



**ROSEBURG HOMELESS COMMISSION AGENDA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022
Roseburg City Hall, Council Chambers
900 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg**

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11:00 A.M. Regular Meeting

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:

<u>Chair:</u>	Larry Rich	
<u>Commissioners:</u>	Gregory Brigham (Adapt)	Erica Kimrey (UCAN)
	KC Bolton (Aviva Health)	Brent Eichman (Umpqua Health Alliance)
	Shelley Briggs Loosley	Chris Boice

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 26, 2022 – Regular Meeting

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – *Comments on Agenda Items Only can be provided in person during the meeting, virtually through Zoom, 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, November 25, 2022**. To provide comments via Zoom, contact the City Recorder's office at info@cityofroseburg.org to get the link to the meeting. Comments must include the person's name and address for the record. The Commission reserves the right to delay any action requested until they are fully informed on the matter.*

*Each speaker will be allotted a total of **4 minutes**. All testimony given shall be new and not have been previously presented to Commission. A total of 15 minutes shall be allocated for the "Audience Participation" portion of the meeting.*

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Homeless Commission Member Update (Amy Sowa)
- B. Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) Grant Acceptance (Nikki Messenger)
- C. HTAG Update (Janeal Kohler, HADCO)
- D. Navigation Center Remodel Update (Ryan Herinckx)
- E. Navigation Center Operations Update (Erica Kimrey)
- F. Urban Campground Update (Larry Rich)
- G. Warming Center Update (Larry Rich)

V. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD

VII. INFORMATIONAL

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ATTACHMENTS: Letter from Laurelwood neighbors

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**MINUTES OF THE ROSEBURG
HOMELESS COMMISSION MEETING
September 26, 2022**

A meeting of the Homeless Commission was called to order by Chair Larry Rich at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 26, 2022, City Council Chamber at 900 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg, Oregon.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Chris Boice, KC Bolton, Shelley Briggs Loosley, Brent Eichman and Erica Kimrey.

Absent: Commissioner Gregory Brigham

Others Present: City Manager Nikki Messenger, Assistant City Manager/Recorder Amy Sowa, Police Captain Jeremy Sanders, Community Development Director Stuart Cowie, HADCO Executive Director and HTAG Facilitator Janeal Kohler and Management Assistant Koree Tate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Briggs Loosley moved to approve the August 22, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bolton and approved with the following vote: Chair Rich; Commissioners Bolton, Briggs Loosley, Eichman and Kimrey voted yes. No one voted no. Commissioner Boice abstained due to his newly appointed position on the Commission.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Kelly Wyatt, Roseburg resident, shared there were issues surrounding the river with unhoused camping, and felt everyone wanted the same thing which was to have the best for the city, river and a safe place for campers in a designated location. The area was becoming unsafe at night for residents.

Ellen Porter, Roseburg resident, explained that people were empathetic towards the unhoused, but many were unaware of the impact on local neighborhoods. The number of unhoused kept growing and many were combative and disrespectful to them and their property. Her husband had been confronted many times, had rocks thrown at him on their property and they had to call the police, sometimes daily, due to such aggressive confrontations.

Phil Gale, Roseburg resident, asked the Commission for clarification and definition on unhoused campsite postings telling them they had to leave the area. Chair Rich explained campers could not, depending on the location, just move up the river or up a block from the posted area. Captain Sanders added it was Loosley defined, but agreed with Chair Rich. They tried to be as sympathetic as possible while following the law. Camping was illegal within city limits and postings were, at times, determined by the largest complaints, issues or problems.

David Powers, Roseburg Resident, explained he called the non-emergency dispatch number regarding an illegal house boat parked with a homeless camp and was told it was a state issue. He called the state non-emergency number and was told it was a city issue and sought clarification. Chair Rich asked him to speak with Captain Sanders after the meeting so he could provide proper information as to the situation.

Patty Conlan, Roseburg resident, expressed fear of using her backyard due to the homeless campers. She lived alone and had to constantly clean up her yard from their messes.

