much for coming. This is a great program. I'm very excited to hear about it and actually see you after just having other communications with you. There are some people on this call who are great resources. Joe, I think is here from purpose here. He knows a lot about the tiny house stuff, as does and then Paul Anderson who's doing safe parking, I know that she would be willing to have a chat with you about that. And how you can do what you're talking about or how she might be able to give you some advice and resources for how to do that. But I also am curious about the this is a little off the beam but the composting toilet thing that's always been an issue for anyone getting permits for that and I wonder, is there something new in that area that you're able to get that through?

So there's different types of composting toilets, a lot of them you have to be really hands on with this is a system it's completely plumbed. There's no manual interface that you would have to worry about for like any back tie, you know, like equalizer, it's it's completely plumbed in. The citizens don't though residents they don't have to be so involved with it's not invasive. So composting toilets are different than biogas. I mean the concept is the same, but it's different. That the reason why we went with this obviously because we want zero emission you know, just clean energy and we want to cut the cost of



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all the plumbing that the site would take. We are going to have a shower room though as well. In that, in the business development plans will be an open 24 hour like type shower room, because they houses aren't going to have we're gonna we're gonna have two sites so we're gonna have houses that are fully built out and those are the level up. So when you come in and you onboard the basic sites, we're gonna get everyone and see where their needs are met. You'll they'll have the community shower room area, they'll have access to mental health counselor, and we'll start figuring out what we're at where are your needs right now. And as they move into the program and level up we have will have a more I can't say permanent, but it'll it gives them a sense of okay, I've made it to the next step and I'm doing good and you need to put those values in so it'll have a secondary program that they move into where it'll feel more like a home. Those take, obviously a little bit more money to build out. And so that will be on a separate side of the property where they'll have more access to the Career Development Center and stuff. So circling back to your your question about the permitting, I think if it The difference is that the biogas is a complete plumbing system versus composting where you're you're taking it out, you have to dump it somewhere. You're gonna have a lot of fecal matter coming in through with 40 houses so I can see where the permitting problem would be there, but it's not with biogas. Yeah.

Rob Huff

Awesome. Monique, I see your hand up.

Monique Brown

Yeah, thank you. Erica. Thank you for this. This is very exciting to hear. You said a level up to more permanent housing. Is this a permanent housing situation or is it all transitional?

It's all transitional, but we want to create a program where you're feeling a sense of accomplishment, right. And so by creating that program where you're you're moving, anybody moving into any situation is going to be unhinged and nerved. And we want to create the program to where we're bringing them in safe place, and more of a temporary setting so we can figure out what are your needs, where do you need to be placed? And if it's the longevity as a we can give you these developmental guides for you know, simple careers like CNA or EMT, or just for simple trades that we can get them into community. Even in working in a childcare facility or whatever the situation be. We can figure that in the first phase of the program, move them into the second phase, and then we don't have the timeline on when they actually have to leave. But it's just, you know, that second step program, we obviously want them to be able to go in main screen and move through the system. But for us, it's we don't want to have a setting where it's complacent, or it's comfortable. We want to give the tools so that you can be successful outside of the program.

Monique Brown



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Yes, ma'am. I actually have a level of concept myself. And if I could just make a suggestion on my plan when they level up they wrap around so they come back and help those in phase one to kind of be that, you know, sports person to support them. Yeah. Yeah. I love that. Thank you.

Absolutely. And I do have I think I might have saw him on here. I do have one of my business partners arrived. I'd like to introduce if he was able to make the call. I'm not sure if he's here, but if he is.

Erika Snell

Yeah, I am here. Oh, there you are tried. Okay, I'm gonna mute myself. Is

it okay that I switch this over to rod for a moment?

Rob Huff

Sure. Yeah, we've got a time.

Toroid Ryan

And this just takes like, I'm just introducing myself if you guys have met me before, I've been here for about five weeks now. We just moved on to Bonney Lake. Erica is a good friend of mine from high school actually, and she actually lives not too far from me. And she came over to bring me a housewarming present. And she we got to talking and she's like I've got this land five acres. That I want to start a tiny home project on. I'm like, Oh, wow, that's exactly what I'm doing. And she's like, okay, so we kind of linked up, and we're collaborating. We're partnering with the foresee coalition. It's a nonprofit that works with at risk youth in Seattle. It's been around for about 18 years, Hazel Cameron's Executive Director, and so she's going to be kind of navigating some of our funding side of things and Eric is handling she's really grounded in with groundwork and you know, business plan she started her ATC which is around the clock childcare during COVID. And it's doing amazing. It's got 36 kids, and it's next door to the land that we're going to be developing. And so yeah, we've got a lot of things in the works. We're thinking with ground development and everything. We want to have an established program by September. And so that's kind of our timeline. And so yeah, just wanted to say hi.

