

CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE  
HOMELESSNESS TOWN HALL MEETING  
APRIL 5, 2022

Those in attendance virtually and in person: Mayor Gowing and Councilors Solesbee, Savage, Fleck, Stinnett, Ervin and Roberts.

Staff present virtually and in person: City Manager Richard Meyers, City Attorney Carrie Connelly, Assistant to the City Manager Jake Boone, City Recorder Mindy Roberts, Public Works & Development Director Faye Stewart, Police Chief Scott Shepherd, and Finance Director Roberta Likens.

Mayor Gowing opened the meeting at 7:05 pm and welcomed those in attendance virtually and in person and recognized Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch, Lane County Health and Human Services Director Eve Gray, Lane County Human Services Division Housing Manager Kate Bud, Staff from the Offices of Senator Merkley and Wyden, and Lane Council of Governments Executive Director Brenda Wilson.

There were approximately 200 people in attendance gathered in table groups and 60 people attended virtually.

City Manager Richard Meyers and City Attorney Carrie Connelly gave a Power Point presentation regarding Homelessness that included an interactive polling system and open ended questioning. Those unable to utilize the polling site provided answers to the questions on index cards.

Carry It Forward Executive Director Kris McAlister and Homes for Good representative Steve Ochs gave brief introductions to the services they provide and examples of how they have helped other communities.

Mayor Gowing thanked everyone for participating and sharing their thoughts for the City Council to use in their discussion on this issue.

Town Hall ended at 9:29 pm

  
Mindy Roberts, City Recorder

  
Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor



### Town Hall Polling Questions

2. Have you ever experienced homelessness? Y/N
3. Do you know anyone who has experienced or is experiencing homelessness? Y/N
4. In discussions about homelessness, we regularly hear, "We don't want to be like Eugene(Portland or Salem)." What does that mean?
5. How would you solve homelessness in Cottage Grove?
6. The City should do more than just the minimum required under Case Law and State Statutes. Agree/Somewhat agree/Neutral/Somewhat disagree/Disagree
7. What impact do you feel doing only the minimum required by Court Case Law and State Law will have on our community?
8. What additional actions should the City take to mitigate homelessness in Cottage Grove? (*choose all that apply*) a) Provide alternative shelter to keep camping out of City Parks. b) Restrict camping on sidewalks, planting strips and bike lanes. c) Partner with housing providers to build low income housing. d) Allow private property owners (businesses, churches and individuals) to have overnight camping on their property. e) Restrict camping in certain parks. f) Do nothing beyond the minimum required by case law and state law.
9. The City cannot prohibit camping outside on public property, unless other space or alternative shelter is provided. Arrange the types of parks listed below in order with the parks that should prohibit camping on top. Ranking of Types of parks
10. Should the City develop shelter sites to prevent camping in City Parks? Y/N
11. Currently a 72 hour parking limit is enforced on all vehicles parked on roadways. Should the City continue to use this to regulate vehicles being used for lodging on roadways? Y/N
12. Should the City adopt any of the additional parking restrictions for vehicles parked on the roadway? (choose all that apply) a) Repairing the vehicle is not allowed in the roadway. b) Vehicles in the roadway must be operational and legal to operate on the roadway. c) No materials, item, supplies or waste from the vehicle are allowed on the roadway. d) Camping in a vehicle is not allowed withing 100 feet of the public or private school or public playground.
13. Should the City restrict camping on sidewalks, planting strips and bike lanes? Y/N
14. Do you support the development of a Low Barrier Shelter site for individuals experiencing homelessness with the goal to access permanent housing as soon as possible? Y/N
15. The City should be providing shelters and wrap around services for individuals experiencing homelessness in the community. Agree/Somewhat agree/Neutral/Somewhat disagree/Disagree
16. Do you support the use of the Warming Shelter site for a temporary shelter site until the Low Barrier Shelter location can be prepared? Y/N



17. The City should use the Warming Shelter site as the Low Barrier Shelter location.  
Agree/Somewhat agree/Neutral/Somewhat disagree/Disagree