HTAG VERBAL UPDATE – JANEAL KOHLER

Ms. Kohler shared the HTAG Media Project Sub-Committee was making final adjustments, expected to wrap up on filming, and get a rough draft to everyone by early October. The Douglas Centrally Located Homeless initiative led by the City of Sutherlin was running smoothly. Umpqua Hearts collaboration with HTAG continued to explore options for expanding to Roseburg.

The Immediate Needs Sub-committee met last month and discussed the need for supplies and long-term housing. Umpqua Hearts could help facilitate supplies storage and connect partners to resources. HIV Alliance applied for small grants to cover the cost of tents, tarps, and sleeping bags for clients. The Senior Center held cooling centers that worked well and were successful. The discussion on warming centers had begun and the committee was looking for a location in Roseburg while Wayne Ellsworth planned to coordinate the warming centers in Winston and Sutherlin. The Roseburg Senior Center may host the warming center, but they would need assistance with on-site storage, volunteers, and an air purification system.

The Housing Sub-committee Program development was in progress for a local program which would provide accessory dwelling units to property owners willing to host a participant. This program was in the preliminary planning phase to determine how it would tie to existing services.

NAVIGATION CENTER UPDATE

Commissioner Kimrey shared the Gary Leif Navigation Center currently housed thirteen people and had two animals on site with three people waiting for long-term care and assessment. The food coordinator had reached out to businesses in the area and was very fortunate to receive multiple generous donations that included pies, bread, bagels, potatoes, vegetables and pet food. On the navigation side, they continued to work on memorandums of understand to bring in ongoing services for those in the pods and at the site. With people coming in daily, they were asked for items for camping and housing. They had twelve full-time staff members and were looking to hire two more as their program and services continued to grow. In response to Chair Rich, Commissioner Kimrey explained the interior construction had not started and would keep the program working externally while work was happening on the inside.

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Ms. Messenger added she hoped to have the interior of the building complete by January or February, but it greatly depended on supply chain issues. The manager for the project was in place so they just needed the supplies to arrive on time. Demolition of walls, etc. in the interior would start soon, but UCAN would be able to remain in a portion of the building while the work took place. Commissioner Kimrey said they had experienced supply shortages. They ordered beds that would normally come quickly, but was told it would take months to receive. They would continue to use the front of the building and were open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

URBAN CAMPGROUND DISCUSSION

Chair Rich explained that a similar procedure for navigation center would be used to find a location for an urban campground. They would need a nonprofit to come forward to run it and would need to determine sustainability for operations and funding. Chair Rich assigned Ms. Messenger, Ms. Sowa, Commissioner Briggs Loosley, Commissioner Boice and himself to a subcommittee to seek an appropriate location. Once locations were chosen they could discuss them publicly. Chair Rich asked the Commission to contact Ms. Sowa with possible ideas for nonprofit organizations. The last item would be how to fund the project. He again asked the Commission to share ideas with Ms. Sowa for state or federal funding or from their own organization.

Commissioner Bolton noted grant money could be a possible avenue to take but some would need planning assumptions. There needed to be some latitude when asking for the grants and hoped the City would be able and willing to step in and assist. Chair Rich explained the City had put the package together before and knew there had to be some things in place to demonstrate the commitment for the program to move forward.

Commissioner Boice said he was happy to serve on the committee and suggested the need to put forth an effort for a media campaign for public feedback. Many did not want a campground in their backyard area, some did not want the Commission to do anything to help and others were passionate to do all that was possible. Restraints were placed on them by ethics to do what was compassionate, but by state and federal law on what could be done. Both the City and County had a lot of properties affected by those same laws. The Gary Leif Navigation Center was good work and was necessary to have. It created an opportunity to help get out on the other side of things and offer people a way to be productive and housed again. There was a need to have a place for people to go so they could stop being a nuisance for homeowners. First, they had to deal with the obstacle of "not in my backyard" because the end result was to make minimal impact for the area while congruently creating a huge impact for people using the program. Chair Rich agreed the media was an option to spread the word and suggested the County's communications staff could work with Ms. Sowa to place a story or editorial in the paper for what the Commission was planning.

Commissioner Boice said whether using the media or a polling program, he wanted to hear from people in Douglas County and seek public input for ideas. There were many complex issues to consider with regulations, property land use, and building codes when seeking the appropriate piece of land. Bringing the public along with them could help them better understand the processes. Making people disappear was not one of the options.