Rob Huff

Awesome. Well, it's great to hear that the two of you are working together art. Are you thinking that? Because I know you had talked to us before about doing something maybe out in Bonney Lake, was this kind of going to be a combined effort now or do you think at two sites?

Toroid Ryan



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No, this is it now. And so we were thinking about it. We were just thinking Harris County because I moved out. I worked for Mary Seattle as a prevention specialist. And I also work for the foresee coalition as a mentor and a recruiting agent. And then we have Seattle cares which recruits black male mentors to work with youth and so I've been doing this for a long time I grew up in and actually because it's a family business, and yeah, so she just happened to have land available and have the project in mind. And so it was literally godsend, and so, yeah, I don't see any necessary stops other than funding. And land development and so there's a few questions that we have and things that cuz we've never built a tiny home project. We definitely know the nonprofit industry very well. But when it comes to building I'm I'm at a loss and Erica kind of holds the ball on that because she's already started it and done it. And she's actually has a tiny home on her development right now that she's actually been frequenting while taking care of the daycare. And so

we've piloted the zero energy home to make sure that it's efficient so we're actually living in it right now. To pilot what issues might arise to wean them out before we bring all these families then.

Rob Huff

Fantastic. Well, I really appreciate that you were able to come and talk with us, both of you, actually. And I think this as this moves forward, it'd be great to hear back if you want to do an update, closer to the time that you think it's going to be ready to launch. It'd be great to share that again.

Toroid Ryan

Absolutely. This is not the last you've heard from us. Thank you. Awesome. All right.

Rob Huff

All right. Thank you. So I'm actually a little bit glad that that segment took longer than our normal five minutes because our next segment with Todd Gunther is actually going to have to be postponed to next week. Todd reached out to me last night that next week would work work better. So I'm going to shuffle a little bit with the agenda. And I wonder if you would be ready Timothy to talk about the breakout review from last week. A conversation I wasn't even here for so

Tim Harris

I'm ready to go. Are you able to put the document up on the screen?

Rob Huff

I will here let me make sure I've got the right document and our folks able to see that.

Tim Harris



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There we go. Okay, so let me summarize this. It was a really robust conversation with a lot of great ideas coming up. I separated what people said into three categories. There's the existing resources that people should know about this is by no means an exhaustive list. It's just what came up during the the conversation. But you know, good for people to take a look at this. And if there are, there's the secondary cat revenue begins my computer screen here. If there are other resources that are missing, you can feel free to put them in the chat for everybody's benefit. Other ideas that we would like to see for resources? This is a interesting list because it's full of common sense ideas that seem like they should be fairly easy to execute and probably are, are not. But some of the low hanging fruit in here would be a resource InfoPath pamphlet that just sort of lists out some of the available resources that would be available to people things like you know, I mean, getting people housing upon release is is very important and a lot focused on that. But somebody mentioned that, you know, sometimes people just need like a ride to where they're going. And you know, having support for that sort of thing is great as well. There's this mention here of a no wrong door model. That seems of course like something that we would need to work up to. It's that's you know, on the list of of Big Deal interventions that we can work toward this notion of being able to have brief interventions while people are still in the Pierce County jail system, which would look like being able to do some interview, motivational interviewing with people to help them focus on what their goals might be and how they could be helped around that. Seems like a great idea. And then, you know, several ideas for getting people straight in the house and this idea that, you know, like 30 Day short term access to housing should be a normal thing. Various ways that faith community can help people get into housing, things like that, and then there were a list of not so much sort of like, you know, interventions or resources that people would like to see but just broader policy ideas that were brought up during the discussion. A lot of focus on the sort of Red Letter aspect of being a felon, and how destructive that is and how we might be able to mitigate that in various ways. And one person talked about how, you know, ironically, when you are leaving prison or jail that that is when your support systems that you've developed while you were in jail are, are systematically cut off and that doesn't seem like a good idea. So that's, that's the overview. I refer you to the document for detail.