18. The City should use the HWY 99 site as the Low Barrier Shelter location. Agree/Somewhat agree/Neutral/Somewhat disagree/Disagree

19. The City should be actively seeking ways to increase low income housing availability.  
Agree/Somewhat agree/Neutral/Somewhat disagree/Disagree

20. The City should be purchasing land for low income housing projects. Agree/Somewhat agree/Neutral/Somewhat disagree/Disagree

21. Private property owners (churches, businesses and residents) should be allowed to apply for permission to host overnight camping on their property. Agree/Somewhat agree/Neutral/Somewhat disagree/Disagree

22. The proposal presented tonight is a reasonable approach to address homelessness in Cottage Grove. Agree/Somewhat agree/Neutral/Somewhat disagree/Disagree

23. If it were up to you, what changes, if any, would you make to the proposal presented tonight?

24. Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding homelessness in Cottage Grove.

25. The results of the tonight's Town Hall will be posted on the City's webpage in the next week. If you would like to be notified when the results are available please provide your email.



Join the discussion and provide input to the City Council by responding to the questions during the presentation by entering the following address in your browser on your phone:

**[www:pollev.com/cg100](http://www.pollev.com/cg100)**

or with your cellphone scan the QR code below to go to the website:







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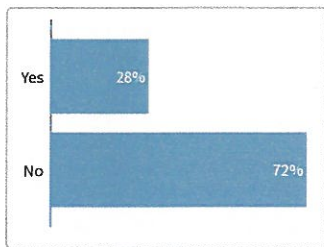
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Average responses



Average engagement

## 2. Have you ever experienced homelessness?



Response options

Yes

No

Count Percentage

51 28%

133 72%

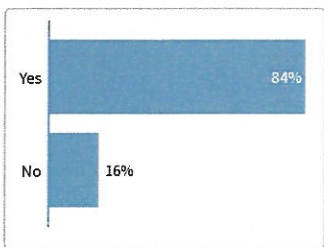


Engagement

184

Responses

## 3. Do you know anyone who has experienced or is experiencing homelessness?



Response options

Yes

No

Count Percentage

165 84%

31 16%



Engagement

196

Responses

#### 4. In discussions about homelessness, we regularly hear, "We don't want to be like Eugene(Portland or Salem)." What does that mean?

" Turning into Eugene & Portland "

" We don't want to increase the number of homelessness. We don't want to decrease safety. "

" Homeless camps , theft, garbage, feeling unsafe in our little town. "

#### Responses

Turning into Eugene & Portland

We don't want to increase the number of homelessness. We don't want to decrease safety.

Homeless camps , theft, garbage, feeling unsafe in our little town.

Camped on sidewalks & in bus. doorways

We don't want tents & trash all over the city. People taking over park & sidewalks. We don't want lawlessness.

Don't want tent cities all over town.

Having them live in tents and in the parks on the sides of the freeways. Trash everywhere.

People sleeping all over the streets & all over town.

Crime

Unhoused living on the sidewalks, in front of retail stores, filthy, feeling threatened, damaging property.

Don't want CG to INVITE homeless people by offering more services, like metros.

Crowded, unattainable, need to grow without over encroachment too easy to come here, need hand up - not out but need address to do this - don't need the "image" to become like Portland, Eugene.

What I'm hearing is that people are worried about safety, crime, sanitation and the negative impact of Eugene's homeless camps on the city. I believe in looking for constructive solutions to these problems- using Eugene as a learning example. How can we do this better?

78%

Engagement

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Responses

## Responses

I think that means we don't want our city to be trashed and we want it to be safe. But I also think there are ways we can work around that. Starting of with people volunteering with cleaning also helping homeless people with mental health. Also giving them a spot where they can go.

To me not being like Salem means we want to be loving not putting barbs on Church entryways, CG having a dignified place for homeless families and youth. We have got to have a plan for how to address "TAX THE RICH" - that included me. OUR homeless (OUR community members, OUR children OUR families). By strengthening our support system we improve our community.