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In response to Commissioner Kimrey, Commissioner Boice hoped Umpqua Heart might be willing to come forward and be the nonprofit to run the urban campground since they were providing that service in Sutherlin and were actively looking for property in Roseburg.

Ms. Porter stated she was encouraged to hear about the campground and knew there were a lot of talented and educated people on the Commission and in the community willing to help with any committee needs. Mr. Gale said he agreed a campground was a good idea, but said there were laws that could be used and wanted to see better enforcement to stop continued building and business damages from the unhoused.

WARMING CENTER UPDATE

Chair Rich shared the Roseburg Senior Center had confirmed they were willing and able to be a warming center location for Roseburg when needed. He appreciated their support and willingness to continue providing help to those in need.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

In response to Commissioner Eichman, Ms. Messenger explained the adjacent property to the Navigation Center would take a lot money and effort to repurpose. They had not received the information promised from the current owner.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, October 24, 2022 will be cancelled to allow Commissioners the opportunity to attend a Regional Housing workshop in Cottage Grove addressing homelessness in public spaces. The next meeting would be Monday, November 28, 2022 in the City Hall Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.



Koree Tate
Management Assistant

ROSEBURG HOMELESS COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



OREGON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (OHCS) GRANT AGREEMENT

Meeting Date: November 28, 2022
Department: Administration
www.cityofroseburg.org

Agenda Section: Discussion Items
Staff Contact: Nikki Messenger, City Manager
Contact Telephone Number: 541-492-6866

ISSUE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The City applied for grant funds available from Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to help fund operations of the navigation center. The Commission is being asked to forward a recommendation to the City Council regarding adoption of a resolution to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement with OHCS to receive the grant funds.

BACKGROUND

Since being awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the State of Oregon to establish a navigation center with supportive services, the City has purchased a facility and entered into an agreement with United Community Action Network (UCAN) to operate the navigation center. Grant funds were also used to prepare the property for phase I, and are now being used to renovate the existing building to house additional residents. Additional funds in the amount of \$300,000 were awarded by Umpqua Health Alliance in April, 2022 to help offset the cost of operating the center.

UCAN has hired employees and put processes into place and is currently operating phase 1 of the navigation center, which includes 10 pallet shelters and wraparound services. All of the pallet shelters are currently occupied, and in addition to case management services for those staying at the center, walk-in services are being provided using part of the existing building. Phase 2 of the navigation center includes renovating the existing building on site to provide an additional 30 beds for congregate sheltering.

In response to the need for additional funding to operate navigation centers throughout the state, OHCS set aside funding to be awarded to each of the eight entities that received state funding to establish a navigation center, including the City of Roseburg. To receive the funds, the City was required to complete an application and submit it to OHCS. With the assistance of UCAN staff, city staff completed the application and submitted it to OHCS by the deadline of April 22, 2022. On May 27, 2022, the city received notification that the application received initial approval. On June 13, 2022, Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with OHCS to accept grant funding in the amount of \$1 million to help fund operations of the Gary Leif Navigation Center.

After some delays in the award of the grants, the City received notice from OHCS on September 14, 2022, that the total grant award would be \$1,490,835. The majority of that

funding - \$1,290,835 – will be awarded initially. The City and UCAN will then be required to submit information on how Culturally Responsive Services (CRS) are being provided at the navigation center in order to receive the additional \$200,000.

A. Financial/Resource Considerations.

The OHCS grant can be used to fund navigation center operations. While this will help with the current funding deficit, it does not fill the gap.

The following outlines current identified revenues and expenses (including the entire OHCS grant) through June 30, 2024. Staff is currently working with the contractor to reduce the estimated renovation costs shown below.

