

**Homelessness Advisory Committee**

**Phase 2**

**Friday, April 23, 2021**

**11:00am - 12:30pm**

**Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87195939231>**

**Meeting Facilitator: Chris Hutchinson, Trebuchet Group**

**Committee Members Attending**

Brian Ferrans  
Cheryl Zimlich  
Desiree Anthony  
Dean Hoag  
Gloria Kat  
Julie Brewen  
Joseph Domko  
Matt Robenalt  
Seth Forwood

**Committee Members Absent**

David Rout  
Laura Walker

**City Staff Attending**

Honore Depew  
Kyle Stannert  
Jackie Kozak Thiel  
John Feyen  
Adam Stephens  
Beth Sowder  
Brittany Depew

**Observers**

Pat Ferrier  
Kevin Jones  
Katina Norwood  
Jan Seahorn  
Tony Seahorn  
Hilda Yanez  
Lorena Mendoza  
Gisela Escobedo (Interpreter)  
Kelli Barber

### **11:00 - 11:10 Welcome / Meeting Logistics**

- Agenda & Group Norms review
- Review remaining meetings schedule and topics

### **11:10 - 11:40 Report Out from Subgroup Conversation**

- Shared summary of conversation from subgroup
- Opportunities for site-specific mitigation techniques
  - Gathered information from Housing Catalyst about their good neighbor protocols related to permanent supportive housing (PSH)
- Appreciate seeing survey results and good neighbor documents that were sent to members
- Wherever the location ends up, it will require some level of mitigation
  - Need to be considerate of residents, businesses and other factors unique to each surrounding area
- Consider what amenities can be added to the facility to add value to the community
  - Can building a shelter be part of improving a community?
- Suggestions for process considerations
- Review and discuss materials shared previously

### **11:40 - 12:20 Impacts & Opportunities and Mitigation & Engagement**

- Consider impacts and opportunities by location and for different groups
  - Opportunity to add other amenities at N. College site due to size - is this applicable to the Vine & Redwood site?
    - Site on Vine is larger than N. College site so additional amenities could also be added there
    - Downtown Development Authority owns property next to Vine site and was recently remapped by FEMA
  - Cost of land higher in Midtown than E. Mulberry corridor
  - People experiencing homelessness need to give feedback to these considerations as well
    - Feedback so far has been more about services being co-located than location-specific input
- Consider overall mitigation strategies and site-specific strategies
  - This facility will offer 24/7 shelter for the first time, that in itself may mitigate some impacts
    - North Fort Collins Business Association Survey shows some daytime activities that would decrease if there were better/more day options for shelter
    - Catholic Charities ran day shelter prior to the pandemic - main benefit was relief of pressure on law enforcement, businesses, etc.
    - Denver Catholic Charities site operates 24/7 and offers transportation to get people between sites, employment opportunities, resources and

- other services
  - Some behavioral issues arise from stress due to constant moving between sites, nowhere to store belongings, etc. and having one consistent place to access services could reduce that
- Can't solve homelessness issue by building a shelter - it's one part of a comprehensive, systematic effort to reduce homelessness and housing instability
- Northside Aztlan as temporary emergency shelter during beginning of pandemic is an interesting example - some successes and some challenges
  - Saw influx of people come from outside community
  - Would not have succeeded long-term
  - This site received accolades for its success in responding to COVID quickly and efficiently
- Some of the more progressive communities offering a litany of services for people experiencing homelessness have rampant issues with camping and other impacts
  - What are our boundaries as a healthy community?
- Continuum of Care's efforts - acknowledge the need for systems approach
- How do we pay attention to lessons learned?
  - Murphy Center was started as a resource center and has evolved into more of a day shelter - no other space has met this need

#### **12:20 - 12:30 Wrap Up and Next Steps**

- The Trebuchet Group will be sending a questionnaire to HAC members to collect feedback on the location options under consideration.
- City Manager, Darin Atteberry, will be joining this committee's final meeting on May 21.
- Next meeting - May 7 11:00AM-12:30PM

#### **Committee Purpose:**

Advisory Committee to the City Manager to consider key questions and offer recommendations regarding the potential development of permanent homeless shelter in Fort Collins.

#### **Key Questions for Advisory Committee Consideration:**

1. What amenities and services should be co-located with a 24/7 shelter?
2. Where can a new 24/7 homeless shelter be located?
  - a. What trade-offs will exist?
3. How can impacts be addressed and mitigated?
  - a. What type of engagement is needed?
4. What funding considerations are recommended?

#### **Role of Members:**

- Advise City Manager on key considerations from varying perspectives
- Represent community interests to identify opportunities and concerns related to key questions for consideration

**Group Norms:**

- o Speak from personal experience
- o Lead with inquiry and curiosity
- o Value diverse perspectives
- o Get comfortable with discomfort
- o Acknowledge the difference between intent and impact
- o Use the buffet rule (firsts before seconds)
- o Speak Directly and Honestly