



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting Chat – August 5, 2022

00:12:11 - Stacey Soltoff: - it's not a holiday I forgot about, is it? i-5 had like no traffic this morning too

00:13:23 - Stacey Soltoff: - I had "fun" yesterday so I needed the coffee this morning

00:14:07 - Stacey Soltoff: - I was soooo sad the first time I tried earl Grey & didn't like it! 🙄

00:16:04 - Stacey Soltoff: - when I say "fun" I mean "someone broke some windows at my community behavioral health clinic & then I ran out of gas on the way home"

00:16:17 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Oh no!

00:16:34 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That is not a good kind of "fun"

00:17:30 - 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.

00:17:42 - 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.

00:20:26 - Gerald Daniels: - Man I forgot :(

00:21:40 - Stacey Soltoff: - gerald, idk why you'd forget. I mean you have all that time at work twiddling your thumbs w nothing to do! 😞

00:22:25 - Richard Dorsett: - Out in the street today, the encampment at 11th & Cushman is stable, and has the impression that if they only have two tents, it is not ranked as an encampment. That may be true, or they may be so far under the radar that they are simply left alone for now.

Under 11th and Murray Morgan Bridge, the sweep continues, the numbers of vehicles get smaller by the day, and word is that chain link fencing is coming. A police cruiser gave a jump to an RV, I contributed a quart of brake fluid, and Mike may be on his way soon. An upright piano is available for anyone interested, or if there is a public spot for, it I can get it moved there.

Today's photo is of the NIMBY blocks along Milwaukee Avenue, a tragic failure of civic imagination. The Port authorized and seems to have spent up to \$300,000 for these mindless barricades and folks have moved on. They await discovery by Tacoma's graffiti taggers, blank surfaces for their vandalism. The sweep at 11th & Marine View Drive remains swept for now.

00:22:58 - Rosemary Powers: - "I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve (or save) the world and a desire to enjoy (or savor) the world. This makes it hard to plan the day." e.b.white

00:22:59 - Gerald Daniels: - @Stacey LoL its exhausting

00:23:05 - Stacey Soltoff: - @gerald I am sad for you that you didn't get to go & have chance to relax w other providers. you work so damn hard caring for others



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00:23:34 - Rosemary Powers: - "There is no passion to be found playing small in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living." Nelson Mandela

00:23:52 - Richard Dorsett: - Numbers grow and the encampment spills over the fence erected to keep people away from the railroad tracks. Vehicular encampments seem to grow by the day on Washington and South Adams, near the Habitat for Humanity store. Some outreach might encourage people to move along, but still, where are they supposed to go?

Business owners seem livid; some are angry with the homeless while others recognize the civic breakdown these encampments represent. Were there a recall vote today, perhaps it would be more than five on the council that would be sent packing. Neighbors around the encampment at 40th & South Fife are getting organized and loud; they have a meeting scheduled for August 18th to meet with police. Why they don't push for a meeting today at 3:00 I fail to understand.

00:24:01 - Kathleen Edelheit: - KOMO's reporting on homelessness is reckless and shoddy.

00:24:06 - Rob Huff (he/him): - This is the KOMO news story: <https://komonews.com/news/local/planned-site-for-new-tacoma-homeless-shelter-angers-neighborhood-residents>

00:24:07 - Gerald Daniels: - @Stacey Yeah, I was actually looking forward to it.

00:24:07 - Rian Booker: - <https://komonews.com/news/local/planned-site-for-new-tacoma-homeless-shelter-angers-neighborhood-residents>

00:24:18 - Sally Perkins: - 10th and L was swept weeks ago due to "crime"...the unhoused people are gone but the drug trade there continues...shooting this past Saturday there at 3:30pm...not sure why the blatant dealing is not being addressed.

00:26:40 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Is KOMO the one who did the Seattle Is Dying documentary?

00:26:52 - Timothy Harris: - uh huh

00:26:55 - Cathy Pick - Tacoma Tenants Union: - Jennie-YES!

00:26:56 - Jeffrey Boyce: - yes they were

00:27:03 - Stacey Soltoff: - when was this doc?

00:27:08 - Jennie Schoeppe: - yikes, that's all I need to know about their reporting, UGH.

00:27:13 - Timothy Harris: - about two years ago

00:27:18 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Stacey, that was a couple years ago I believe.

00:27:28 - Sally Perkins: - KOMO owned by Sinclair, conservative media group.