Eugene is currently moving there homeless around due to track & public events. Mental health problems poor. Cottage Grove is the poorest place I have ever lived in Oregon - from Oregon and have lived a lot of places.

Lots of homelessness - more visible in Eugene - sleeping on the sidewalk.

High numbers of homeless, increased crime increased garbage, etc.

Other states do not have the homeless problems our Eugene & CG have. Some states send their homeless here. Bus them to Oregon. Passing it onto Oregon. We have more homeless here then we should. Because they/ other states send them here.

Look like trash respect

Out of control

Tent camps without support inadequate police /crisis support

Where trash & theft is being taking place and no concern for other people and property.

## Responses

Allowing homeless to ruin business. People who need help not getting help because of energy going to tweeters. Immigration taking low cost housing. We have limited resources. How many people have actually entered recovery. We have a recovery center in town. Have seen people shooting up in parking lots and by bridge across police station.

Creating services that add to the problem. Not aiding the addiction say no to drugs.

That there is order & structure with the homeless not lawlessness. A helping hand up not unlimited support.

Where they are putting up tents in any open area. Garbage everywhere.

a) We want the law upheld for everyone. Justice is blind. If you break the law homeless or not you should be prosecuted. b) Homeless should not be allowed to have their tent housing in public areas. c) lack of accountability from government on how they choose to deal with homelessness..

Tents in parks and doorways. More annoying are homed people that junk their homes.

Housing outside of downtown. Accessibility to services to easy

We don't want them relocating their homeless here! Vouchers to relocate to sanctuary city from elsewhere

We don't want the tents & garbage camped next to the roads, highways, blackberry bushes.

Vouchers to Eugene b/c Sanctuary City. B/c track sending to CG Never heard that - most are local. So many incentives to remain homeless. Used to not be that way. Worked to get out of it.

## Responses

To others it means no drugs, riots, public camping. This is not accurate. People will not come to CG because we over support services. Why does anyone come here? It's a nice community, not because it's offering "free" services.

Stop enabling the homeless

Cottage Grove will never be Port. or Eugene. Fearful excuse

I don't want to get to that point

Unchecked - people camping where ever leaving trash - making messes.

Portland/Eugene: Disgusting litter everywhere. Unsafe for children & families. Over run by druggies & mentally ill. What about us taxpayers? Who pays for their cleanup? What about caring for the needs of its taxpaying citizens? \$ cleanup . I've recently visited Portland with a family member. He was appalled that the city would allow such desacration.

It meanss that there is a distinct discrimination against anyone who does not meet "their" standard of what the entitled ones feel is their right to have so others can go without!

We don't want our "problems" visible to people. We don't want to be a big city.

Rampant public camping of homeless folks . People fearing for their safety. Filthy garbage everywhere.

Not like Port/Eug as in we don't want rampant tent "cities" in public use areas.

They are pushing homeless to edges of town - no services, no transportation . Don't want drugs and trash. Don't want them sleeping on sidewalks.

## Responses

a.) Don't want homeless living on city sidewalks, in city parks or under city (or nearby) bridges. b.) not want homeless paid by government to campout in city. c.) don't want drug & theft related problems d.) don't want trash problem. e.) don't want to enable influx & entitlement

I don't know. Perhaps Cottage Grovers want to live in a smaller community, rural community and bigger cities have more homeless folks.

No open drug use. No sleeping in doorways. Uncontrolled camps - inability for law enforcement. General trash. Verbal attacks. Unplanned nature. Unhygienic.

Messy, unkempt, no services, tent/shelter sites - not managed, no sanitation.

People's perceptions are that major cities attract homeless people. Visibility of homeless camps along freeways, traintracks, parks etc. are what people are meaning by this statement.

What I hear is "We don't want to care about those who are struggling".

Tents trash

There are areas that are more open drug scenes and not enough law enforcement to handle. Businesses not frequented because of this and economy suffers.

I don't know

Homeless farmed to extreme edges of communities, too far from services and facilities creating eyesore.

We don't want a large number of homeless people on the streets.

