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Follow Up: Defining the City's Role in Homelessness



Framework for Tonight's Discussion

- ▶ City Council Goal
 - ▶ Council established a goal to “define and establish the city’s role in addressing homelessness”.
 - ▶ An initial discussion was held on September 20.
 - ▶ Staff presented a report on current city resources devoted to homelessness and additional opportunities for defining the city’s role.
- ▶ Purpose of Tonight’s Agenda Item
 - ▶ Provide the City Council with information that they requested during the last discussion.
 - ▶ Direct staff on next steps.

1. Explore the Creation of a Task Force

- ▶ A “Task Force for the Homeless” would develop recommendations that are well-developed, factually supported, capable of implementation and fall within the Council's scope of authority to implement.
- ▶ The City of Tigard understands that effective local action on homelessness requires a task force engaging all parts of the community—residents, faith community, and the business community.



2. Research the City of Eugene's Approach

- ▶ Officers Orth and Wakem spent a day in Eugene learning about the City of Eugene's approach to homelessness.
- ▶ Information on the Community Outreach Team has been included in the Council packet.



3. Provide a Post Office Box for Homeless Individuals

- ▶ Just Compassion would like to provide a post office box for homeless individuals.
- ▶ The post office box would be located at the downtown Tigard Post Office.
- ▶ The City could assist by paying the annual fee.



4. Developing the Council Goal on Homelessness

- ▶ During the September discussion, the City Council discussed opportunities for continuing to focus on homelessness in Tigard.
- ▶ Council goal setting is scheduled for December 15.
- ▶ City staff can provide any information needed for the goal setting discussion.

Other City Efforts

- ▶ City staff is participating in the Tigard-Tualatin School District's discussion about bringing "Family Promise" to the community.
- ▶ In early November, over 20 non-profit and faith leaders provided feedback to the city about strategies for addressing homelessness.



Potential Next Steps



- ▶ Direct the creation of a Task Force for the Homeless.
- ▶ Approve funding for Just Compassion to provide a post office box for homeless individuals.
- ▶ Consider the development of a Council goal related to homelessness.