



Homes for All Leadership Group

“Providing innovative leadership toward ending homelessness”

Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 9:00 am

DRAFT Meeting Notes

Welcome & Introductions

Commissioner Garrido welcomed the group and reviewed the Meeting Notes for 10/9/18. Any changes should be communicated to Kirsten.

Reports/Updates

i. Severe Weather Shelter Program

Kirsten Jewell gave an update on the Severe Weather Shelter program. The Severe Weather Shelter season runs November 1 – March 31. The Housing and Homelessness Division has been working with DEM and the shelter site managers and hosting organizations for the four Severe Weather Shelter sites. Volunteers have been trained by the Division and are getting further training that is site-specific.

ii. Housing Navigation Center

Monica Bernhard reported that although the project did not get funding from the 1/10th of 1% for Mental Health Tax grant program, they are still moving forward with the project because this shelter is so needed in the community. The Housing Navigation Center would provide 60-80 beds of 24-hour shelter for people with high needs, including 10 medical respite beds. The goal is to try to open this shelter by October/November of 2019. There is significant cost to operating such a shelter.

Kitsap Mental Health Services is looking at alternative construction models, such as a Sprung product, which is a membrane structure, similar to ones used by the local tribes for their casinos, before permanent construction. It is much less expensive and construction can be completed more quickly than traditional housing. Bremerton code does not allow this type of structure.

Monica anticipates a working group coming together as soon as a site is identified.

- Presentation by Monica about the Sprung construction method at the next meeting.
- Monica will prepare a 1-pager about the project for the next meeting.

iii. KMHS Permanent Supportive Housing Project

Monica Bernhard also reported on this project. This is a longer-term project. If everything goes well, it would open in mid-2021. A site has been obtained and a site suitability study is underway. They are working with the city on zoning. In early 2019 will be working to select an architect and start submitting major grant applications. This project would provide 40-60 units



of low-barrier housing for people with high needs to stay stably housed. This will be a community collaborative effort.

Regina Adamson is working on documenting stories in Kitsap County of people being forced out of their homes. Landlords are able to increase rents and buy up properties and sit on them.

iv. Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council – Ad-hoc Affordable Housing Committee

Commissioner Garrido and Mayor Erickson are working to put together a new Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Committee through the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council. The first meeting will likely happen in January. We need to get some concrete action steps to address housing affordability, which is different from sheltering people experiencing homelessness immediately. We need to look at King County to figure out what not to do – to figure out how to target our scarce resources in an effective way. The Committee will last only a year, but will come up with specific action steps.

Village Updates

i. Communications Team - Report

a. Neighborhood Outreach & Meetings

Gary Chastain, from the Port Orchard Church of Christ, reported that the church did a neighborhood canvass to talk with nearby neighbors. The survey asked more broadly what the neighbors thought is needed to improve the neighborhood.

Tim Blair and Nancy Olsten reported that overall they had positive interactions with neighbors.

The church will be hosting a meeting for neighbors this Thursday, November 15, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, which will have a similar panel format as the prior four community outreach meetings. It will be facilitated by the League of Women Voters and the Dispute Resolution Center. The panel has been expanded to include Lisa Bratcher from the church, and John Kiess from Kitsap Public Health.

There is a petition circulating among the neighbors that the PUD will not be able to provide adequate water. Commissioner Garrido confirmed with the PUD that this is not true.

ii. Physical Site

a. Update on Site Development

Next steps for the site development is getting the legal agreements worked out that govern the use of the property. The church has submitted comments which need to be incorporated and then the final documents will be sent out for legal review by the church’s lawyers. After the MOU/Lease is signed, then the permit for the village can be submitted after the designs are finalized. The permit process is estimated to take about 60 days.

The Health District has been on site and has looked at the septic situation and determined that it would be allowed.



b. Report on Kitchen Design

Judy Rae Karlsen reported that Project Share, the Boeing Bluebills, as well as many other volunteers have put nearly 300 hours into remodeling the kitchen building, under the AARP grant.

Trailer #1 had extensive damage that needed to be gutted and repaired. This also triggered documenting the project for L&I reporting. Tim Blair showed photographs of the process of remodeling Trailer #1, which happened very quickly. The Bluebills built a modular deck and ADA ramp that will be installed on site when the trailer is moved. As soon as T1 is completed, work can begin on T2, the bath/hygiene building. Tim reported that this building should not take as much work to remodel because it is in better shape.

Grace Episcopal Church has offered to build and donate the ADA bathroom facility. More groups are expressing interest in being involved as the project becomes more concrete.

c. Next Steps

Regina Adamson suggested various different organizations that will donate items or labor for non-profit projects.

2018 Kitsap Homeless Crisis Response and Housing Plan

i. Homes For All responsibilities

Kirsten Jewell reviewed the 2018 Homeless Crisis Response and Housing Plan and the items that fall under the purview of the Homes for All Leadership Group.

Discussion: What are the next projects for Homes for All Leadership Group?

The group briefly brainstormed some ideas for next projects for the group, but many people had to leave the meeting early, so not many were able to participate in the discussion.

Key ideas:

- The Housing Navigation Center
- Toolkit for other Tiny Villages in the county
- Labor-ready shelter
- Communications Toolkits – for how to run a successful community meeting.

Closing Comments

Regina Adamson commented that the new Kitsap Affordable Housing Advocacy Group is looking forward to working with this group.

Next Meetings: 9 a.m. at the Salvation Army
 December 11
 January 8
 February 12