... Yes Garbage, number of people, behaviors

## Responses

It means that we want our unhoused folks being helped and not living in tents on the streets. We need to help folks in a way where they are valued and desire more for themselves

Crime rates will surge and so will homelessness.

We are not special, we all live in Oregon

This means that I don't want tent cities and garbage and unsafe behaviors that go along with that to come to my town.

They are pushing homeless to edge of town - not near services. No transportation. Don't want drugs and trash

We must have shelter areas that has plans for maintenance support for moving into permanent housing education for health cleanliness and education work for trade or education. Contract fir agreements

Uncontrolled homeless camps filled with trash, drugs, sex trafficking etc. where the homeless control the community and police cannot make arrests. Patrons of businesses afraid to visit our locally owned businesses due to the homeless on the streets.

I hate this comparison. I think it means we don't want homeless to be as visible in CG as they are in Eug, Salem and PdX. I think their visibility in those communities is simple because of the size of the communities. I do not like the implicit judgement in this comparison. To date CG has had no effort to address homelessness other than McKinney/Vento in the schools whereas the other mentioned communities have at least been trying . Seems unfair to judge their negatively when CG has done basically nothing until the Boise decision

People/Camps everywhere, sleeping on sidewalks, defecating in public spaces, trash, crime...

## Responses

Cottage Grove is a small town, but we can still help by offering more affordable housing. Some projects have started to have some success. We can do more with some help from local businesses.

Dirty, homeless camps everywhere , garbage, letting camps be in public areas and parks

It means I don't want people living on the streets with all their trash, needles , tents excrement dogs ect. There have been rumors that people from Portland are coming here because we take care of them so well

We don't want to have tents set up all over town without regard to health and safety and sanitation.

The trashy tent sites seen from the fwy. We shouldn't have to clean up after the homeless. They should keep their areas clean.

Homeless living in public areas and causing health hazards. Aggressive behavior and business disruption. Diminished favorable conditions in the community caused by a very small population. No solutions apparent.

Those cities seem to have a chronic homeless population that move in, set up their own "tent cities", and aren't showing signs of getting help. These hubs are often places where drugs and violence police calls are made. It seems that the services offered enable the lifestyle the homeless are leading and instead of helping them get out of it, it only promotes the problem further.

I think people who say this don't want to see the groups of homeless people in tents alongside highways.

To me it means we don't want negative impacts such as the trash, graffiti, tents, crime and loss of sense of safety. We want to be proud of our town when tourists come to boost our economy. The Risk from hygiene issues, dangerous garbage to children playing in parks is something I absolutely do not want.



## Responses

We don't want to feel unsafe around large crowds of lawless people.

Spending/ setting aside more and more money for the homelessness when the homeless has just continued to grow. When you can use the money in a way that would build the city better. Poring more money into a hole without a solution is the problem. Lack of accountability with the homeless. Letting them do whatever they want

It means that we do not want rampant homelessness. To me this would look like having people living on all of the grassy medians in all subdivisions of the City of Cottage Grove. Or, creating a tent community, like the tent community at Washington Jefferson Park in the City of Cottage Grove. If it got to this level Cottage Grove would be a much less nice place to live or want to visit. Do not want to create an unsafe environment where our kids can't go and enjoy, or feel threatened while using the parks.

I don't want the drug problems Macomb pee in a cup before they give them anything

Have more local involvement in the solutions, providing clean affordable options

I don't usually say that

My worst fear is yes I don't want to look like Eugene more than that we need to figure out what to do obviously so let's make them accountable if we do see them designated areas pick up their trash have respect for our city

We don't want homeless campers popping up around our city. They are messy and it increases crime.

## Responses

To me this demonstrates a fundamental misunderstanding of homelessness as dirty, urban, and dysfunctional, and that visible homelessness is something to be avoided and looked down upon. I feel we need to reframe homelessness as a fundamental failing of social systems to meet the minimum needs of every member of society, including and especially those struggling with addiction, trauma, mental health crises, chronic unemployment, and other factors that can contribute to chronic homelessness. Compassion first!!

