



Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC)
Housing Subcommittee meeting minutes - DRAFT

Noon, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018

Third-floor conference room, Roseburg City Hall

PRESENT: Cheryl Carson, *DHS*; Larry Clark, *UCAN*; Lance Colley, *City of Roseburg*; Marie Dixon, *NAMI*; Wayne Ellsworth, *Adapt*; Allen Hobson, *City of Winston*; Justin Mathison, *Cow Creek Tribe*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LPSCC Coordinator*;

ABSENT: Paul Coffelt, *DHS*; Mike Fieldman, *UCAN*; Aric Fromdahl, *Juvenile Department*; Janeal Kohler, *Douglas County Housing Authority*; Karan Reed, *NeighborWorks Umpqua*; Arielle Reid, *Neighborworks Umpqua*;

GUESTS: Stuart Cowie and Ricky Hoffman, *Roseburg Community Development Department*

Housing Subcommittee Chair Allen Hobson opened the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL: *Marie Dixon moved to approve the draft minutes from the Sept. 12 meeting. Wayne Ellsworth seconded. Motion passed.*

UPDATES

- **Second Chance Tour** – About 100 people attended the Second Chance Tour at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on Sept. 19. Panels of Second Chance employers and employees shared their stories, and audience members participated in a re-entry simulation to experience re-entry barriers firsthand. The Roseburg News-Review covered the event:
https://www.nrtoday.com/news/local/roseburg/employers-learn-how-to-give-former-inmates-a-second-chance/article_ad41afd4-0ddb-5c52-b7fe-5dae37e8dd8b.html
- **Transitional Housing Fund** – The Justice Reinvestment-funded Transitional Housing Fund is up and running, and 4-5 initial participants have been approved for the program. Program startup was delayed in recent months as administration details were sorted out.
- **Transitional housing lists** – LPSCC Coordinator has not yet distributed the transitional housing lists developed by the Subcommittee for providers and clients. Wayne Ellsworth and Cheryl Carson have begun distributing the list. **ACTION:** *LPSCC Coordinator will conduct outreach.*

ROSEBURG HOUSING NEEDS ANALYSIS

City of Roseburg Community Development Director Stuart Cowie and Planner Ricky Hoffman gave a brief presentation about Roseburg's upcoming Housing Needs Analysis and Buildable Lands Inventory. Key points included:

- **Housing a priority** - Roseburg City Council has identified housing as a priority area

- **DLCD** - Department of Land Conservation and Development is providing funding for Roseburg to hire a consultant to work with private firm EcoNW on this project. Project will look at housing stock, vacancy rates, available land, barriers to development, codes and more.
- **Homelessness component** - Roseburg also received \$25,000 from the Ford Family Foundation to examine homelessness-related needs. A consultant will be hired for this aspect of the project and will work with UCAN to refine its Point-in-Time Homelessness Count.
- **Policy** - Housing Needs Analysis and Buildable Land inventory will inform future housing policy discussions
- **Outreach** - Cowie and Hoffman are seeking to connect with local service providers to learn more about housing and homelessness needs.

Discussion points with the group included:

- **Homelessness definition** - Cheryl Carson asked if the definition of homelessness is limited to people living on the street. Lance Colley said it is broader.
- **OHCS** - Wayne Ellsworth said Connor McDonnell of Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) is planning to visit Roseburg to attend an HTAG meeting.
- **Cow Creek Tribe** - Justin Mathison offered to provide Roseburg with housing-related data compiled by the Cow Creek Tribe. The Tribe will soon have mitigation credits that it plans to sell.
- **DHS data** – Cheryl Carson offered to share numbers of people receiving SNAP/homelessness benefits in Douglas County. Lance asked if that could be broken down by census tract, noting that the analysis will focus on Roseburg’s urban growth boundary area.
- **Housing list** – A housing-resource list is available on the ESD website. UCAN also has a list, and there may be a link to one on Roseburg’s website.
- **Public transit** – Lance Colley said a more robust transit system would simplify housing for many folks who would be able to commute to work or school by bus.

ACTION: *LPSCC Coordinator will share the Housing Subcommittee contact list with Cowie and Hoffman. Coordinator will also contact Connor McDonnell to invite him to attend a Subcommittee meeting in person and will obtain existing housing lists.*

SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS & PROJECTS

The discussion on Subcommittee goals and projects was postponed until the November meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Noon, Wednesday, Nov. 14

Mission statement: *“The LPSCC Housing Subcommittee’s mission is to increase the availability and affordability of re-entry housing in Douglas County.”*

Vision statement: *“A safe and healthy community where those in re-entry from incarceration have a place to live and there is sufficient affordable housing, including for veterans, those with mental illness, people in recovery and others.”*