



ROSEBURG HOMELESS COMMISSION AGENDA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022

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11:00 A.M. Regular Meeting
Electronic Meeting
Public Access: Facebook Live at www.Facebook.com/CityofRoseburg

NOTE: IT IS UP TO EACH OF YOU AS COMMISSIONERS TO CALL 541-492-6866 AND LET STAFF KNOW BEFORE THE DAY OF THE MEETING IF YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING. THANK YOU.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL:

Chair: Larry Rich
Commissioners: Gregory Brigham (Adapt) Shaun Pritchard (UCAN)
KC Bolton (Aviva Health) Brent Eichman (Umpqua Health Alliance)
Shelley Briggs Loosley Mike Fieldman

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 24, 2022 – Regular Meeting

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. HTAG Update (Wayne Ellsworth)
- B. Property Purchase Update (Amy Sowa)
- C. Operating Agreement for Navigation Center (Nikki Messenger/Amy Sowa)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – *Comments on Agenda Items Only can be provided via email to the City Recorder at info@cityofroseburg.org or hand delivered to City Hall, 900 SE Douglas Avenue in Roseburg, prior to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022. Comments must include the person's name and address for the record. Comments received by the deadline will be provided to the Commission prior to the meeting. The Commission reserves the right to delay any action requested until they are fully informed on the matter.*

V. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, March 28, 2022

VII. INFORMATIONAL

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ATTACHMENTS:

The following comments were forwarded to the Homeless Commission:

- Email dated January 21, 2022 from Ashley Hicks

**MINUTES OF THE ROSEBURG
HOMELESS COMMISSION MEETING
January 24, 2022**

A meeting of the Homeless Commission was called to order by Chair Larry Rich at 11:01 a.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022, electronically via zoom in Roseburg, Oregon.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Gregory Brigham, KC Bolton, Shelley Briggs Loosley, Brent Eichman, Mike Fieldman and Shaun Pritchard.

Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Nikki Messenger, Assistant City Manager/Recorder Amy Sowa, Police Captain Jeremy Sanders, Community Development Planner Richard Hoffman, South River Community Health Outreach Coordinator and HTAG Facilitator Wayne Ellsworth, State Representative Christine Goodwin and Management Assistant Koree Tate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Briggs Loosley moved to approve the November 22, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bolton and approved with the following vote: Commissioners Bolton, Briggs Loosley, Brigham, Eichman, Fieldman and Pritchard voted yes. No one voted no.

HTAG VERBAL UPDATE – WAYNE ELLSWORTH

Mr. Ellsworth shared he had a December 22, 2021 HTAG meeting where they discussed the homeless media project documentary to highlight the unsheltered population. The goal was to understand gaps in services and missed opportunities. They received a proposed budget from Spiderking Studios, would receive funding from Onward, Mercy Medical Center and then determine how to obtain the rest. The total budget was projected to be \$3,000 to fully fund the project.

For the immediate needs, Mr. Ellsworth said supplies could be found at local organizations such as Onward, UCAN, HIV Alliance, Adapt Integrated Health, Salvation Army, Umpqua Health Alliance and the Roseburg Dream Center. UCAN established a co-op for organizations to cooperatively store items under the expectation that if an organization was to put items in the co-op, they could take things out. One rule was to have people provide the information that was needed for UCAN regardless of the item or who put the resource into the storage facility.

Mr. Ellsworth continued that the City, UCAN, Adapt and Onward were able to open a warming facility at 406 Winchester Street with a coordinated effort from other collaborative and local agencies that included meals from the Roseburg Senior Center. Sutherlin was able to open a warming center at the Sutherlin Community Center and Winston at the Four-Square Church and Winston Christian Church. There was also a warming initiative at Gaddis Park temporarily. There was discussion about coordinating a team of agencies

to assist the City before camps were to be cleaned up. The team could be of local faith groups, case managers, peer support specialists and outreach coordinators who knew the people and help them transition. They did determine that if the team were to just help people be compliant then it would not be effective, and felt that camp sweeps needed to cease until there was a place or location for people to be.