Revenue	
Initial State Grant	\$1,500,000
Umpqua Health Alliance	\$ 200,000
Umpqua Health Alliance	\$ 100,000
OHCS Grant 1	\$1,290,835
OHCS Grant 2	\$ 200,000
Total Revenue	\$3,290,835

Expenses	
Property Purchase	\$ 270,718
Ph 1 Env. & Asbestos Survey	\$ 6,971
Prep/Install Mod Pods	\$ 36,549
UCAN Contract	\$3,250,000
Architect Contracts	\$ 124,400
CM/GC Phase 1	\$ 9,588
CM/GC Demo/Abatement	\$ 86,150
<i>Committed Expenses Subtotal</i>	<i>\$3,875,644</i>

Renovation Estimate	\$1,455,722
Total Estimated Expenses	\$5,331,366

Current Revenue less Expense \$2,040,531

B. Timing Considerations.

Under the draft grant agreement, the funding for the OHCS grant must be expended by June 30, 2023. Staff is working towards negotiating the terms of the agreement as quickly as possible.

COMMISSION OPTIONS

The Commission has the following options:

- Recommend the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with OHCS to accept grant funding up to \$1,490,835 to assist with cost of operations of the navigation center; or
- Request additional information; or

- Not recommend the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with OHCS to accept grant funding up to \$1,490,835 to assist with cost of operations of the navigation center

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission recommend the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with OHCS to accept grant funding up to \$1,490,835 to assist with cost of operations of the navigation center.

SUGGESTED MOTION

"I MOVE TO RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH OHCS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING UP TO \$1,490,835 TO ASSIST WITH THE COST OF OPERATIONS OF THE NAVIGATION CENTER."

ATTACHMENTS

None

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HTAG Update

HTAG held their October meeting on October 26th with 21 members in attendance. Their November 23rd meeting update will be provided at the next Homeless Commission Meeting

- HTAG Media Project Sub-Committee Update
A draft is expected any day for the Homeless Media Project Sub-Committee to review.
- Douglas Centrally Located Homeless Initiative led by the City of Sutherlin Update
The Hastings Village in Sutherlin has effectively served the Sutherlin community by providing a place for homeless individuals to safely reside, however resources are stretched with demand being greater than the capacity of the program. The onset of winter has presented new challenges such as fires being used to generate heat and potential hazards related to fires. Committed community members continue to explore solutions and improve services. Umpqua Heart, in collaboration with HTAG, continues to explore options for expanding to Roseburg.
- Immediate Needs Sub-Committee Update
A warming center has been identified and community members are networking to assist with supplies needed for the homeless population. Community members are also establishing updated information regarding what agencies can provide specific supplies along with discussion how to streamline services. HIV alliance and Umpqua Heart have either been awarded or pending award to help with supplies for immediate needs. Other community members also continue to assist with supplies as funding allows.
- Housing Sub-Committee Update
Program development is in progress for local programs which would provide accessory dwelling units to property owners willing to host a participant.

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GARY LEIF NAVIGATION CENTER REMODEL UPDATE

Meeting Date: November 28, 2022

Agenda Section: Discussion Items

Department: Public Works Staff Contact: Ryan Herinckx, Design/Construction Mgr.

www.cityofroseburg.org

Contact Telephone Number: 541-492-6730

ISSUE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

S+B James will begin Phase I demolition of the north half of the building, starting on November 28, 2022. Work will begin with installation of a temporary access door into the southern half of the building for UCAN's operations. Once temporary access has been installed the north half of the building will be closed to UCAN operations and only accessible to construction workers. On December 12, 2022 the asbestos abatement contractor will arrive on site and begin preparation for the asbestos abatement. The abatement work in Phase I is expected to be completed by January 4, 2022.

Wilson Architecture is working on completing the improvement plans set for the Navigation Center. We anticipate submitting plans to the County Building Department for review the first week of December. Wilson Architecture, S+B James and City staff are currently reviewing preliminary costs estimates for the improvements. Staff anticipates presenting the improvements costs package to the City Council during the December or January meeting. If awarded, S+B James will begin the improvements phase of the project in January, 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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City Administration

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To all it may concern,

Laurelwood consists of approximately 92 homes and is a very unique and highly appreciated residential area in the city. Laurelwood is a tight-knit community where folks look after each other and take pride in their historic neighborhood. Residents of the neighborhood love being located in the heart of Roseburg, and serve as nurses, teachers, coaches, business owners, as well as serving on the boards of many local civic and charitable groups

Laurelwood has become increasingly concerned over the past few years as the illegal camping that has come to surround our community has escalated along with associated criminal and nuisance activities. Significant areas of concern are Gaddis and Deer Creek Parks, the designated and celebrated public way called the Bike Path (a public park) that abuts the South Umpqua River, and the South Umpqua Riverbanks from I-5 to at least the Washington Avenue Bridge. The Laurelwood residents who live along the river are particularly and adversely impacted by these illegal camp sites, and the negative effects of the situation.