Rob Huff

Awesome. Thank you as always, and and as a reminder that that document is posted on the on the PC homeless.org website as well so you can take a closer look at it. There. Any any thoughts or questions that people want to add? Related to last week's conversation? Before we start talking about this week's breakout? All right, so this week's breakout takes a little bit of explanation, which I'll provide. So last Tuesday, not this week, but last Tuesday at the Tacoma City Council study session. The staff from the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services did an update regarding to homelessness in the city's homelessness policy. And one of the things that they brought up is a property that's at 34th or 35th and Pacific that the county is handing over to the city of Tacoma. With the understanding that the city will work with partners in the community to create a new and additional shelter site of some kind on that site as a temporary temporary shelter to serve up to 50 individuals. And in that presentation last week, the city noted to city council that in the next week or two they hope to be coming back to council



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to inform them more about what service provider they've been in conversations with. What the steering committee folks during our meeting on Wednesday, thought well, maybe the coalition in this week's conversation with each other in a breakout can help inform the city what would be the best kind of shelter to be on that site. So that site is one that has been used for campers, those staying outdoors already. But it's not been a managed official site of any kind. How large is the site? You know, I'd have to dig into the news release that came out from the city of Tacoma last week to see the size of the site but it's actually adjacent to a site that the city just had an RFP request for proposal to build affordable housing and Mercy Housing is going to build affordable housing there. Yeah, thanks. Jay. For the information that is 2.9 acres. So long winded way of getting into our breakout conversation. What do we believe? What kind of shelter should the city locate on the 34th and Pacific property? Keep in mind the types of shelter that exists already in the city and across the county and what's missing and what people might actually use because, because what we really want to do is advise that the city work with a partner to create something that actually will be used not something that furthers the talking point that people refuse services. So what I'm gonna do is I'm gonna break everybody into small groups of five or six folks, we will spend the next we'll spend the next 15 minutes having a breakout conversation with each other and I asked that someone in the breakout room, take notes, paste them in the chat when we come back in 15 minutes so that Timothy can create another great summary. All right, so away we go.

<Breakout Rooms>

Rob Huff

So appreciate seeing everybody I hope that was a good conversation. And please again, as a reminder, paste the information from your chat conversation into our chat so that Timothy can pull together a summary document afterward. Because we we don't do this just to hear each other talk. Although networking is definitely a big part of doing these breakout conversations. So hopefully that was fruitful. Let's move right along. One thing I wanted to share is that well, I wasn't here for the conversation about this last week. So I'm happily surprised to be reminded that this next week on May 5 at 4pm is a networking social hour. So this is what we talked about as having an in person. opportunity for folks to network and get together. This will take place and I'll put this in the chat. take place next week at to commerce Seven Seas brewing and tap room down at 2101 Jefferson Avenue and everyone's encouraged to come have a coffee or beer and kick back and get to know each other in person like 3d space. So that'll be something new. Let me put the information in the chat and just so that you know, that is posted on the that is posted on the PC homeless.org site on the front page. So where you go to look for other meetings. This meeting is on there as well, but this one's in person. So hope folks can show up. Let's shift over to our regular government. Updates. And first on the list is an update from the city of Tacoma. I know Caleb couldn't be here, but I believe Matthew is here. So there's Matthew and you brought a friend.



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Everyone here was my sinkhole. Tyler this morning. So bear with me. So yeah, Caleb is not here. So I'll provide some updates for you all. The bank at the Beacon Activity Center, the phase one of that remodel has been completed. And so they've been able to provide 23 beds nightly. But as of June 1, we'll be able to increase that capacity to 40 and then they should be at full site capacity of 50 beds in July of 2022. And then also for the inclement weather shelter at Lighthouse activity center. That's going to be standing down tomorrow. And all the individuals there are working on transition plans with the operator and we've served 150 folks at that site. And then as Monique was saying at Second Pacific we're finally getting close to the finish line getting power next week. So yeah, it's just been if something can get delayed, it's been delayed for this one. It's just been everything's a supply chain issue as Monique is well aware has been very patient and our staff has been great. So we're excited for that to roll out. So I'll put my contact info in the chat if you have any other questions. Thank

Rob Huff

you. Perfect. Thanks. Thanks for being here, Matthew. Appreciate it. And bring in an extra guest Thanks. Let's shift over to Jeff Rogers from Pierce County Human Services.

Jeff Rodgers

And don't have any updates for today.

Rob Huff

Wow. Wow. All right. Well, we appreciate you being here.

Jeff Rodgers

I leave all the good stuff for Garrett and all the work going on that he's doing. That's the That's a good county work he gets to share.

Rob Huff

Perfect. All right, well, that was quick and over. So let's go to Valerie for Pierce County rental assistance. Valerie.

Valeri Knight

Warning. Just real quick. We have a ton of outreach events scheduled throughout the county at the not only the Pierce County Library, but also the Tacoma library has been added. So that's super exciting. So I will put a link to all of those locations. We're also going to be out here at a big event in the key Center here in the next couple of weeks. And of course, our amazing partners at Tacoma pro bono are with us every step of the way. And so we're just continuing to move. I can't say enough about our nine amazing nonprofits and our partnership with the City of Tacoma and city of Lakewood. It's been fantastic. And one really we should all learn from so it's been awesome. So yeah, we're just going to



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keep moving. We still have about \$30 million to get out the door and we project to be near spending down by September with a permanent program coming online sometime by around January.