Mr. Ellsworth shared that Sutherlin had opened the first sanctioned homeless camp in Douglas County for Sutherlin residents. It provided a tent shelter for up to 15 Sutherlin residents and was coordinated by the City Manager, the City lead grant writer, library coordinator and Mr. Ellsworth who was acting under the role of HTAG coordinator. A plan was developed by members of HTAG and the City of Sutherlin to address homelessness on a county level based off known successes from the Sobering Center in Douglas County, Carry it Forward from Lane County, Rogue Retreat from Jackson and Josephine County, and the Devereux Center from Coos County. The goal was to coordinate a centrally located homeless initiative to offer a place to be that would eventually lead to home ownership or permanent supportive housing. This was a place where folks who were working with this population, such as courts, the hospital, or supportive service providers, could send folks to receive some respite and resources. Mr. Ellsworth said during their February meeting, HTAG will discuss whether or not they would like to formally organize and take on this initiative. The January HTAG meeting was postponed until February due to the coordinated efforts of the annual Homeless Point-in-Time count that was scheduled throughout the last week of January.

In response to Chair Rich, Mr. Ellsworth explained the storage container for the co-op was located at UCAN's Mill Street property and people could contact them to coordinate immediate needs. Items included in the storage were tents, tarps, sleeping bags, gloves, scarves, hats and more.

PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR NAVIGATION CENTER

Ms. Messenger reported that in April of 2021, the City of Roseburg was included in a state rebalancing bill to receive a \$1.5M grant to establish a navigation center no later than June 30, 2022. Mayor Rich, Commissioner Briggs Loosley, Assistant City Manager/Recorder Amy Sowa and herself reached out to community members, worked with local realtors and were approached by property owners regarding a number of properties to consider for a Navigation Center. Each parcel was reviewed with price, infrastructure needs, location, accessibility to services and environmental issues taken into consideration.

Ms. Messenger explained the property at 948 SE Mill Street was currently owned by United Community Action Network (UCAN) and was used to provide services to their clients. The building was 7,423 square feet divided into office space, restrooms, conference rooms, a kitchen area, and storage. They toured the building several times with the Fire Marshal, Engineering Staff, Douglas County Building Official and next an architect that had worked with the City on other projects. Rogue Retreat toured the facility and thought it was an appropriate way to start. The building needed renovations and installation of fire safety improvements for a sprinkler system. The City and/or UCAN may be eligible to apply for grant funding to pay for the cost of retrofitting the interior of the building to provide the improvements needed to meet building and fire/life safety

requirements for congregate sheltering. The City would manage the remodeling project. It was structurally sound and had the potential to be retrofitted to allow for congregate sheltering in part of the building, and office/meeting space for service providers in the other part of the building. The property also included a separate parking lot large enough for placement of pallet shelters for additional living space. It was going to be a phased approach and Ms. Messenger hoped the COVID crisis would be dissipating by their deadline to help make a congregate shelter work.

The building had a lot of potential and was a good candidate for the first phase of what was needed in the community. Ms. Messenger knew they would not be able to shelter all people currently outside, but with wraparound services in place they could better help transition people into permanent housing. UCAN was willing to sell the property to the City for \$270,000 for use as a navigation center. This price included the building and property, and the current real market value was assessed at \$385,000. It seemed to be a very fair asking price. Ms. Sowa added that Rogue Retreat provided valuable input and thought it was a great structure, facility and location. Ms. Messenger added the city would continue to reach out to Rogue Retreat for advice regarding setting up the programming and use of the building for the best success and the best protection for the neighborhood.