We are concerned for our neighborhood, for the Roseburg community as a whole, and all the people who would typically utilize the river and the bike path. The City of Roseburg advertises these areas as among the best public assets and recreational areas the city has to offer. Due to the recent illegal camping and attendant environmental and infrastructure damage, drug use, and criminal behavior, many people are now afraid to utilize these previously coveted areas.

Wildlife and the environment are also being negatively impacted due to the water pollution, bank encroachment and soil erosion. We have seen direct negative impacts to numerous species of birds, fish, and deer. The damage is long-term, not easily repaired, and will take years to recover. Many of the activities causing this damage are addressed in municipal, state,

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or federal law. Associated prohibitions are on the books for good reasons. Homeowners would be cited or fined for engaging in similar actions. These laws should be applied fairly.

The campers in this area are also adversely impacted and exposed to hazards that could result in injury. The campers in this area tend to locate in areas that are shrouded by trees and brush and are often close to the river. Locating in these areas makes ingress and egress difficult, which greatly impedes efforts to clear garbage. This creates squalid and grossly unsanitary conditions to which no living creature should be exposed. Camping so close to the river creates a hazard, especially during times of heavy rain when the river levels can rise quickly; having to navigate the trees and brush during an emergency only compounds the situation. Several of the trees near the campers' preferred locations are long since dead and unstable which make them unsafe. Residents on the Laurelwood side of the river have witnessed trees falling because of no human-induced cause.

Being located just across the river, Laurelwood has the unfortunate opportunity to experience the results of these illegal activities on a 24 - 7 basis. Many of us regularly talk with the Roseburg police and have logged many complaints and concerns that are already on record. In short, we are continually exposed to fighting, yelling, swearing, unrestrained and loud dogs, visible drug use, drunkenness, nudity, public urination and defecation, fires (including trash burning), excessive trash buildup, water pollution, intimidating threats, trespass, and attempts at physical harm. In fact, during the spring, summer, and autumn months, it has become impossible to go outside of our homes without experiencing this behavior. Neighborhood families are having to restrict their children and grandchildren from their yards as they too are exposed to this unacceptable behavior. No one should have to keep their kids from playing in their own yards due to the nudity, profanity and drug use they will be exposed to should they go outside. One neighbor's Annual Art in the Garden event had to be cancelled for the first time in 22 years due to these issues. We have been subject to harassment, assault, and the reckless use of firearms. Reservoir Hill has burned many times threatening neighborhoods to the north and Roseburg's domestic water supply. Several of these fires have been started by illegal campfires or arson connected with unlawful use and occupation of the city park.

We recognize the City is in a difficult position to deal with these issues. Many cities along the west coast are struggling with similar problems. However, we believe the situation is becoming untenable and that something needs to be done sooner rather than later. Through this letter, we are asking the city to address the situation and enjoin the campers from these sensitive, public recreation areas. We need a location where services can be provided, environmental impacts lessened, and the current lawlessness can be managed and better yet eliminated.

Much attention is paid to *Martin v. City of Boise*, the 2019 Ninth Circuit case that held a Boise ordinance violated the Eighth Amendment if it imposed criminal sanctions against homeless

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individuals for sleeping outdoors, on public property, when no alternative shelter is available to them. Although the Martin case prohibits criminal sanctions as previously noted, it does not hold that homeless can set up semi-permanent camp sites anywhere they'd like with attendant destruction and modification of public property and resources. The case certainly doesn't condone allowing them to set up camps in parks and on waterways, which effectively limits or halts the public's use of those valuable and appreciated resources.