Rob Huff

Fantastic. Thank you for that update Valerie and for the good work and next we have Jenny from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department.

Jennie Schoeppe

Hello everyone. Nice to be here, a local COVID data so this is similar to what I shared last week that as everyone has seen, cases are arising a bit in in the county. Fortunately, hospitalizations and deaths remain very low and I looked at the data last night and in the last two weeks, there's just been a very slight, slight uptick but we are way down from that last peak we saw the beginning to middle part of January like I don't have the percentages right in front of me but it's it's it was a huge peak and we are still very very, very low compared to that. Every case every hospitalization every death of course is is important and we want to prevent those. But things are looking relatively stable. Washington doh recently reported that unvaccinated folks are four times more likely to be hospitalized. Their most recent data and more than two thirds of COVID deaths are among unvaccinated or partially vaccinated folks so still want to press that message that vaccination is the very best protection we have. So I will of course drop our Vaccine Information in the chat and our data page if folks are interested in that. Um, we appreciate you all raising awareness about our test to treat program. So that is a program where someone that in a certain meet certain criteria including high risk folks and folks living in congregate settings are high risk for COVID and for complications due to COVID. If you work in one of those settings and have someone who tests positive, you can connect them to the test to treat program and that is they can get a free telephonic medical visit and then get a prescription for for COVID treatment medication. So we are just trying to kind of push information out for that. I'll drop some of that information in the chat. And if you have questions, you can follow up with me. I may connect you with Matt Bergdahl who's the expert on that on our end? I unfortunately signed on late this morning had kiddo medical appointment partners out of town um, but I know Verna shared about the MRC work and with our STD team partnership to do a pilot project to bring STD and sexual health education and resources to people experiencing homelessness specifically at some encampments in Tacoma. So that's exciting. We're still asking folks to spread the word about syphilis. I will share our flyer and some facts on that congenital syphilis is up and we want to make sure that folks know that that is easily treatable. And so we appreciate you helping get the word out about that. And then finally, I just wanted to share, just say a couple words about our treatment services Opioid Treatment Program. OTP. I've been meeting I've mentioned in this meeting before I've been meeting with folks across the department to get to know what others are doing that that impacts or touches people experiencing homelessness, and I had an awesome meeting yesterday with folks in our treatment services and so want to make sure folks here are aware of the addiction treatment services. I'll drop a link to their webpage. If there's interest that team would be really thrilled to come and talk to this group about what they can offer, including same day enrollment into medical assisted assisted treatment. And Matey they do



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contingency therapies for stimulant addiction and they have many other services. They they take walk in self referral so and then finally I'll share our Naloxone or Narcan information. So every let's say Monday through Friday 8am to noon, at Pacific Avenue, the south entrance to our building, you can get Naloxone kits and brief trainings. And then if you're an agency and want to learn more and get that for your agency that goes through Doh, so I'll say all will share. I will share that information in the chat. Are there any questions for me?

Rob Huff

I see Monique's hands

Monique Brown

I did he how are you? I'm good. Thanks. Good. So I was going to ask this privately but maybe somebody else has a question as well. So you know, I'm going to be opening this encampment. I'm gonna be getting 2028 People coming straight from the street. What are your suggestions for me in terms of COVID? Do I test people when they come? Do I check bags? What do I do?

Jennie Schoeppe

That is a fantastic question. Things have gotten really like, recommendations have become a lot less stringent in terms of what what you should do. You don't my understanding is you don't have a congregates space, right you're doing everyone has their own their own space or their communal spaces. No,

Monique Brown

it's kind of smoking 10 in the in the kitchen.

Jennie Schoeppe

Okay, you know, it really is up to you. There isn't a there isn't a requirement. If you feel that that that would help you and your staff and would help others who are coming into that space to feel comfortable and then also like I said, we have that test to treat so if folks are positive. You can you know, get them right away connected with some medical advice and possible medications. But I mean, you could screen I can send you our toolkit that outlines sort of some it's a little outdated now but it outlines some like general screening procedures you could do but you know you're you're at a much lower risk since you're not in a congregate in a congregate setting and folks have their own space.

Monique Brown

In my mind. I was thinking we're outside everyone's got their own space outdoor and I thought, well, you know what, I'm not a rule follower. So let me find out. Yeah,

Jennie Schoeppe



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there really so the short answer is there isn't a rule, and you should do what you're comfortable with and what works for you and your relationship building with folks. But I'll send you a little bit of guidance. But really, you're pretty low risk like you like you assumed with no, you know, not a congregate space. It's outdoors. I mean, I would have all the hygiene things available. I don't know I haven't been on site. Apologies. So if you have hand sanitizer, you have hand washing you know, things like that. All that yes, signage about that and encouraging the good, you know, hygiene practices.