The next step in the process was to identify and enter into an agreement with a qualifying agency to operate the center. As part of the public process, once that agency was identified, discussions would be held with neighboring properties and the community regarding the operations of the center. In response to Commissioner Bolton, Commissioner Fieldman was unaware of the full amount spent to remodel the Mill Street property, but knew they had to update the back for handicap accessibility, changed the entry way, reception area, and the bathrooms themselves cost upwards of \$50,000. The selling price of the property today most likely did not cover all the remodeling costs that took place over the time they had been in the building. Commissioner Bolton said it was a fair price considering the astronomical prices today. In response to Commissioners Bolton and Briggs Loosley, Ms. Messenger explained there was no new information for the adjacent building as it was still in probate and they were waiting for paperwork to be finalized before having access to look inside.

Chair Rich noted the Commission's purpose was to make a recommendation to City Council who would then make a final decision. The property reviewing committee was comprised of himself, Commissioner Briggs Loosely, Ms. Messenger and Ms. Sowa. They spent a lot of time researching properties, walking on properties and trying to find a good location that could work. Many people had vocalized they did not want a shelter in their backyard and to place it on the other side of town. They had to find a location within reason of city limits and walking distance to services. Chair Rich addressed questions from an email sent to the Commission regarding the potential purchase of 948 SE Mill Street. In response to Chair Rich, Commissioners Pritchard and Fieldman both said they were not personally making money or profit from the sale of the property and UCAN would not receive profit from the sale of the property. It was being sold well under the assessed value and the reason for the low price was because it aligned with UCAN's mission to help with a need for the unhoused. They did not think it was appropriate to raise the price just because the City was interested in purchasing the property.

Commissioner Brigham moved to recommend the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the required documents to purchase the property at 948 SE Mill Street for \$270,000 for use as a Navigation Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eichman and approved with the following vote: Chair Rich, Commissioners Bolton, Briggs Loosley, Brigham, Eichman and Fieldman voted yes. No one voted no. Commissioner Pritchard recused himself due to conflict of interest for his employment position with UCAN.

WARMING SHELTER UPDATE

Commissioner Pritchard discussed how the COVID-19 pandemic did not allow warming centers last year, but this season brought about vaccines and protocols for setting up a shelter. In November, UCAN and the City put out an action call to the community for assistance. Adapt opened their location on Winchester Street to be used as a warming center for six nights. UCAN assisted and Head Start Staff came in on the Christmas holiday break to help. The Roseburg Senior Center brought in meals and the Dream Center brought cots to use. They served about 25 people toward the end of the week. The initial plan was to have UCAN staff there and as the week progressed, they received volunteers from other organizations. The operation of the warming center was transferred to Onward Roseburg who has a good record of working with the homeless population. All who used the facility were respectful and some arrived in different stages of hypothermia. Commissioner Pritchard stressed the importance of have the warming center as it most likely saved some lives from the cold. Some City Councilors came to the center to speak with people and were well received.

Commissioner Brigham thanked Commissioner Pritchard and UCAN for taking the lead on opening a warming center. He appreciated the effort and teamwork. Commissioner Fieldman agreed and also thanked Commissioner Brigham for allowing the center to be opened in one of their facilities. It was wonderful to see how all the organizations came together to help others.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair Rich shared the Commission had received emailed comments from Ashley Hicks and Connie Page for review that was included in the Commission agenda packet.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

State Representative Christine Goodwin noted the Commission had done a lot of work while taking a fair amount of grief from the community. She recently toured the Rogue Retreat program and said she had not fully understood the transitional housing process until seeing their coordinated efforts. She was present to provide follow up information to Tina Kotek, former Oregon State Representative, regarding the operational component for Roseburg. Ms. Kotek suggested bringing someone from Portland to look at the area and operations. Representative Goodwin was impressed with how long Rogue Retreat had been in business helping people in their community. The number of peers, people who experienced homelessness and/or addiction that were now in support and staffing, seemed to be a critical piece to their success.

In response to Representative Goodwin, Ms. Messenger said there were many conversations with a local partner who is not ready to be announced as interested until

their Board reviews and finalizes their decision. That agency was also working closely with Rogue Retreat, who we hope to bring on as a supervisory partner and then provide a public announcement. This was the first phase and Ms. Messenger knew other partners could be needed in other phases and was welcome to suggestions on who to contact. Representative Goodwin said Ms. Kotek had stepped down to run for Governor, but grant funding was secure as long as Roseburg met the deadline of June 30, 2022.