Camps anywhere and everywhere. Trash and debris indiscriminately tossed anywhere and everywhere. There's no services for these people or there camps. People have been harassed (homeless along with housed peoples) and injured. Everyone needs to be safe.

That means we will not tolerate people sleeping on streets of downtown. We want to have many opportunities for connection

People experiencing homelessness in temporary shelters or rough sleeping the sidewalks on Main Street, residential neighborhoods, or city park areas.

We want to do a better job in solving this issue than them

PAN handling on all corners, drifters coming from other communities (Nomad homeless). Drain on other systems besides actual roof over heads. Additional temporary, transitional, housing. larger need for disabled, high needs, behavioral health services.

Allowing/ tolerating the collection of tents, drug use and vandalism in our business district and parks.

A public campground where trash is heaped. Where there is no pride in citizenship. Fearing for safety.

## Responses

We see homeless people camped in public places creating a mess. They are panhandling , using drugs and using our public spaces as bathrooms .

tents lining the sidewalks, along main roads, trash piles abandoned, drug paraphernalia littering the streets and residents' back yards, increased car and home break-ins.

Out of control problem ...

I do not live in Cottage grove but that means a lack of understanding and nimby stuff to means

Do not want the crime and filth. Tents and garbage in parks.

No street camping

For me it means I don't want to see the crisis end up as bad for cottage Grove as it is in Eugene.

Filth, locations strewn all over the city, lack of sanitary protocol enforcement, lack of motivation by the city government to take more aggressive intervention with problem individuals.

That we don't want crowds of people living along highways and roads in tents and all the trash that comes with it, I would like to see people in houses or shelters .

Homeless sleeping downtown on sidewalks. More garbage. Tents along side of streets.

Homeless camps where the people allowed to do drugs, even assisted with their drug paraphernalia. Out of control and the city can't seem to get real help to the people there with their mental health needs and addictions.

The process is broken. These areas are over run. Tax payers and home owners have lost rights. Homeless have better benefits than those paying their bills.

## Responses

4. We don't want homeless people having to feel their only place to have shelter is under an awning in front of a business or having to camp on busy and unsafe roads.

When I hear that it makes me think the person saying it uninformed by why people are experiencing homelessness. Closed minded comments

High cost of cleanup. Having homeless camp everywhere. Higher crime. More drugs.

Letting homeless take over city parks, city side walks.

following Portland and Eugene, it isint working

People living in public spaces

I don't know! Personally I think large apartment buildings do not fit the Grove, but if done well, perhaps even those would work. Single family homes won't work.

That we have not helped our houseless enough and we got to a point where the people are living everywhere on the street.

We don't want tents scattered everywhere in our local parks where are kids playing.

Out of control lack of housing; small town dealing with "city " issues

It means unsafe unhealthy streets sidewalks parks and roadways. Higher crime, and drug use.

By providing all of these handouts you are creating a vacuum for people to come in who are in need of those services rather than addressing the needs of the people here. Eugene Portland and Salem are all cities that have a serious homeless issue. The question should be why you have this problem and not come from the mindset that a lack of housing

## Responses

Dirty, unwelcoming and unsafe for people of all ages. Cottage grove is quaint, and known to be a good family town.

We don't want to reach the tipping point where the issue seems unsolvable.

Clean community that's safe.

Large communities of homeless gathered in places bringing a perceived feeling of danger, filth, drug use.

We don't want to see homeless people spread throughout the city, and including many homeless camps

I haven't got a clue. I would ask when I hear it said.

Peeing and defecating in the streets. Tents on nearly every corner. Seeing people shooting up outside their "homes" aka tents. Trash everywhere

Have the non homeless residents foot the bill for the homeless population in services and disregard property protection.

I don't want more and more tents and camps opening up on Main Street effecting businesses

Perhaps they mean they don't want to have to actually see and look at the unsheltered folks.

Too many visible homeless in public areas unmanaged

It means I don't want our town to appear dirty with homelessness on street corners with their garbage and belongings. They litter the town.

Homeless campers in publicly visible areas

People living in tents all over city.