Monique Brown

Okay. Would be all right. All right. Thank

Jennie Schoeppe

you. So connect with you via email. Okay, thank you. Thank you. Anybody else?

Rob Huff

Not seeing any Okay. Thanks. Yeah, thank you for that update. And I don't know if we have anybody from Pierce County Department of Emergency Management on the call. So let's pause for just a moment. I know they can't join us all the time. So wait a couple of seconds and I don't see anybody. So

Patricia

Ivan, I didn't hear back from him. So. Okay. Yeah,

Rob Huff

yeah, they typically come on. They definitely have something to share or something that they could use from us. So that's definitely understood. So let's shift to the next item on our agenda. And wow, we are actually on time with the agenda. When does that ever happen? Oh, yeah, we missed a 15 minute presentation during this conversation. So that helps. So I was gonna do a quick advocacy update. Let me find my document that I created. So in terms of opportunities for advocacy in the next week, as always, Pierce County Council agenda has not been posted yet. It's posted later today. I did want to mention that we could hear about activity related to the safe parking ordinance. Later today, the county there's been a lot of chatter that the county executive may veto that legislation. But I have not heard an actual confirmation of that yet. So that will be something that will probably hear from the News Tribune or if you use Twitter, on Twitter, that kind of thing. So that's what I know at this point about the Pierce County Council at the Tacoma City Council. There's nothing related to homelessness on the study session coming up next Tuesday at noon. During the regular meeting, Tuesday evening at five. There are two large property tax exemption votes regarding developments. One is a grandfathered, private development think it was 270 units or something that is an eight year property tax exemption. That means that is grandfathered the your property tax exemption is going away. That kind of exemption doesn't require the project to include in the affordable housing. So that's one of the one of the changes that the Tacoma City Council made in that MFT II program last year. The second development is



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actually using the 12 year property tax exemption which does require a set aside for a number of units for affordable housing. So um, so that's what's on the agenda upcoming. What I wanted to talk about a little bit since I wasn't here last week, I didn't really get to share about the April 19 study session presentation that the Department of Neighborhood community, NCS and Neighborhood and Community Services. Did to the EPA study session. And Matthew, as I go through this, if you want to add anything, please feel free. I'm not going to do a exhaustive review of what was covered. I just thought I would share a couple of highlights among those. Let me bring up my photos here if I can find my cursor. All right, do a quick screen share and apologies I'm off for a week and now I forgot how to do things here. So I know this is a little bit fuzzy. But this is a screenshot regarding city funded shelter sites. And what I wanted to call attention to here was mostly around the stand down dates as it's listed here for the different sites that exist now. And note that Bethlehem Baptist church that has 40 beds Currently, there's an extension being worked out right now. All timer with Memorial Church with 32 units is ongoing. But Shiloh Baptist Church with 40 units is listed to stand down currently in September. So I just wanted to call attention to that the other stand down dates for the emergency shelter sites are out into 2023. But I think it's good that we keep track of that as we follow and try to help advise the city on the shelter sites that are funding across the community. Also during the presentation, I don't need to show the slide but the city talked about shelter work that's underway, including the 82nd Pacific site that Monique is going to open up soon with the capacity for 35. Folks, according to the city slide. The city also mentioned that they're working with the Brotherhood rise to add capacity for 35 adults at that site. So I think we we all want to see more shelter open sooner and more variety of shelter options to become available sooner. One of the things though, is that I do think we should acknowledge the city has been able to increase shelter capacity of various types by 527 spaces since declaring the public health emergency around homelessness in 2017. So I did want to mention that. Oh, thanks, Garrett. I'm just seeing your comment about the number of shelter beds being what you have Pink's fewer than what you see on the slide okay, I mean

Gerrit Nyland

I hate to quibble, but it is about 150 Bed different than that's significant. Yeah. You know, shelter operators are identifying like they list 40 at Beacon when really it's currently operating at 23. Right, which, again, they're going to be back up but things fluctuate all the time. So that's current current status or nativity or the stability. So I used to have, you know, I can't even think of the number anymore. You know, more more units, they have a maximum right bed count of that, but they operate about 60 capacity. So Scott, people got to quibble.

