



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 – September 10, 2024

***IMPORTANT NOTE* PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE MICROPHONE WHEN MAKING A MOTION OR SECONDING A MOTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE MINUTES.**

ECHO Chair, Clark County Councilor, Sue Marshall, called the ECHO meeting to-order.

Welcome and Introductions

Lead by Chair, Councilor Sue Marshall

- **Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2024.**

ACTION: Moved by Andy Silver to **APPROVE** minutes for July 9, 2024. Seconded by Jamie Spinelli. All Aye/ motion passed.

- **Review of Agenda.**
 - No changes or amendments to the agenda.

Report Back on Action Items

- **Severe Weather Grant – CRESA**
 - Sunny Wonder shared the application has been accepted (there were other applications that did not meet the criteria); it focused mainly on supplies, that would help us gear up for the Winter Weather Response. We are waiting to hear back if we were granted this money.
 - This was an application that Council for the Homeless provided some assistance. It was local jurisdictions that participated in, led by the CRESA agency, City of Vancouver, City of Camas and Washougal, City of Ridgefield, and possibly Battle Ground participated.
- **Volunteers, Training, & Infrastructure – CFTH**
 - Sunny Wonder was asked to create a document outlining the process for the Clark County severe weather risk response.
[Severe Hot Weather Response Document](#)
 - Who has the expertise for calling for severe weather? If CRESA or Public Health has this expertise, they should be the ones calling for severe weather and not Council for the Homeless.
- **Legislative Agenda Planning – County**
 - Jordan Boege stated that over the next couple of months, he will be working with all the ECHO members to formulate a legislative agenda. He would like to focus on specific topic areas, such as Bills this group wants to weigh in on and talk to our state delegation about, and if there are particular issues that need to be discussed, he will compile a list of topics/suggestions by this group.
 - There may be opportunities for the group to advocate for a budget proviso, for plans or organized projects that are discrete.
- **Pasifika Update – County/Vancouver**
 - Council Member Diana Perez provided a briefing on a meeting she attended along with Councilor Sue Marshall, with three different groups from the Pasifika Community. They met with the Washington Pacific Islanders Association, the Pacific Islander Health Board, and our Sakura Thirty-Niners Organization.



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- They heard about challenges and issues that the groups are facing here in Southwest Washington and in Vancouver, such as C-Tran issues, Youth and Health Access, as well as interpretation services, along with the Chuukese population.

Citations, Enforcement, and Connecting Unhoused to resources

- Presented by Commander Todd Barsness – CCSO
 - Commander Todd Barsness spoke about the current enforcement efforts, camping, and outdoor habitation ordinance.
 - Clark County signed the camping outdoor habitation ordinance about a year ago. The CCSO took significant efforts of utilizing that at the downtown campus as a test area. That included putting a plan in place for an education period.
 - They now have the ability to issue citation individuals, and they can gain access to services through Community Court.
 - Deputies will be receiving training on when issuing citations and how to provide information on Community Court to obtained services.

Everybody IN Campaign Initiative Information Session

- Presented by Council for the Homeless
 - Sesany provided a brief overview on the [“Everybody IN Campaign”](#).
 - Everyone in on homelessness needs to be at the table to talk about how we are going to solve this problem.
 - Council for the Homeless started this campaign to share resources.
 - This will hopefully identify other housing options and provide creative solutions to housing and services.
 - They would like to provide a report every month on where they’re at.

City of Vancouver Homelessness Emergency Situation Report Overview

- Presented by Jamie Spinelli, City of Vancouver
 - Jamie provided an overview on the [Homelessness Emergency Situation Report](#)

Takeaways, Recommendations, and Next Steps

- Councilor Marshall was going to take the lead in working with CRESA and Council for the Homeless to follow-up on the Severe Weather call.
- How do we address the gaps presented by Sunny related to severe weather.
- Councilor’s Marshall and Yung will follow-up with Jamie on organizing a County Hart Team.
- Jamie identified a barrier, related to people wanting to detox. This may be an insurance issue.
- Councilor Marshall would like a presentation on what detox resources are available.

Closing

- October ECHO Meeting – Return to County PSC Hearing room
- Future Meeting Agenda Topics
 - Detox and legislative
- Anything for the good of the order

NEXT MEETING

October 8, 2024; 9:30- 11:00 AM