



ROSEBURG HOMELESS COMMISSION AGENDA
Monday, February 24, 2025
Roseburg City Hall, Council Chambers
900 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg

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2-20-2025

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: Shelley Briggs Loosley
Commissioners: Michelle Moore (Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians)
Gene McVae (Adapt)
Shaun Pritchard (UCAN)
Ken Averett (Aviva Health)
Keith Lowther (Umpqua Health Alliance)
Vacant (At-Large)
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III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 23, 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. Elect Vice-Chair
- B. Camp Clean-up Process (Chief Gary Klopfenstein, Roseburg Police Department)
- C. Updates on Navigation Center and Warming Centers (Holly Fifield, UCAN Director of Housing Stabilization)

V. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE: March 24, 2025

VII. INFORMATIONAL

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF THE ROSEBURG
HOMELESS COMMISSION MEETING
September 23, 2024**

A meeting of the Homeless Commission was called to order by Chair Larry Rich at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 23, 2024, City Council Chamber at 900 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg, Oregon.

1. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Moore

Others: City Manager Nikki Messenger, City Recorder Amy Nytes, Captain Jeremy Sanders, Community Development Director Stu Cowie, and Peace at Home Advocacy Center Youth and Housing Project Manager Thomas McGregor

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Briggs Loosley moved to approve the August 26, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McVae and approved with the following vote: Chair Rich, Commissioners Averett, Briggs Loosley, Lowther, McVae, and Pritchard voted yes. No Commissioners voted no. The motion passed unanimously.

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Partner Agency – Bed Count

Commissioner Lowther reported that Umpqua Health Alliance (UHA) does not have beds. Commissioner Averett shared that Aviva Health also does not have bed facilities.

Commissioner Pritchard stated that the Navigations Center has a capacity of approximately 55 beds. Additionally, UCAN has around 40 residential units primarily for alcohol and drug recovery. In response to Mayor Rich, Commissioner Pritchard noted that there are about 10 openings in their residential units, and efforts are underway to fill these vacancies.

Commissioner McVae shared that Progress Point currently has 11 beds, with three more room nearing completion, which will increase the total to 14 beds. They also have a 52-bed motel downtown, currently with 18 occupants, as they are beginning a phased remodeling process. This housing is mainly for mental health needs, with 10 rooms allocated for

UHA patients with medical needs. In response to Mayor Rich, Commissioner McVae clarified that Progress Point is temporary housing, but the downtown motel location will be intended for permanent housing as needed.

Thomas McGregor reported that Peace at Home operates a non-congregate shelter facility outside of city limits, which can house approximately 100 individuals. They also have five transitional housing units for families in Roseburg. Plans are in process to open a “Youth Housing Campus” with five units for 18-22-year-olds in early 2025. They are working with FARA to operate a two-bedroom unit for unaccompanied youth in crisis for shelter and highlighted the challenges these youth face in accessing homelessness services.

Mayor Rich read an email from Lynn Antis with the Roseburg Rescue Mission, which reported that they have a total of 233 beds, with 123 beds at the men’s shelter and 110 beds at the Samaritan Inn.

In response to Commissioner Briggs Loosley, Mayor Rich stated staff would compile the numbers and provide them to the Commission.

- B. Learn More About the Roseburg Rescue Mission
Mayor Rich referred Commission member to reference the email provided by the Roseburg Rescue Mission.
- C. Roundtable – Partner Updates.
Commissioner Lowther shared that UHA has roughly 40,000 members in Douglas County. He provided insights into the homeless population and demographics.

Commissioner Averett stated that Aviva serves many UHA patients. Their services include community health workers who are engage with the under-housed populations, identifying needs and facilitating access to community services.

Commissioner Pritchard highlighted that the Gary Leif Navigation Center has transitioned 16 individuals, including several families with children, into stable housing over the last month. He also discussed the “rapid re-housing” initiative, which moves people directly from the streets into housing.

Commissioner McVae shared Adapt has a team of peers who regularly engage with the homeless community to identify needs. Housing peers assist individuals in finding and maintaining housing, acting as advocates and helping resolves issues that may affect housing stability. The shower

trailer, currently under repair after being hit by a vehicle, is expected to be operational soon.

Captain Sanders announced the new ordinance will take effect on October 26. He clarified that the new measures are based on convictions rather than citations.

Cowie shared information on RV or tent camping options for private property owners.

In response to Messenger, Captain Sanders explained that notifications about the new regulations effective October 26 are being distributed to the homeless community. Designated staff members are providing literature to educate individuals about the new rules before they take effect.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

In response to Commissioner Averett, Mayor Rich stated that the operator for Hastings Village in Sutherlin has changed. No additional information was provided.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled on October 28, 2024.

7. INFORMATIONAL

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rich adjourned the Roseburg Homeless Commission meeting at 11:27 a.m.

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