Rob Huff

Yeah, no, no, it's good to know what the real numbers are. So, in response to that study session conversation, there was a I'm gonna do a screen share again here to show a document. There was a update provided to the city council members. I think this is the right document. Yes. In the study, or in the council packet yesterday, that answers some additional questions that can't request for information that came up from council members, and what is covered here. And this packet, I'll put the link to the



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packet in the chat in a moment, but there was a map that shows the authorized shelter locations in Tacoma. You can also by the way, see that on the overnight shelter page on the PC homeless.org site. You can see approximate locations of of shelter sites. There is an update regarding the number of people who took services during encampment removals. I have opinions about this, but I'm not going to share those right now. And then you'll note there's a there's a bullet point here about staff working with Pierce County to compile information and provide information and a future weekly report. So hopefully that that 150 number can get worked out as that conversation between the city and the county goes on. And then every week in this weekly report. The city does provide an update of the number of people that the heel team contacts and then the number of folks who are referred to or placed into the various shelter options that currently exist last week. It looks like 28 individuals were contacted by the hill team to make it into shelter. So that is kind of a review from a week ago. The other thing I wanted to mention is that last night, the community vitality and safety committee of the Tacoma City Council had an update from NCS regarding city encampment removal administrative policies. And this update was to talk about the encampment removal process especially it was largely focused on public property, but also referring to removals on private property. The city since January of this year has done six removals or sweeps from public property on city and state property and this is just within the city to call the city limits. This doesn't include anything that Colin DeForest is working on with with the wash dot folks up in Fife and then the city's also performed nine private property and camping encampment abatements using a City Council authorization that came to the city in December of 2021. Richard did talk with us and provide some photos he's done so both on Facebook and and through email regarding the private property cleanups. So that that is ongoing The only other thing that I wanted to share from last night's CVS meeting is that Alison Griffith who is the I can't remember her title but she will soon become the interim director. For NCS mentioned that the city is looking at a system that is used in Washington DC to or in Washington DC they publish a schedule of encampment removals weeks ahead of time. There was a lot of conversation amongst the city council members who are on that committee regarding the need to to provide more transparency both for well for all of the community so that there's an understanding both about the process how individual sites are decided upon that one site will get cleaned up and another one won't. But then also to give some insight into when sites will get cleaned up. The other thing that Alison Griffith mentioned was that the city's policies regarding encampment removal to allow the city to create what's called an emphasis area where no camping is allowed at all. And this is I believe they didn't really talk about this but I believe this is outside of the conversation regarding a camping ban, but that the city can can denote an area's being off limits for camping based on safety. So there was a lot of conversation about in the City of Portland where sites are not allowed next to an off ramp from a freeway because of the safety issues of a car potentially going into the state. But Alison noted that the that is not being used in the city of Tacoma at this time. So So I just wanted to provide that general update. Like I said, I will provide some links in the chat for those who want to go look at this week's Weekly letter from the city manager. What I will say is that this administrative policy read like regarding encampment removal. A lot of us already know this, but it's all up to the discretion of the city manager the city manager is the one making the decisions about which individual site will be swept or which site will not. So that's the way the process is working today. And I am seeing the



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mention in the chat about Linda Stewart's departure. Yeah, I'd have to confirm that but I think that it's right Sally, that might be end of the month. So any questions about the where the city's at with in camera removable and all this stuff? I mean, I have a lot of questions. But like I said, that's another conversation.

Gerrit Nyland

I'm gonna chime in really quickly. There's sure there's a Fender meeting that has five and liquid and you all have come to come in Pierce County in it. And one of the things we have been talking about working on as a kind of a joint approach to encampment removals. So that's something that's in discussion would be having a consistent, a consistent approach to that. across the different cities and you know, you know, the tribe land and washed out own land and trained so that's something that I think there's interest in and that we're going to work on i It's one of those trust building complicated things and I'm not sure how it'll progress but there's definitely an interest in making it easier. Like, I feel a little bit like I'm doing the devil's work in some of this right, but I'm making, you know, making, you know, sweeps easier for the people, you know, involved in an academy removal easier for agencies to, you know, to engage with folks because of all the you know, the times and things like that. So just wanna let you know that I not sure that anything's pending, but there's there's a real interest in making it consistent so we'll see how that shakes out.

Rob Huff

Great. And you know, one thing I will plant as a seed that maybe we can pursue with the city is if they are going to start posting a list of upcoming encampment removals, you know, weeks in advance, especially then maybe that can become a guiding document to help folks do direct outreach to those sites ahead of time so that there's not the same kind of trauma involved with sweeps that we see now. Maybe we can learn finally, because we saw some it was a different approach with the Evergreen encampment last fall, where there were folks who were able from the lived experience coalition that were able to go in there and do some very supportive work building relationships before the sweep happened. And it seems like that would be a much more humane model going forward. The ultimate challenge though, is if we don't have the diversity of locations and types of shelter for people to move into, there's we're still going to just see people move somewhere else a block away. Jay, you had some thoughts as well.