As a community, Laurelwood is offering to help the City to address the issue. We have organized numerous clean-up efforts when the area was safe to enter. Recently, Laurelwood residents have worked together to identify:

- The violations that appear to be occurring,
- What other communities are doing to try to address similar issues,
- How other neighborhoods and environmental activists are reacting,
- What potential funding opportunities exist, and
- Opportunities to partner with the city to prevent and clean up the damage.

The information we have gleaned follows:

Apparent Violations:

A review of the Roseburg City Ordinances and the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) demonstrates that Laurelwood is regularly subject to numerous activities that appear to be violations of Roseburg ordinances and state laws. The respective apparent violations include:

Chapter 6 Animals:

- 6.02.020 - License required
- 6.02.030 - Dog leash law
- 6.02.035 - Dog waste matter
- 6.02.040 - Dog nuisances

Chapter 7 Offenses:

- 7.02.030 - Drinking in public
- 7.02.050 - Public urination
- 7.02.080 - Discharge of firearms
- 7.02.100 - Prohibited camping
- 7.02.140 - Noise Disturbances

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Chapter 7 Nuisances:

- 7.04.020 - Contamination of waterways
- 7.04.060 - Debris
- 7.04.070 - Obstruction of the public way
- 7.04.110 - Outdoor burning
- 7.04.120 - Failure to connect to public sewer system

ORS Provisions:

- 163.195 – Recklessly Endangering Another Person
- 163.465 - Public Indecency
- 164.775 - Littering In or Near Waters
- 166.025 - Disorderly Conduct
- 166.065 - Harassment

Other Communities' Response:

Many other communities are also subject to this difficult situation and many of them are taking actions that address the well-being of the unhoused as well as their communities at large. For example:

Oregon Mayors Association – Mayors from around the state have formally requested assistance, funding, and collaboration from the State of Oregon as a whole to address the ever-growing homeless population. We were disappointed to see that Roseburg did not sign the letter, but we are hopeful that the city is involved in this effort.

Portland, OR - Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler recently announced that it is his intent to ban city camping and to establish designated camping sites where campers can have access to services, including social services. The City Council has recently adopted this plan. Establishing these campsites should allow the police more latitude to direct campers to the designated campsites or cite them if they refuse to leave. An added upside is that cited campers could waive jail time if they agree to receive mental health or substance abuse treatment.

Newport, OR – overwhelmed by illegal campers and the confusion that has resulted from various state and federal regulations and court decisions, the City of Newport recently adopted a new ordinance that renders camping illegal in certain areas. Their ordinance appears clear, concise and gives fair notice to the campers of what is not legal.

Tacoma, WA – Tacoma's City Council recently adopted an ordinance that prohibits encampments and storing personal belongings near waterways due to public safety concerns, as well as within established buffer zones of shelters.

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Los Angeles, CA – has passed resolutions that prohibit sleeping, sitting, camping, and obstructing public right of way within 500 feet of sensitive facilities including schools, day care facilities, parks and libraries.

Sacramento, CA – passed a bill prohibiting camping along a local, prized waterway citing numerous hazards associated with the camps including fire danger, water quality degradation and hazardous materials from intravenous drug use.

Numerous other cities are also working to pass ordinances that ban camping in sensitive areas including Everett, WA, Edmonds, WA, Kent, WA, Austin, TX and cities within Arizona, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Colorado just to name a few. We are happy to share the information we have found if it would be helpful.

A consideration for the Roseburg and Douglas County local governments to ponder is - *as other localities are becoming less lax with campers, will more and more campers be drawn to our area?*

Action from affected neighborhoods and environmental advocacy groups:

People who live in close proximity to camps and those who work to minimize the associated environmental impact are becoming exhausted with what appears to be developing as the status quo. Many of these people are now seeking more forceful means to address the situation. Specifically, many are now looking to the courts to direct local governments to enforce any number of existing laws and regulations. A few examples of these actions include:

Portland, OR – In the wake of continual notifications of illegal camping, city sweeps and camp reestablishment, etc. Portland's Laurelhurst Park area residents are threatening legal action against the City of Portland to clear the area of camps.

Portland, OR – A federal class action suit was filed on behalf of disabled people that attempts to force the City of Portland to clear camps.

Phoenix, AZ – Phoenix residents and businesspeople have filed a lawsuit against the city alleging irreparable harm by the associated property damage, violence, littering and human waste. They expect the city to correct the issue.