00:27:29 - Cathy Pick - Tacoma Tenants Union: - We have a better relationship with TNT and Lionel Donovan of KING 5

00:28:06 - Stacey Soltoff: - damn. how did I miss this?... oh yeah, I don't have cable 😞

00:28:24 - Cathy Pick - Tacoma Tenants Union: - We had a great rapport with Keith Eldridge at KOMO, but he retired recently :(

00:29:38 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Ill see if I can find it for you, Stacey.

00:30:38 - Timothy Harris: - so 1998!

00:31:11 - Jennie Schoeppe: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpAi70WWBlw>

00:35:15 - Stacey Soltoff: - thanks jennie! it'll be a nice break from my fundy snark videos on YouTube! 😊

00:38:07 - Stacey Soltoff: - the resource page is sooo helpful! I use it at work & share w the other case managers every chance I get!

00:39:14 - Stacey Soltoff: - the Emerald City Resource Guide on the Real Change News site is also super useful for folks whose coverage extends into South King county

00:39:35 - Rian Booker: - Tired...or hungover... :)



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- 00:41:08 - Zoe Grieder: - TMAC is working with several regional mutual aid groups to place a wholesale order of fire extinguishers for camp distribution. These have been really popular in the past. If anyone would like to get in on the order, please let us know! They'll be about \$30 a piece, potentially less if we can get together a big enough order.
- 00:42:17 - Stacey Soltoff: - @Zoe that's brilliant! idk why that hasn't occurred to us at the safe sites mtgs
- 00:44:28 - Richard Dorsett: - How to access advisory board?
- 00:44:46 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Information about the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness is here: <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7309/Comprehensive-Plan-to-End-Homelessness>
- 00:50:12 - Rob Huff (he/him): - More Gerrit. Got it!
- 00:52:34 - Stacey Soltoff: - at this point I'd take tips from cities doing it "less wrong" 😊
- 00:52:58 - Leah Ford: - ^ Yes!
- 00:53:08 - Sally Perkins: - Amen, Stacey!
- 00:55:56 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - Hanging here, no microphone I will be multi tasking
- 00:55:58 - Stacey Soltoff: - & yet you usually manage! lol
- 00:56:25 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - Yes!
- 00:56:26 - Stacey Soltoff: - I am also supposed to be mutlitasking... why doesn't my documentation write itself?!
- 00:56:43 - Stacey Soltoff: - you & me both, Rob! it's been a week!
- 00:57:41 - Stacey Soltoff: - glad you're here Maria!
- 01:02:04 - Stacey Soltoff: - speaking of tiny homes, it sounds like we might have some interest at my church in building them for other sites
- 01:02:16 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That's awesome, Stacey!
- 01:02:24 - Stacey Soltoff: - but we have no designs/building plans, or materials
- 01:02:39 - Stacey Soltoff: - anyone have resources that might get us started?
- 01:03:34 - Stacey Soltoff: - what does it take to redesignate an "empty lot" to a "parking lot"?!
- 01:03:36 - Stephanie Schermerhorn: - Pave Paradise!!! Wow that's some asphalt
- 01:07:56 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Hi Stephen. We are in breakout conversations, and everyone will be back here in a couple of minutes
- 01:09:58 - Nick Turner: - If anyone needs information about how Low income housing institute you can email me Nicholaus.turner@lihi.org I'm the manager of the 69th and proctor Tiny Homes.
- 01:10:18 - Stacey Soltoff: - rob, some ppl pay good money for those special effects!
- 01:10:55 - Richard Dorsett: - I'll look forward to Tim's notes on this breakout.
- 01:11:01 - Leo Gruba Tacoma Rescue Mission: - Rosemary THANK YOU for the discussion I look forward to continuing it at a later time.
- 01:12:16 - Jeffrey Boyce: - #5 a much stronger presence on social media and news channels.
- 01:12:32 - Gaiety Jay IPPC Referral & Matching: - Group 2
Hygiene & hydration for all - access to water, bathroom, shower (human rights).
Environmental Health – hygiene, weather emergencies
City Manager – dissolving, make it elected instead of appointed (sweeps). Direct action/protest. Public events not hosted by the city to let people really ask difficult questions to be heard and answered.
- 01:13:02 - Stacey Soltoff: - @ Jeffrey that is a very good suggestion
- 01:14:00 - Cathy Pick - Tacoma Tenants Union: - I plan on doing some media and legislative outreach. Please follow WLIHA for their legislative updates both now and during session.
- 01:14:20 - Stacey Soltoff: - @gaiety I like those suggestions a lot too