Trashy areas, panhandling, increase in crime

## Responses

We don't want all the garbage, waste, crime, and drugs that homelessness brings to the community.

Lacking policies to manage homeless population and resources to enforce the policies

I don't want to see garbage EVERYWHERE! I have compassion for those who are TRULY homeless, but the mess that most leave EVERYWHERE is disgusting.

Homeless camps everywhere.

Homeless camped out along our streets crime increasing drug increasing and homeless taking over private property. Homeless at every corner

Unhoused everywhere with their tents and shelters, no order or designated places.. dirty trash and debris everywhere. We need clean streets, safe parks and a designated area for the homeless.

That's nonsense. But people are saying that they don't want to attract homeless people. But Eugene provides many quality services and we should as well.

Homeless people camping in parking lots, on sidewalks, etc. providing so many services that we attract even more homeless people from other locations.

Lots of visible homeless persons and their accoutrements.

We're afraid of garbage, feces, needles, and unsightly/unsanitary conditions.

Allowing the homeless to camp everywhere they choose, littering and trashing our community. The more we support and cater to the homeless, the more that will come here to stay.

People who say this are blaming the people who have nowhere to go for failed policies around housing, wages, and other social determinants of health.

## Responses

Those cities have visible, ugly, homeless camps with garbage and open drug use.

To me it's another way of saying not in my backyard.

Vast homeless camps with crime and garbage and drugs.

People living on the street and not working.

That people don't want to be so liberal with their laws that people move here to utilize the free resources.

That means not having a bunch of trash everywhere we walk or tents.

Tents in parks, people peeing and pooping in public, eyesore galore

A disgusting cesspool of filth and tents everywhere. A place the homeless know they can receive a bunch of handouts with no contribution back to the community.

we dont want our roads littered with tents & trash , & drug paraphernalia

We want our own identity w our own needs.

We don't want to reach a tipping point where the homeless issue seems insurmountable & people give up trying to solve the issues.

They have lots of homelessness

We don't want out of control gentrification that pushes low income people of their communities in favor of wealthier land owners.

The more units made the more crime level will surge upwards and potentially the homeless rates as well.

Ignoring the problem, not responding effectively to their unhoused

## Responses

It means we do not want camps on the streets or parks or public buildings.

That means what it means. All you have to do is look around Eugene for the answer.

Over run with homeless. Garbage everywhere. Businesses moving out . Drain on services. police fire medical

If hate to see piles of garbage asking the streets and freeway.

Cater to homeless without a plan

We don't want to look like a 3rd world country. I

The homeless are more visible and in bigger numbers.

Having people living on the streets not offering solutions

Visible, unsightly tent and other homeless dwellings

Large amounts of homeless people out living in public, lots of litter, crime increase, drug use increase.

We don't want the problem here .. it looks like a problem there

We don't want to have homeless people on every corner of every urban street.

We are afraid we are going to have more homelessness like them

We don't want to have people sleeping on the sides of the road in tents or in the rough. We also don't want to see the challenges get bigger.

Homeless camping in downtown without services.

An epidemic of open drug scenes in parks, street corners etc.



## Responses

I honestly don't know, I would guess maybe "we" don't want large camps or folks hanging out in downtown areas?

Visibly seeing homeless folks on the street.

Being a haven for the homeless

Over run with homeless in the parks and on the streets. Used needles laying around all over.

Motor homes, cars parked all over, people in tents in green spaces.

People sleeping in tents in the park and in the doorway of businesses and on the streets and sidewalks.

We don't want the crime. Break ins

I don't know what people mean by this.

The people who say this mean that they do not want to see those less fortunate, I have never said this. I want to excel as a city in our response to support folks struggling with houselessness.

It's an excuse to avoid action.

Swamped with homeless that leave trash everywhere.

We don't wanna be over run with tents

We don't want tents and trash all over our small town!

Tents and trash everywhere

It means that the speaker is I'll informed and doesn't understand the dynamics of poverty.

Being a hub for homelessness (can you also please go to the previous slide)

People in Cottage Grove associate cities with rampant homelessness and violence.

