



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

3/28/2019

Public Safety Committee

March 28, 2019

Minutes

Committee Members: Councilors Adam Roof (AR)(Chair); Brian Pine (BP); Ali Dieng (AD).

Others Present: Richard Haesler (RH), City Attorney's Office (Committee Staff); Tammy Boudah (TB); , Howard Ctr. Street Outreach; Steven Marshall (SM), Homeless Advocate; Casey Sears (CS); David Phelps (DP); Elizabeth Phelps (EP); Julie Macuga (JM); Kenzie Hines (KH); Charles Winkleman (CW); Peter To (PT); Matt Hill (MH); James Richmond (JR); David L.; Evan F. Betsy McGavisk (BM); Dragon Williams (DW); Jesse Tipton (JT)

At 5:36 p.m. Chair Roof commenced the meeting.

1. **Agenda:** Motion by BP

Second by AD - passes 3-0

1. **Approval of minutes of 11/15/18:**

Motion by AD; second by BP– passes 3-0

Approval of minutes of 1/30/19:

Motion by AD; second by BP – with change noted by RH





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1. **Public Forum:**

1. SM – Homeless Encampment – presents document of proposed amendments and comments re draft policy
2. CS - Homeless Encampment –
3. JM – Homeless Encampment – note – questions lack of appeal rights in draft policy – need to include the homeless in the creation of the policy
4. DW – Homeless Encampment –
5. JT – Homeless Encampment – advance notice request -
6. JR – Vermont 211 – re Homeless Encampment – continuum of care – questions lack of actual substance re the City's use of "Housing First" policy in the draft; questions the coordinated entry claim – calls for the inclusion of the homeless in creation of the policy
7. CW – Homeless Encampment – also notes no public bathroom in City Hall Park – Check Social Media Policy specifically the Police Chief as a problem – see confusion as to whether his comments are as an individual or on behalf of the department
8. MH – student at the medical school – Homeless Encampment – calls for documentation of camp closure – part of the public record
9. TB – Homeless Encampment – points out that her organization cannot re their job as social service providers be the entity tasked with removal, storage of belongings – want that out there so that expectations of that are not raised.
10. DP – Homeless Encampment – has been a part of the Continuum of Care in the past – let's build a team and work together

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i. **Encampment Removal Policy**

Discussion

AR opens as to the referral and the goal.

BP – excellent comments made at Public Forum – in particular we need to include the homeless themselves in the creation of the policy.

AD – thanks everyone for coming out – important for us to get educated – concerns – example: definition of property issues – but there are good things - - example - notice is included in the policy



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AR – things that I have taken away – Housing First – if we claim it then we need to adopt the policy – we need to reference actual ordinance violations that might be utilized within the policy – and concerns about storage of property

AR and AD both reference need for documentation of camp removal

BP – for the record – City's policy needs to be the most humane policy vis a vis them as individuals and respect for their property

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 - i. **Public Bathroom Access to parks and downtown**

Patricia _Lalime – social worker advocating for public restroom as a public health and safety issue _ advocating for 1. 2. The urban rest stop

AR introduces amended resolution titled "Increasing Access to Publicly Available Bathroom Facilities"

AD would like to add Parks as well

AR proposes amending at line 31: 'urges the Administration to identify locations for adding additional publicly available bathroom facilities, in the downtown area and city parks'

BP Be it further resolved that the administration report back on the progress of identifying funds and the opening of parks bathrooms by May 31st.

AD – The City Council urges the Administration to open existing bathrooms in Burlington Parks and for these bathrooms to be monitored and maintained during spring summer and fall months as weather permits.

Motion BP, second AD

Passes unanimously



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 - i. **Social Media Policy for City Department**

AR – reports that the policy is under review – for people who use media on behalf of the City – and another for individual City employees – will be ready to share this summer

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 - i. **Transition Information for the new committee**

AR- to cooperate in smooth transition to new chair if there is a new chair.

5.01 Other Business:

None

5.01 Adjournment

Motion by AR; second by BP – vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.