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- 01:14:24 - Richard Dorsett: - Up to \$300,000 was spent by the Port of Tacoma for the concrete NIMBY blocks on Milwaukee way. If you're out and about, it's work a look to see the absurdity of how our local governments respond to encampments.
- 01:14:39 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thanks for that plug for WLIHA, Cathy!
- 01:14:57 - Leah Ford: - Room 4:
Advocacy in support of ways to engage on more of emotional and empathetic level and more support around garbage and waste collection and pickup. Get folks registered to vote. Media outreach.
- 01:15:11 - Cathy Pick - Tacoma Tenants Union: - You're welcome.
- 01:15:56 - Stacey Soltoff: - @richard do we think community conversations about the cost & effectiveness (or lack thereof) of hostile architecture would be helpful?
- 01:16:02 - Timothy Harris: - Room 8: more advocacy on behalf of people doing the work. Sometimes funders are less than supportive and flexible toward those doing the work. A lot of discussion of how it would be helpful to have more of a shared and transparent sense of how coalition advocacy occurs. What are the guidelines and guardrails. What's coalition advocacy and what is not? would like a presentation and discussion. It's assumed that we advocate with and on behalf of unhoused. Who else?
- 01:17:01 - Laurie Davenport: - Room 6 - need more media coverage, develop relationships with reporters interested in presenting other voices beyond the NIMBY perspective. News outlets are telling people what they think they want to hear, it is far too easy to demonize people who have no voice. More people need to regularly attend city council meetings.
- 01:17:03 - Dionne J: - Room 10- some questions and statements

Can we get speakers and teachers to come to this group, and teach about trauma, secondary trauma, and the effects of trauma on the communities we serve as well as the outreach workers? We can all be better educated on the realities of trauma experienced by those we serve. We can all use tools to take care of ourselves as well.

Teaching effective advocacy- newer advocates need leaders who can teach strategy, effective advocacy.

In a group filled with people who can "understand", how do we effectively help those at the City and County level understand the realities of what those we advocate for experience.

- 01:17:19 - Cathy Pick - Tacoma Tenants Union: - Room #6, we talked about reclaiming the narrative from media hostility towards the homeless, through media outreach.
- 01:17:42 - Rian Booker: - Group 1: It would be nice to pick a theme or two to emphasize for a month or a quarter to maximize the effectiveness of our communication. Case in point, we all concentrated our voices around the weather event(s) and got the attention and traction with the city and community. It would be nice to gather around specific topics in a strategic, rather than reactive manner.
- 01:18:39 - Cathy Pick - Tacoma Tenants Union: - Room #6, we also discussed resuming attendance at City Council and committee meetings. They need to see our faces and know we're not going anywhere!
- 01:18:58 - Gerrit Nyland: - Stacey - regarding building plans - I'm going to put LIHI's Tiny House plans in the chat. It is actually four documents together, including plans, material prices (from a couple years ago), assembly instructions, and transport guide.
- 01:20:34 - Rosemary Powers: - group 7 ideas included the importance of drawing on personal experience in moving to advocacy (e.g. being evicted leading to work on tenants rights), the importance of messaging that directly confronts the NIMBY attitude but that offers messaging that build on the idea that a healthy community finds ways for all to thrive, and messaging that helps us face competing



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rights in a way that makes collaboration more possible; we noted the importance of activist groups and individuals lobbying local jurisdictions to respond to specific crises (such as evictions from manufactured homes/trailer parks). Noted that coalition does not have a unified message about advocacy, but encourages individuals and groups to invite others to collaborate with them and to work with respect for others.

01:20:36 - Stacey Soltoff: - @gerrit, can you email them to me? I'm on zoom on my phone which doesn't let me grab files from the chat stacey.soltoff@gmail.com.

01:21:39 - Gerrit Nyland: - Stacey - done.

01:22:15 - Courtney Love LEC she/her: - Group 9, Advocacy can be hard and we need more people to do it.

Organizing v Advocacy - escalate into organizing

What falls under organizing and what skills do we need to build?

Range of tactics - who can do what? Who is limited, esp by funding relationships?

Do we keep relationships or risk them? Is there a way to use the coalition to push without risking relationships between individual members and those in power?

Communication between providers who are limited and untethered coalition members to know what topics to target (county payment delays, etc) - while carefully respecting the impact of naming names - use examples without targeting.

To be heard better/seen - disrupt capital and make electeds uncomfortable - drawing attention of the media is difficult otherwise

1 provider, 1 untethered member, 1 w/ Lived Experience

01:22:27 - Stacey Soltoff: - there was a great interview on Today Explained about monkeypox

01:22:38 - Timothy Harris: - opting for options should be optional

01:22:48 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Optimally

01:23:12 - Betty Beer: - Valerie do you see persons that have been assisted, that are on waiting list' actually receiving further rental assistance?