Ms. Messenger added that ongoing operational costs would be needed and although onetime grants were great, it would all sunset at some point and continued funds would be needed. Representative Goodwin said would like to see the funding mechanisms and asked if there would be community support, donations of pallet shelters or tiny homes and knew that staff was a critical, and costly piece. She had heard what the public feared about the Navigation Center and shelter opening, but she changed some of her own biases after visiting Rogue Retreat, and was confident the model would work well and gain support. Chair Rich said he felt the same after going to Rogue Retreat, viewing their models, and hearing success stories. Roseburg needed a good nonprofit to run the program like Rogue Retreat. Representative Goodwin thought public support would increase after the City started providing more information regarding the plan. She knew many people were generally not fed good information so their disapproval was based on fear.

In response to Representative Goodwin, Ms. Messenger explained that the information she could take back to Ms. Kotek was that Roseburg was interested in information on other organizations. Moving forward, she wanted to have it be known that ongoing funding for operations was critical to keep the Navigation Center in place and functional. Chair Rich added that we have identified the location and would now need to confirm a nonprofit. Commissioner Eichman wanted to express gratitude to Ms. Kotek for being instrumental in including Roseburg for the state funds received. Commissioner Fieldman agreed and said after working with her, she was the reason why everything came together and knew she was aware of the ongoing funding concerns. Representative Goodwin added that it was a strong desire to have this be a success for the legacy of former Representative Gary Leif.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

No new business was discussed from the Commission.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, February 28, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.



Koree Tate
Management Assistant

HTAG Presentation – Wayne Ellsworth

Roseburg Homeless Commission

2/28/22

HTAG Meeting – February 23, 2022

Attendance: We had 30 individuals in attendance.

Agenda

I. Facilitator Position

A. Every first meeting of the year I put the facilitator chair up for anyone who would like the seat. Again, I wasn't inundated with potential prospects. So, I offered to leave it open for this month if anyone would like to fill that seat.

II. Warming Center Updates

A. Roseburg

1. Onward Roseburg- The warming center opened for a week in January. Monday through Friday this week. Forty-eight people on Monday. Forty-nine folks on Tuesday. Some came in for dinner and most stayed. Some came in for a blanket and food. Donations of pillows, blankets small coffee urns, percolators, and various items. There were some plumbing issues, but they have been resolved. Adapt maintenance came and fixed it. Everything is fully staffed. 6 people in the evening and overnight it is minimal. Everything is very restful. 2 hot meals a day. A lot of bottled water is needed. Any donations that would make people feel more comfortable are accepted.

B. Sutherlin

1. Wayne Ellsworth- The Sutherlin Warming Center will be open Tuesday through Saturday morning. We were able to help 5 people on the first night with 3 staying the night. We are fully staffed with volunteers from the Seventh Day Adventist Church, The Family Church, the Methodist Church, UCC nursing program, and local citizens. We run two people per shift, and the food is donated by local citizens, the Sutherlin Food Pantry, and the Sutherlin Fire department. There has been great hesitation in accessing the Sutherlin site because of threat of theft.

C. Winston

1. Winston Christian Church. There has been no update at this time from the church.

III. HTAG Coordinator position

A. Christin Rutledge- We do not have anyone hired. Aviva is looking at other cities to see if they would like to invest in a coordinator in the attempt to expand that position through other cities, making it County-wide. No applicants in the last month.

IV. HTAG Media Project

A. Marion Pearson- It was fully funded in February by The Mercy Foundation, Umpqua Health Alliance, and Onward Roseburg. It has begun. Jake, the producer, was out over the weekend, met people and interviewed some people already. He's looking forward to doing more outreach. McKinny-Vento coordinators are trying to get engaged in the count. Definitely need more youth ages 14-25. Need referrals for Marion.

