OVERVIEW

• Updates
  • Hygiene Station Pilot Program
  • Trash and Debris Pilot Programs
  • Draft 5-Year City Homeless Strategy

• Recommendation
  • Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization Site

Purpose of Today’s Presentation
BACKGROUND

• 2/23/21 Study Session Update
  • COVID 19 Impacts
  • Shelter Inventory in Tacoma
  • Homeless Strategy

Commitment to Keeping Council Informed
Hygiene Station Pilot Program

Services:
• Restrooms
• Hand washing stations
• Trash removal
• Security 6 PM – 6 AM

Essential Services Support a Safe and Healthy Community
Trash and Debris Pilot Programs

- Bio-hazardous waste removal
  - Pilot March-May
- Litter and debris removal in rights of way
  - Pilot March-June
- HIRE program employing individuals experiencing homelessness for litter and debris removal and landscape beautification skills training
  - Pilot April-December

Garbage and Debris Collection Support a Safe and Healthy Community
Draft 5-Year Homeless Strategy

The City’s 5-Year Strategy will Identify Effective Actions to Attain Outcomes

- Address racial disparities in the homeless system
- Provide stabilization efforts to those experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness or recently housed
- Address Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder in the Homeless System
- Improve homeless system responsiveness to better meet the needs of those they serve
- Support unsheltered individuals while addressing community impacts of homelessness
Draft 5-Year Homeless Strategy

• Community Engagement – Individuals with lived experience, advocates, providers, and community members through listening session, presentations with Q&A, and surveys.

• Timeline
  • Draft back to Council in April
  • NCS will have the draft substantially completed by September 2021.
Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization Location Analysis

Understanding Community Impact and Potential Future Use is Required

- 694 Sites: All General Government and TPU Properties in Pierce County
- 113 Sites: Reviewed for outdoor space, at least 15,000 square feet and decent topography
- 23 Sites: Reviewed for adjacency to waterways, easy access to services, adjacency to transportation, community impact
- 10 Sites: Reviewed for operational uses/concerns
- 1 Site: Not reviewed for specific criteria
The Recommended Location Represents Greatest Opportunity for Success

Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization Location Recommendation

Site Features:

• Size: 96,000 square feet
• No current operational uses
• Transit within 5 min walk
• Flexibility for future shelter use

S. 69th and Proctor
Next Steps

Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization Site
- Clarify Council support for recommendation
- Site preparation and service planning
- Community engagement
- Encampment outreach

5 Year Strategy
- Continue engagement
- Survey to individuals with lived experience
Homeless Services Update

• Next Council update April
• Discussion and Questions
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