San Francisco, CA – UC Hastings Law School sued the city alleging the city had abandoned the neighborhood to tents and open drug dealing.

Venice Beach, CA – residents filed suit against the city regarding the tent city located outside of their residence.

Lawsuits of this type are becoming increasingly common, and they are expected to continue.

Environmental advocates are also becoming desperate to see action. One local example:

After several years of cleaning tons of garbage in and around the river, Willamette Riverkeeper has filed a petition to ODEQ requesting that the agency establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) limit of zero for trash in the river. If adopted, this standard would likely attempt to hold property owners,

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municipalities, and others with jurisdiction responsible for compliance. TMDL standards for trash have been adopted along the Los Angeles River and in Maryland.

Potential Grant Opportunities:

The Laurelwood group has also investigated possible grant funding to help mitigate the situation. The list below provides a few examples of what we were able to find:

On 8/1/22 HUD (The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) announced that it will provide \$2.8 billion in competitive funding to homeless services organizations across the country for supportive services and housing programs for people experiencing homelessness. (Applications were due Sept. 30, 2022).

\$46 million of this HUD money went to seven Oregon counties with Portland receiving the most at \$28,599,693. Roseburg does not appear to be on the list. Tom Cusack is Oregon's HUD state coordinator.

This year's budget for the Joint Office of Homeless Services in Oregon, \$255.5 million, is the largest yet. It will offer unprecedented support for expanding behavioral health services, shelter capacity, supportive housing, and street outreach teams.

Oregon Grant Watch is another resource that provides grant money on a smaller scale. They provide grants for nonprofits to provide programs for the homeless: counseling services, family stability food pantries, parenting, emergency services, and shelters.

San Francisco spends a staggering 1 billion a year on the homeless. There are more tents on the streets than ever. Erica Sandberg, a San Francisco news journalist said "If our problems could be solved with money, our problems would have been solved a long time ago. It's not financing or funding its policy."

Conclusion:

The Laurelwood residents sincerely appreciate how challenging this situation is and understand it will not be solved overnight. We also appreciate the difficult situation that some of the campers' experience and certainly don't want to add to their troubles. We do assert that the current situation is untenable for the environment, for the residents who live nearby, Roseburg citizens at large, and for many of the campers themselves.

All parties involved would benefit if designated camp area(s) were established. From the campers' perspective - public services, public safety and emergency services would be more accessible and responsive, many of the more vulnerable would have access to more services and have greater protection. For the natural environment, we as a community could better protect the sensitive habitats that are currently being degraded. The community could once again have the full use and enjoyment of the parks, waterways, and bike path. The residents who live near the current camps would again enjoy their backyards, allow their children and grandchildren to play in their yards, and be able to open their windows without being immediately subject to yelling, harassment, threats of physical harm, smoke, loss of property value, etc.

ATTACHMENT FROM LAURELWOOD NEIGHBORS

Concerned Residents of Laurelwood
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Accordingly, we, the undersigned residents of Laurelwood, hereby formally request that the City of Roseburg and Douglas County do what is necessary to enable effective enforcement of the various codes. Please note that we are ready and willing to help the City and County achieve this goal. We would very much appreciate hearing back from you as soon as possible, as we will need to identify additional remedial measures.

Please direct any written response to:
Concerned Residents of Laurelwood
c/o 315 W. Riverside Dr Roseburg, OR 97470

You can also call Kelly Wyatt at (541) 643-9392.

Thank you.

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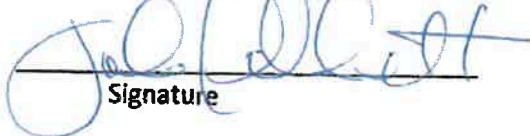
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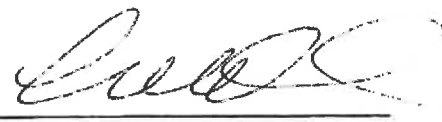
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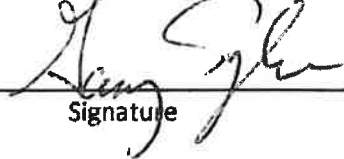
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