V. Homeless Navigation Center

A. Amy Sowa- Roseburg is in the process of purchasing a building for the navigation center. Amy's mic wasn't working properly, and we are hoping to get a good update today.

VI. City of Sutherlin

A. Pat Lynch- The City of Sutherlin is in the research phase and development on a regional solution for homelessness. Sutherlin is contacting cities and stakeholders to develop this. Working at the state and federal level for support and funding sources. Looking to develop a pipeline to supply funding for construction of shelters. Early phase. The current camp is in the city limits. They do not have staffing but believe it's essential for the future. Actual management of the camp currently is self-governing with coordination from Wayne Ellsworth and the Seventh Day Adventist Church in partnership with Family Church, the Sutherlin food pantry, St. Vincent DePaul, and the Catholic Church.

VII. Mercy

A. There are growing concerns from HTAG members about people being discharged from the emergency room with no resources. We had a very in-depth conversation about creating a pipeline for folks who are needing resources right out of the hospital that don't fall into a typical 9-5 schedule. We will be creating a committee that will be looking at ways to try and support a good solution for those situations.

VIII. Annual Point in Time Homeless count

A. Under the Bridge Ministries- Christopher Hutton

1. They offered 70 meals. Counted over 70 in addition to connecting point and the 7th day Adventist church. A nice feature of this year's count was relaying messages to family members.

B. Adapt- Wayne Ellsworth

1. I was able to count folks in Green, Winston, Dillard, Myrtle Creek, Days Creek, Tiller, Canyonville, Azalea, Ten Mile, Roseburg Duck Pond, Sutherlin Homeless Camp, and Camas Valley. The team consisted of Adapt Primary Care, case management, and our research team. We were able to count over 100 folks. The only downfall was that I wish we had more time to coordinate with local agencies and the McKinny-Vento Coordinators in the Schools

C. Onward Roseburg helped with Under the Bridge ministries in all Roseburg locations.

IX. Good of the order

A. More people are coming to the Roseburg area, the prices of rentals are climbing. We could have an increase in people on the streets. Here in Roseburg, we are really lacking and it's nowhere near the capacity that it needs to be to address homelessness.

B. Hillside of Carl's Junior has been cleaned out. More people are coming down. Ghaddis park is going to be cleaned out. There will be around 100 people looking for shelter in the surrounding areas.

C. The immediate need is where they can be right now. We are excited about the Roseburg Navigation Center. Once that is developed, we can see what gaps we will have.

1. Max is working with public landowners to see if there is a place where people can tent camp. Max has a team to run operations.

D. It's ball season. There will be a more noticeable population of unhoused folks looking for places to be. What is the process for applying for a temporary camp that is overseen with a leadership structure and programs while we wait for a facility to arrive?

ROSEBURG HOMELESS COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



RESOLUTION EXEMPTING COMPETITION IN THE PUBLIC CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR OPERATIONS OF THE NAVIGATION CENTER

Meeting Date: February 28, 2022

Department: Administration

www.cityofroseburg.org

Agenda Section: Discussion Items

Staff Contact: Nikki Messenger/Amy Sowa

Contact Telephone Number: 541-492-6866

ISSUE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The City has purchased property at 948 SE Mill Street for a navigation center. A qualifying agency is needed to operate the center. The issue for the Commission is whether to recommend the Council adopt the attached resolution and approve exemption from competition in the public contracting process to award an agreement with United Community Action Network (UCAN) to operate the Navigation Center.

BACKGROUND

The City of Roseburg received a \$1.5M grant from the state to establish a navigation center by June 30, 2022. The navigation center must be a low-barrier emergency shelter that is open seven days per week and connects individuals and families with health services, permanent housing and public benefits.

On July 29, 2022, the City published a request for proposals (RFP) for a qualified organization to provide navigation center, shelter and support services. The final deadline for submission of proposals was October 13, 2021; no proposals were received. City staff continued outreach and held discussions with local and regional agencies regarding operating the navigation center. At the time of those conversations, no organization had the qualifications or adequate staffing to operate the Center.