Jay Warley

I've been working with our first hospitality over in Kitsap. And they just did a sweep at Veterans. They're doing that actually today. But and I've been speaking to their heel team in their heart team over there and because of the timeframe that they got before this week, it was leaks versus Hey, we're going to do a sweep next week and then going and doing it. There was way more opportunity to communicate with the encampment. More people got housed. If they had more housing, more people would have been housed. People still tries to move on or not go into services or not received services, but the assistance was at a much higher rate. And it was much easier for them to deal with. They're actually storing their



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stuff and they were able to tag their own stuff and decide what they were going to keep and pack it up. There was a lot more option, and it would really, really help imperatively from what I'm seeing over there. If we just have a couple of weeks and a storage option and humanize the situation for people that are going through it. And possibly having that ability gives the outreach teams enough time to stock up on the stuff those people are going to need after this week that is in destroyed or needs replacement anyway. So it really would give some people so much more ability to change the outcome of the situation if we had more time before the actual sweep itself.

Rob Huff

Yeah. Yeah. Thank you, Jay. And that's definitely something that we've advised in in policy statements that we've made as a coalition before it might be time to re iterate that. And I also want to note, Richards comments in the chat about after action reviews and maybe an action preview would be even better that was that was actually shared with those of us who are in the after action review from the Evergreen site so we can help reiterate that advice to the city and maybe there's an opportunity to do it not just with the city but with others. So all right, so let's shift next to something more hopeful. And that would be an update from Garrett on the Pierce County comprehensive plan to end homelessness.

Gerrit Nyland

Thanks for I think the update I want to give us just a little bit about what's going on with the community first village so one of the items included in the Pierce County budget this year is allocating \$25 million of the ARPA money that's the American rescue plan the one time funding to a project model called the community first village and I'm still just the teensiest bit unclear exactly what type of housing is going to shake out in that project. It's looking in the so this is a model that's based out of Austin, Texas. That is a lot of tiny homes and RVs and mobile homes spread over a substantial campus. And it's mostly permanent housing is sort of my take on it. But there is some I think some shelter and transitional so what that maps out to I don't quite know. But the 25 million is is kind of the beginning of what we would have to spend to create something and that site has I think 250 or 450 housing units. It's slowly been growing and I've not been tracking exactly its progress. But it's it's a neat site. That's um the folks that have gone there. I've identified it as being you know, like a really nice mobile home park. Right. So people have space. You know, things are nicely landscaped. And there's a lot of community involvement and it's heavily privately funded. And I don't exactly know what that means, like what their main revenue streams are. But less government funding involved in the construction. So that's a real interest to the county executive and the county council. And so 25 million was set aside and I mentioned that now because we were just closing out I think a week or two ago the the RFP for the start of spending that money and that's looking for an agency to do most of this work, but initially a feasibility study so that went out to bid through a public process and two agencies bid on it the low income housing Institute Lehigh and coma rescue mission and I don't know the decisions been made on that yet. They've done a scoring they've done oral presentations, and so on. But that's that's going to come out and basically looking at what what are the costs, what would it look like? How would it all go? They're looking at a couple of 20 acre sites. I don't know that one has been finalized, but they're, they're



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sort of in the the ones that I've heard about. And I'm living a little bit in third hand information, but the ones I've seen are there they're near Buslines but they're not in Tacoma. Right? So they're, they're typically along, you know, the one bus route somewhere. And I'm excited for that project. It probably will end up being much more expensive than that 25 million, just in terms of building and operating right there. Is an operating fund set aside yet. So I just kind of wanted to bring that in that's thinking that it's it's a model of around 250 units that's, you know, it's scaled to right, substantially impact right our ability to find housing for folks. So it's exciting just in that I think that it's a recognition of some of the the real needs and it would all be focused on people exiting homelessness.

Rob Huff

And Garrett, just to make sure I've got it nailed down to let me know if I'm wrong, but I believe this is actually creating it is using at least in Austin, they're using home lightly used RVs and and tiny homes but they are permanent structures are much more permanent, and it becomes permanent supportive housing, rather than a temporary, you know, micro shelter village. Right. Absolutely.

Gerrit Nyland

And that's, that's my understanding how it ends up morphing in the way Pierce County decides to do it. That's the part that I think is is sort of going to be shaken out in a feasibility studies done. And a lot of this requires some changes to zoning. And, you know, some some challenging political, you know, politically charged things like you know about density and where people are living and so it's gonna take a lot of community support. And I think it's neat because it's putting housing, you know, where we've not done it before. I mean, there is permanent supportive housing in Fife and Lakewood, but most of it's centered in Tacoma. And so it's nice to see some more being in communities that are you know, having folks becoming homeless, but not having, you know, housing options there. So I think it'd be neat to add to our writing, it's not the only thing we're gonna do. It's not you know, what I mean? It's, it's kind of going to be a different part of the mix and, and actually a lot with the look at I can't remember what they're called, but they're their mobile homes that are like kind of halfway between an RV and a mobile home trying to think what they're called like. Anyway, yeah, it'll hit me afterwards. But it's, it's again, bathroom, shower, all of that and but also facilities for more social connections, right? A bit more like acuity village kind of model. Yeah, because the one and ordering again, has showers, bathrooms inside the unit and then a central kind of cooking area, but I think these units will have cooking as well.

