



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 –December 13, 2022

ECHO Chair, Clark County Councilor, Gary Medvigy, opened-up the ECHO meeting with a warm welcome, introductions.

ACTION: Meeting minutes from November 8, 2022, **APPROVED** unanimously, with no objections.

1. SAFE PARK LOCATION UNINCORPORATED CLARK COUNTY

- Presented by Lindsey Hueer
 - Currently there are no County properties that are ready for operation, to pursue any properties would require investment.
 - Fairgrounds Park: \$1.5M
 - Battle Ground Property for Sale: \$1M
 - Whipple Creek Regional Park: \$1.5-2M
 - Lower Daybreak Park: \$2-5M
 - Q & A / ECHO Discussion

2. UPDATE ON PORTLAND & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON CLARK CO./POTENTIAL LETTER TO CITY OF PORTLAND

- Presented by Jamie Spinelli
 - This was in-regards to what was being stated in the media; that Portland was moving quickly into moving the homeless into “mega camps”, and they might be pushed out into the surrounding communities, cities, and states.
 - We have learned that this plan is a long-ways out and there is no immediate need.
 - Ty Stober suggested to have someone from Portland come and speak during an ECHO meeting within the next 6 months.
 - Jamie Spinelli provided an update on Portland’s plan.
 - No letter needed at this time.
 - Q & A / ECHO Discussion

3. STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES-UPDATE FROM CITIES & RECENTLY PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION

- ECHO Discussion
 - Wanted to take this opportunity to talk about any housing priorities that have come up.
 - The County is pushing forward on the emergency shelter grant funding.
 - Re: Governor’s Budget:
 - Commerce requested funding for the continuation of the emergency shelter grant funds
 - There will be a significance amount investment in behavioral health dollars
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4. Update from each entity and any suggested action items

- **Council for the Homeless:**
 - Sesany announced that on Dec.21, 2022 will be Homeless Persons Memorial Day at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, as well as severe weather announcement.
- **Vancouver Housing Authority: NONE**
- **Community Foundation for Southwest Washington: NONE**
- **Clark County :**
 - Michael Torres provided an update regarding the Homeless Action Plan.
 - Vanessa Gaston stated that the homeless jurisdiction who are doing the homeless planning are getting some new funding from HB1277.
- **City of Vancouver:**
 - Diana Perez requested information about the known families with children and how childcare or the lack of childcare is affected, as well as having a regional dialogue or leadership forum on homeless, and housing solutions centered luncheon.
- **City of Battle Ground: NONE**
- **City of Camas: NONE**
- **City of La center : NONE**
- **City of Ridgefield: NONE**
- **City of Washougal: NONE**

5. Next Meeting

- January 10, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.