## Responses

I do not know

We want to take better care of our homeless

Have encampment everywhere

Homelessness everywhere

Homeless camped everywhere

No visible sign of homeless individuals.

Camps on the streets.

## 5. How would you solve homelessness in Cottage Grove?

“ Mandatory Drug / Alcohol counseling accountability ”

“ increase rent subsidy - increase available housing - increase low income housing - go after federal dollars for subsidy. ”

“ Look at places that have proven

### Responses

Mandatory Drug / Alcohol counseling accountability

increase rent subsidy - increase available housing - increase low income housing - go after federal dollars for subsidy.

Look at places that have proven successful strategies. - CG should quit giving all these breaks (water, sewer, tax incentives, etc.) to housing developers & not get what CG needs = Affordable & low income housing. - Develop public not for profit affordable housing. - Develop public housing that also helps people build limited equity. - Utilize the co-op limited equity housing model.

Make it illegal. No more immigrant No sanctuary cities. Low income: Not for profit homes. Ask Bill Gates to give his land.

"stop" corruption in the resources that are not for helping those that need help, but helping themselves. Hire people that want to help homeless people. Start with teaching children in school - teaching skills, Bible.

Find some state that has success in homelessness housing and follow what they are doing. Affordable housing that isn't for profit. Why are we only offering showers

Offer housing with various levels /barriers social services at every site, even warming shelters. Offer a list daily to officers as to available housing (so homeless can be referred there).

Housing with social services onsite, ie mental health, drug treatment, job training - and ACCOUNTABILITY.

More permanent solutions - more housing for all price ranges, drive costs down plus low income options.



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## Responses

Low income house more of them. Not all homeless people are bad and it sucks that some homeless people make people feel unsafe but like I said its not all I'm a teenager - I walk and ride my bike around town. Some homeless look out for us teens. I was homeless for 3 days it was extremely hard I can't imagine doing it for years some these people just need are help.

I would suggest have a shelter site with port-o-potties and designated space numbers given to each individual or couple/family. They would be responsible for keeping the space and area clean of garbage, within their space number.

How would I solve Homelessness - Provide a central housing unit that also provides drug treatment, mental health, vocational training and other services to move out of the provided housing and go on to be living independently. The top part of the building would be for the apartments and the bottom floor would have office and retail spaces for health clinics, legal offices, a deli, barber shop, retail shops for the folks to use and shop while also learning job skills. The individuals would have to meet certain goals to continue to receive the services and job training.

Living family wages jobs would help. O.U.R. CG is a great start. Bette Education on available resources. Stronger DHS intervention, Stronger skill training, Curbing investment purchasers, (who then turn around and charge tenants high rent, so low income individuals and/or families cannot afford to rent.

Solve? I am not sure one can do this. However better paying jobs would be helpful and housing - Thank you for offering showers I found this sad that people laughed. Basic needs - if any of these people go to church should be ashamed. That includes food, clothing, safe place to sleep.

Increased housing units case management, home sharing.

## Responses

No encouraging them to come here. Make

Accountability

Soberity - St. Vincent model

Shelter / housing first St. Vincent

You can't many people change, but some will.

Start penalizing druggies. There are no consequences but if my grass is over 12 inches I get fined.

Tell people to give donation to city so they can help shelter area instead of handing them cash.

Enforce city ordinances - trespass keep aid and services on outskirts of town. Do not encourage people to move here for easier conditions establish shelter in industrial park along with mental health services and drug counselling and shelter aid. Do not allow camping in city downtown.

Enforce laws - find somewhere they are making improvements in this problem and use what they are doing.

Incentivize homeowners with extra rooms to rent them to people who are on the verge of homeless or not chronically homeless. Help people with shared affinity (senior, veterans, etc.) buy single family homes as a limited equity co-op.

Its not about housing . It is a whole person multi-faceted approach - you are failing your community and the homeless if all your after is affordable housing. I expect better from my community members who have been voted into a position.

Basic income

Provide Housing Boxable \$50,000 - \$250/month financing.

## Responses

Create accountability and vested interest in getting out of the homelessness situation - transitional temporary housing with accountability for improving personal situation.

