



ROSEBURG HOMELESS COMMISSION AGENDA
Monday, September 23, 2024
Roseburg City Hall, Council Chambers
900 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg

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9-20-2024

11:00 A.M. Regular Meeting

NOTE: IT IS UP TO EACH OF YOU AS COMMISSIONERS TO CALL 541-492-6866 AND LET STAFF KNOW BEFORE THE DAY OF THE MEETING IF YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING. THANK YOU.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL:

Chair: Larry Rich
Commissioners: Michelle Moore Gene McVae
 Shaun Pritchard Shelley Briggs Loosley
 Ken Averett Keith Lowther

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 26, 2024 – Regular Meeting

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – *Comments on Agenda Items Only can be provided in person during the meeting, virtually through Zoom or hand delivered to City Hall, 900 SE Douglas Avenue in Roseburg, prior to 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. To provide comments via Zoom, contact the City Recorder's office at info@roseburgor.gov to get the link to the meeting. Comments must include the person's name and address for the record. The Commission reserves the right to delay any action requested until they are fully informed on the matter.*

Each speaker will be allotted a total of 4 minutes. All testimony given shall be new and not have been previously presented to Commission. A total of 15 minutes shall be allocated for the "Audience Participation" portion of the meeting.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Partner Agency – Bed Count
- B. Learn More About the Roseburg Rescue Mission
- C. Roundtable – Partner Updates

V. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE: October 28, 2024

VII. INFORMATIONAL

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF THE ROSEBURG
HOMELESS COMMISSION MEETING
August 26, 2024**

A meeting of the Homeless Commission was called to order by Chair Larry Rich at 11:01 a.m. on Monday, August 26, 2024, City Council Chamber at 900 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg, Oregon.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Larry Rich, Commissioners Shelley Briggs Loosley, Keith Lowther, Gene McVae, Michelle Moore, and Shaun Pritchard

Absent: Ken Averett

Others: City Manager Nikki Messenger, City Attorney Jim Forrester, City Recorder Amy Nytes, Captain Jeremy Sanders, Management Assistant Grace Jelks, Navigation Center Staff members Nicole Brown and Melissa Sapp, and KPIC Reporter Rigo Aguilera

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Briggs Loosley moved to approve the April 22, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pritchard and approved with the following vote: Chair Rich, Commissioners Briggs Loosley, Lowther, McVae, Moore, and Pritchard voted yes. No Commissioners voted no. The motion passed unanimously.

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Chair Rich and Forrester presented the Prohibited Camping Code Amendment. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner comments and questions included clarification of what proof the court will accept regarding program participation, impact on the campsite at Elk Island, there is another camp at the Point, camping could be eliminated if people choose to accept the resources available, not everyone will to accept the resources available because of there will be rules to follow, whether the beds available in the shelters will offer enough space, tents and urban campgrounds do not qualify for many grant opportunities because they do not meet HUD standards, Adapt is remodeling and adding more beds, they have a waiting list, beds are for substance abuse and mental health issues, outreach is happening at campsites, Cow Creek has beds for tribal members experiencing a variety of issues located throughout the County, whether there are enough

resources to enforce and eliminate campsites, clarification of the exclusion notice process, there is a lot of grant money being allocated for resources right now, we should find out how many different organizations have beds available and what the need really is, the Navigation Center has a list of resources and rapid rehousing money options, there seems to be a low barrier to share information and get help across many agencies, FARA and Peace at Home are planning to open a youth shelter in January, Adapt is hiring new housing navigators, Sutherlin has an urban campground and Roseburg has shelters, and whether there is an opportunity to work closer with Sutherlin.

Chair Rich discussed recent legislation that might affect the decision on whether a campsite is still needed, means that we continue to have enough resources to house people if they choose, and removed challenges to existing programs based religious affiliation.

Messenger clarified the Elk Island property is privately owned under a permit program that allows ten tents per site, the other campsite is off Pine Street, and we are adding back the exclusion zone area language.

Forrester clarified that he is unsure if the court will accept anything other than written proof of program participation, representatives from partner agencies have been appearing at morning arraignments, we are adding the exclusion zone list of crimes back into the ordinance, HB 3115 is still in effect in Oregon, and there are still cases and final rulings pending.

Sanders shared the Mission had 113 beds available in July, never turned a homeless person away due to space, they are more low barrier than previously thought, they will allow some alcohol consumption and people under the influence as long as they are not a behavior problem, the Samaritan Inn has 110 beds total for women and children, belief that the Mission offers more space than an urban campground, the Supreme Court decision allows more enforcement, we estimate about 150 unhoused based on what we see regularly, there are not enough resources or officers to completely enforce and eliminate prohibited camping, some people will continue to camp and accept criminal citations, we are hoping the new ruling will help us gain compliance, and having an exclusion zone is effective.

Commissioners supported finding out how many beds are available with all the different agencies, continue gathering information to identify and address the needs of the community, and keep monitoring the situation.

- B. Chair Rich presented the Commission Focus/Future. Discussion ensued. Commissioner comments and questions included clarification that work group sessions need to be public, reporting out could be helpful,

clarification of when HB 3115 will have a final decision, court diversion programs, and grant funds are available for a deflection program.

Forrester clarified that work group meetings need to be public, HB 3115 is effective now, it allows cities to enforce Time/Place/Manner as long as it is objectively reasonable, it is expected to be challenged, and the outcome will define what we can and cannot do.

Sanders clarified there is a transitional court program, mental health court program through the County, reversal of decriminalized drugs begins in September, and we do not yet know what the impact on enforcement efforts.

The Commission agreed that members will continue to provide updates from their respective agencies and meet monthly. For the September meeting, each Commission member will provide the following information to the City Recorder in order to compile an inventory of resources:

- What do you think is important for the public to know about your agency regarding homelessness?
- Changes and/or updates from the Navigation Center.
- Changes and/or updates from law enforcement.
- Bed count – total number and currently available.

C. Melissa Sapp and Nicole Brown gave a presentation on The Gary Lief Navigation Center.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

None.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled on September 23, 2024.

7. INFORMATIONAL

None.

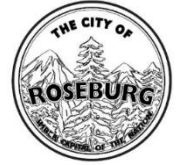
ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rich adjourned the Roseburg Homeless Commission meeting at 11:48 p.m.

Grace Jelks

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Management Staff Assistant

ROSEBURG HOMELESS COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



September 23, 2024 Meeting

Meeting Date: September 23, 2024
Department: Administration
www.cityofroseburg.org

Agenda Section: Discussion Items
Staff Contact: Larry Rich, Nikki Messenger
Contact Telephone Number: 541-492-6866

ISSUE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

Three items are scheduled for the September 23, 2024, Homeless Commission meeting. Below is a brief description of each.

A. Partner Agency – Bed Count

At the August meeting, the Commission discussed putting together a tally of temporary and/or transitional bed spaces available within the community. Each Commission member is asked to bring a 'bed count' from their organization.

B. Learn More About the Roseburg Rescue Mission

Executive Director Lynn Antis will attend the meeting to share information about the Roseburg Rescue Mission and their programs.

C. Roundtable – Partner Updates

This is an opportunity for each Commission member to share updates regarding their organizations, especially any programs or projects that are targeted at preventing homelessness or helping individuals that are currently experiencing homelessness.