On January 24, 2022, Council authorized the purchase of the property owned by United Community Action Network (UCAN) located at 948 SE Mill Street for use a navigation center. Purchase of the property is scheduled to close on February 25, 2022.

After discussions with his staff, UCAN Executive Director Shaun Pritchard contacted the City about their willingness for UCAN to operate the navigation center at the 948 SE Mill Street location. UCAN currently offers a wide array of services to help residents of Josephine and Douglas County obtain housing and remain stably housed. They employ trained case managers to further help their clients identify personal goals and develop plans to attain their goals.

UCAN will oversee administration of the Center, while entering into subcontractor agreement(s) with one or more partners who will provide some or all of the wraparound services to Center residents. Total costs to operate the navigation center are estimated at

\$1.75M in year one (14 months), and \$1.5M in year two. UCAN plans to enter into agreements with other partners to obtain additional operational funds to help offset costs from the City.

As required by state law, the proposal to use an alternative contracting method will be advertised in the News Review and on the City's website.

If approved to move forward and a final agreement is signed by both parties, the City and UCAN will provide opportunities to answer questions and concerns of neighboring properties and the community regarding the operations of the center.

COMMISSION OPTIONS

The Commission has the following options:

1. Recommend the City Council adopt the attached resolution and approve an exemption from competition in the public contracting process for operating services of the navigation center; or
2. Request additional information; or
3. Not recommend the City Council adopt the attached resolution and approve an exemption from competition in the public contracting process for operating services of the navigation center.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission forward a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the resolution and approve an exemption from competition in the public contracting process for operating services of the navigation center and award a contract to United Community Action Network.

SUGGESTED MOTION

"I MOVE TO RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE AN EXEMPTION FROM COMPETITION IN THE PUBLIC CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR OPERATING SERVICES OF THE NAVIGATION CENTER AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK."

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 – Resolution No. 2022- A Resolution Regarding Exemption from Competition in the Public Contracting Process for the Operating Services of the Navigation Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN EXEMPTION FROM COMPETITION IN THE
PUBLIC CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR
OPERATIONS OF THE NAVIGATION CENTER**

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2022, Council adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a grant agreement with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services accepting a \$1.5 million grant to establish and operate a navigation center (“Center”); and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2022, the City published a request for proposals (RFP) for a qualified organization to provide navigation center, shelter and support services. The final deadline for the proposals to be submitted was October 13, 2021; no proposals were received; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2022, Council authorized purchase of 948 SE Mill Street for use as a navigation center; and

WHEREAS, Roseburg Municipal Code Section 3.06.035 permits the City Council to exempt a special public contract from competition on making appropriate findings; and

WHEREAS, UCAN currently has the capacity and availability to operate the navigation center at the 948 SE Mill Street location and oversee administration of the Center, while entering into subcontractor agreement(s) with one or more partners who will provide some or all of the wraparound services to Center residents; and

WHEREAS, UCAN qualifies as an operator of the navigation center as they offer a wide array of services to help residents of Josephine and Douglas County obtain housing and remain stably housed, and employ trained case managers to further help their clients identify personal goals and develop plans to attain their goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROSEBURG that:

Section 1. Based on the above findings, which are incorporated herein by this reference, and under Roseburg Municipal Code Section 3.06.035, the City Council hereby determines that awarding a contract to United Community Action Network (UCAN) to operate the navigation center located at 948 SE Mill Street through an exemption in the competitive bid process is unlikely to encourage favoritism or diminish competition, and will result in a substantial cost savings for the City by having the navigation center open by the grant deadline date.

Section 2. The Council hereby exempts the contract between the City and United Community Action Network (UCAN) from the competitive bid process and authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract with UCAN to operate the navigation center located at 948 SE Mill Street.

