



ECHO convened at the Clark County Public Service Center, 6th Floor, Hearing Conference Room, also via WebEx Online.

Clark County ECHO

(Ending Community Homelessness Organization)

Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2023

ECHO Chair, Clark County Councilor, Gary Medvigy, called the ECHO meeting to-order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle to **APPROVE** minutes for September 12, 2023. Motion was seconded by unidentified ECHO Member. All aye/motion passed.

ACTION: Moved by unidentified ECHO member to **APPROVE** minutes for October 11, 2023. Motion was seconded by unidentified ECHO Member. All aye/motion passed.

CITIES AND COUNTY 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

Lobbyists Present State Legislative Context (9:35am)

- Josh Weiss spoke about what the Legislature has been doing in terms of housing and the budget side. Our goal is to lay the groundwork, so you're thinking about what's coming up this next legislative session. Josh had a presentation, and the key topics were:
 - Increasing capital investments in housing.
 - 2023-25 Capital budget highlights.
 - State housing operating investments.
 - 2023-25 Operating budget highlights.
 - People in shelter and other temporary housing options.
 - Growing enrollment of people formerly homeless in permanent housing.
 - HB 1220 – Housing Targets by Income.
- Discussion

Legislative Delegation Member Updates (9:45am)

- Brian Enslow proposed how do we find the permanent, long term funding solutions to operating what we have in place, and then of course, offering what we will need to accommodate for the future in terms of sheltering temporary housing and then permanent, supportive housing.
- Are there any priorities on rent caps?

City & County legislative priorities discussion (10:00am)

- What rent control measures can be implemented?
- Rights of Way funding
- Clark Cowlitz Fire and Rescue Co-responder program.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle to **APPROVE** the legislators to continue to create additional tools; to create facilities that support homelessness, to streamline the sharing of those resources for affordable housing and accessible childcare. Motion was seconded by Mayor Jennifer Lindsey. Motion set aside to next meeting.

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UPDATES AND SUGGESTED AGENDA ITENDA

- Co-Responder Program
- Motion on the table to be resolved.
- Subcommittee formation.

ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Add to next agenda:

NEXT MEETING

January 9, 2023; 9:30am – 11am

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