Rob Huff

Great. Well, that's more to look forward to and hear about in the future. I told you it'd be something positive

Gerrit Nyland

park model. I thought of it park model this work that mobile home is called. I was gonna get oh,



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Rob Huff

yeah, that's that wouldn't have come to my mind. Okay. So let's shift to the next item on our agenda. And that's an opportunity to hear from Jan, about safe sites for all.

Janet Runbeck

Yes, I'd like to invite anybody and everybody who's interested in safe sites for all to join us Mondays. At noon on Zoom, go to the coalition website, to register to attend the two big issues that we're addressing is the safe parking network. And we usually always are lucky enough to have Paula Anderson join us, who is the General Manager of the safe parking network and our angelic cheerleader for the whole program. And we're going through some changes because there's funding available and we want to we want to do the model right as we expand. So besides safe parking, we are talking about developing an emergency distribution network for inclement weather events. We're we're going to ask mainly churches to stock some items for our outreach workers to go to the sites. So far we've had Gerald Daniels from brotherhood rise agreed to be the fiscal agent, and Joe Purva from Lehigh housing. They're on Hosmer Street to ask them court to be possibly a distribution site. And so we want to be prepared to help our outreach workers reach encampments with supplies during inclement weather. So we talked about policy protocols, sites, budgets and all that. So join us on Monday.

Rob Huff

Thank you, Jen. And next is an opportunity for any other coalition committee updates anything that we want to share this week.

Rosemary Powers

I don't have any updates this week, hopefully.

Rob Huff

Well, that means we can move on to good trouble announcements, anything that folks want to offer that would be helpful for the full group. And feel free to use the raise hand function, wave your hand or just unmute and offer your update.

Gerrit Nyland

I'm just going to jump in. I had both emails and a phone call from marine Howard yesterday. So she said she wasn't feeling great, but feeling good enough to call me up and tell me what I ought to be doing. So I think that's that's a positive. So she's soldiering along

Rob Huff

awesome. Somebody's got to tell you what to do. Teresa,

Theresa Power-Drutis



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she got to be six feet under to not tell you what to do anymore. So I think you're good to go. I just I'm sorry if I missed this because I have a little time I had to be out. Did you talk about the veto? About the is there? Is there any news about veto no veto regarding safe parking?

Rob Huff

So what I mentioned is that I'm like everybody else I'm watching to see if that is going to come up today. It was my understanding that that if something was going to happen, it would happen by the end of the day today regarding the safe parking ordinance, but I haven't seen anything or heard anything definite. Although I've heard plenty of folks who have opinions, I think it's definitely going to happen. So

Theresa Power-Drutis

we'll see it would be it'd be kind of a crappy move to do it at the end of Friday when no one could react to it. So I don't think he would stoop that low. I hope not.

Rob Huff

Yeah, we shall see. Rosemary.

Rosemary Powers

I just wanted to remind everybody that tomorrow April 30. At this last day for comments to the home and coma project, if you've been meaning to send them a message about the importance of the work being done with any suggestions for anything they might consider. Do it today. If you can show your work day or do it by tomorrow. If you if you want to put it off.

Rob Huff

Yeah, that is a great reminder.

Rosemary Powers

And you'll find the information at the city webpage with putting in that home in Tacoma you'll get information about how to do it.

Rob Huff

Yep, perfect. And I put information in chat. Just to make people aware that MDCs withdrawal management program reserve resumed services earlier this week. We MDC originally intended to open with 12 beds available. But the last I heard we had 15 folks in 15 out of 16 beds full just a couple days ago. So definitely a lot of need for that service. So if you go to the MDC dash hope.org on the website is the link to the withdrawal management page as well as the phone number to call to see if space is available for detox. Others with information that they'd like to share. All right, so I also like to provide an opportunity at the end of every meeting for folks to provide feedback. What worked well this week. What was horrible. Should we just have somebody else host it because you're tired of seeing me. You



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can use you can raise your hand and offer that feedback directly. Now you can use the chat. You can also send an email to me at our Huff at PC homeless.org If you'd like to offer some thoughts, but I wanted to provide that opportunity now. All right, well, if I'm not fooling myself we are actually going to be able to end early. So I think we should seize that opportunity. So I hope everyone has. I hope everyone has a good Friday and a good weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.