Section 3. The exemption granted by this Resolution shall in no way impair the City’s ability to elect, in the future, to award related contracts to other qualified suppliers.

Section 4. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Roseburg City Council.

**ADOPTED BY THE ROSEBURG CITY COUNCIL AT ITS REGULAR MEETING
ON THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.**

Amy L. Sowa, Assistant City Manager/Recorder



Fri 1/21/2022 11:16 AM

Ashley Hicks <ashleynroseburg@hotmail.com>

Please read this during the Monday Homeless Committee Meeting as well as City Council Meeting

To Info Shared Mailbox

Hello, Roseburg City Council &

Roseburg Homeless Commission

I'm writing to tell you I disagree with the Mill Street location for the city homeless navigation center.

Here's why.

Harold Samuel said,

“There are three things that matter in property:

location, location, location.”

I read on the agenda UCAN is selling their building on Mill Street to the city of Roseburg for the homeless navigation center.

Do you remember when I asked city council which of their cronies was getting the money?

UCAN it is!

Only the largest non-profit organization in our area. With the largest amount of real estate.

An empire they built on tax dollars.

I'm shaking my head at how obvious it was the city would put the homeless center in my neighborhood. I can't have three chickens but the city has no problem moving in additional sex offenders, felons, drunks and druggies.

And, as if we don't have enough problems with those squatting on the riverbanks destroying our one and only river asset, hustling, and harrassing the merchants and visitors downtown.

This city administration and city council has a target on Southeast Roseburg's back, it's not for the good.

I was hoping so hard the City of Roseburg would actually try to help, instead they try to hurt.

This location is a bad because residents in this neighborhood are tired of the increased crime, burglary, car theft, prowlers at all hours, mail theft.

We (living in Southeast Roseburg) have the highest amount of the problems related to the known unhoused population and residents and businesses usowners alike have been asking for help from the city officials for decades.

That doesn't translate into "please offer them more."

McMenamins is the number one restaurant tourists and locals walk to from the hotels and our neighborhood, this center will increase a unsafe environment while walking during evening hours.

The Mission has a proven rehabilitation program for the folks staying at the shelter. The city allowing this center in this location will risk the Mission's funding.

Many living on Mill Street are renters and will risk their own housing by complaining about issues related to this city homeless navigation center.

The railroad tracks on Mosher and Mill will worsen with increased travel accessing this homeless center, and as it is is dangerous for those in a wheelchair, and those who have difficulty walking.

It's unjust to put more on the back of those that already carry the load of the city's problems.

Please choose a location not in a historically registered neighborhood, not downtown and not near the river. Please.

If my suggestion will be considered. I'd prefer the homeless navigation center be located on city owned property. Then, the city use the money they already have to operate and manage the center.

#1 Location: Corner of General Ave and Aviation.

This location is city owned, the city plans to build a park on it, it's flat, city utility's on-site, not on a main arterial roadway, on the city limits boundary, in an industrial area, near the hospital, within walking distance to Salvation Army, mini markets, walk in medical and dental clinics, and UCAN's food pantry.

Look at the city's pictures of their own clean-ups.

<https://www.cityofroseburg.org/your-government/commissions/homeless-commission/recent-camp-cleanups>

Then think about how many resources this center will be handing out. Tents, tarps, blankets, clothes, toiletry. This location will not accommodate the numbers of homeless to stay inside, so it'll be basically be a office type of location where volunteers will hand out freebies and collect data on the homeless. An experiment. One that will generate future grant money for UCAN.

It's a win-win for them but a punch in the gut for us with lowering our livability, safety, residential and commercial property values, and the homeless get more free stuff and yet still - no housing.

Attached is a picture of my daily walk past littered shopping carts, food waste, tents on the bike path, king size mattresses, drug paraphernalia.

Do I blame the homeless? No.

I aim to hold those accountable who are in position to change this and choose not to.

Respectfully,

Ashley Hicks

Former Ward Four City Councilor

730 Se Flint Street

Roseburg, Oregon