01:23:56 - Valeri Almony: - depends on how the new applications go. if they get a notice to vacate they can contact their provider and provide that notice or contact Tacomaprobono and they can request additional assistance or expedited claims.

01:25:46 - Stacey Soltoff: - @jay & Jennie this is why I thought the Today Explained interview was so good

01:25:52 - Cathy Pick - Tacoma Tenants Union: - Well said, Jay!

01:28:04 - Leah Ford: - <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/monkeypox>

01:28:08 - Stacey Soltoff: - there is concern that, just as we saw irrational blaming of & increased anti-Asian hate after the covid pandemic started, that we will see increased hate crimes against the LGBTQ community due to monkeypox... in a pitical climate that has become increasingly homo & transphobic

01:29:24 - Jay Worley: - people hug eacother

01:29:32 - Rob Huff (he/him): - We sure do

01:29:58 - Jay Worley: - its contact and it came out during public events

01:30:04 - Stacey Soltoff: - less so since covid started, but yes

01:32:15 - Jennie Schoeppe - TPCHD: - thanks for that conversation, everyone, and to Zoe for the discussion about the importance of language.

01:35:26 - Stacey Soltoff: - the Home In Tacoma for All Campaign may have some folks that are interested in joining the housing committee. I'd say I am, but my mtg availability is limited

01:36:01 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I am in!



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- 01:36:31 - Sally Perkins: - I am interested, depending on the scheduling...
- 01:36:39 - Stacey Soltoff: - if you have mtgs evenings or weekends, I'd gladly join. I just can't commit to days during the week cuz #Clients
- 01:36:44 - Jay Worley: - I am interested.
- 01:37:16 - PATRICIA .: - @Adam > can you put the info & call out in chat ?
- 01:37:21 - Sally Perkins: - Can the meetings be recorded to allow greater participation at least to watch the meetings?
- 01:37:27 - Cathy Pick - Tacoma Tenants Union: - when the school year begins, I am available in the evenings. During the day I will be Substitute Teaching for TPS and working on my Master's Degree :)
- 01:37:40 - Stacey Soltoff: - huzzah! thanks Rob!
- 01:38:11 - Gerald Daniels: - Stepping away for about 5 minutes
- 01:38:53 - Gerrit Nyland: - Looks like there are 75 current members of that Housing Committee Listserv.
- 01:39:54 - Richard Dorsett: - I have ten cases from St Vincent's; thank you. Ready to distribute.
- 01:40:06 - Stacey Soltoff: - @gerrit that is like 65 more than were regularly making it to the meetings
- 01:41:14 - Rob Huff (he/him): - My Prius is definitely junk
- 01:41:28 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Necessary junk, unfortunately
- 01:41:33 - Timothy Harris: - did you say three years?
- 01:41:39 - Jennie Schoeppe - TPCHD: - Hello everyone, here are links from our team at TPCHD. TPCHD monkeypox page - this is the one w/ local case count: <https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/monkeypox>. There is a link on this page for a flyer you can print and share; info about how monkeypox spreads (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/transmission.html>; Info on safer sex and social gatherings (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/sexualhealth/index.html>; preventing spread in congregate settings: <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/specific-settings/congregate.html>
- 01:42:04 - Jeffrey Boyce: - My pickup has some issues! It's only 15 years old.
- 01:42:08 - Jennie Schoeppe - TPCHD: - omg so my 2009 Subaru forester is JUNK?! ;)
- 01:42:10 - Sally Perkins: - My weather app shows Sat 87, Sun 91, Mon 92, Tues 87. What this means in reality is four days of temps close to or over 90 in mid Hilltop..
- 01:42:32 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That is what I am seeing, too, Sally
- 01:42:44 - Maria McMurray Virginia Mason Franciscan Health: - Sorry have to hop off for another meeting thank you very much .
- 01:43:01 - Sally Perkins: - Mid Hilltop runs about 5 degrees hotter than the forecast temp.
- 01:43:04 - Stacey Soltoff: - the designation for "junk vehicle" sounds like it is more about policing class than about vehies that don't run or are unsafe
- 01:43:44 - Rob Huff (he/him): - That's how it sounds to me, Stacey
- 01:50:16 - Jennie Schoeppe - TPCHD: - so sad to miss the event last night. the one last month was awesome!
- 01:51:26 - Gerald Daniels: - I'm back
- 01:51:32 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Across the street from my house!
- 01:52:24 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Welcome back, Gerald!
- 01:52:51 - Zoe Grieder: - If you'd like to make a donation toward fire extinguishers, you can email tacomamutualaidcollective@gmail.com