Compassionate people, shelter

- dental issues want a secure place to live. - met a 60 yo who wants to work but is illiterate . If he didn't have a food card, he wouldn't eat.

- More low income housing - Tiny homes/transitional - Are questions being asked about the needs? - Only people they met want to be homeless. - mental health services. - Everyone they met want not to be homeless.

Offer support services free crisis counselling, job applications, etc. a hand up to stability.

Send them to Eugene

Build affordable housing

Get rid of Martin v Boise. Now our city has its hands tied. Parks & public areas should be safe for children and families! Aren't parks and playgrounds for children & families !!! Get people off the drugs!

Solving means resolving a problem and the system that perpetrates it thru multiple abuses of vulnerable people by making continuous excuses for not allowing POSITIVE SOLUTIONS BY those who have Access to all material goods and use it to deny it to others they feel ARE NOT ENTITLED TO have EVEN BASIC necessities and continue to DISALLOW their right to HAVE ACCESS!

Housing first initiatives Affordable supportive housing

Build more low income housing with services available - mental health & addiction, financial skills training - Job training

## Responses

Affordable housing, networking = help from other (outside) agencies. Need better, more effective mental health support. Programs to instruct & support for socially "normal" behavioral for homeless people. Allow folks to see "normal behavior" modeled. Let them experience hope.

Too Big

Involve homeless in helping to solve problems "Help them learn to fish" - teach them to help themselves. Issue is polarized - " we draw the homeless from around the country" "Money is not the answer"

a.) personal responsibility of homeless person (0 trash, 0 theft, etc) many landlords have sold rentals because of this. b.) 0 facilitate drug use. c.) encourage respect for law enforcement. d.) address individual causes rather than 1 size fits-all solution. e.) \$ 0 answer. f.) legal 0 penalize those individuals who are trying to individually help a homeless person. g.) homeless give some work for amenities. h.) there is need for mobile home parks with older mobile homes.

My utopia: The Federal Gov. has lots of land. Create work camps with small little houses & have a community center for them to socialize, have a kitchen, showers, etc. Each individual collaborate with cooking, cleaning, ideally gardening. and they need social workers, mental health if needed. Similar programs given to veterans that already exist - work camps. Also get peace Corps to assist. If the camp is outside the city, have mini buses to get the folks to town for shopping, church, etc. Once the camp is formed & folks are happy. In Cottage Grove as related to not able to pay rent or lost a home, have the Gov. assist with fees & for assist with alternative housing

1. More affordable housing. 2. Move to a place you can afford. 3. Changing zoning and building permits. 4. Community first - addressing relative trauma.

## Responses

Convert "Zombie Homes" non-resident places to offer homes/affordable housing and safe zones for people to get a start at. Supervised safe camp zones.

High density, low priced, self governing with rules like the Cottage Villages , -the project in Eugene, whose name escapes me "opportunity Village" I think is example

We can help people. We can't solve it. There has always been homelessness. There is a small group who are only comfortable outdoors.

Hi

We need to develop transitional housing, aka shelters, for homeless individuals. We also need to develop more affordable housing and housing for all income levels. Finally, we need to facilitate provision of supportive services to enable those with mental health issues to succeed in housing.

Privatize organization of creating habitats and services for homeless.

High density, low rent housing where people feel a sense of ownership. Incentivise landlords to rent to homeless and in return help them with low cost repairs to make sure places are kept up so as not to become slums.

Increase low income housing, change city zoning to allow ADU's and other forms of infill housing units, offer incentives to build units in empty unused buildings.

Define solve. Clearly we need more housing period. But other services such as mental health and drug treatment are also needed.

Communities of small homes. Boxabl Homes would be great. Check out [boxabl.com](http://boxabl.com) and email [thometeam22@gmail.com](mailto:thometeam22@gmail.com) :)

Temporary transient locations kept safe and survivable.



## Responses

Outreach, financial counseling, low income housing--housing first model, mental health support, addiction support

We need increased access to transitional housing.

Providing affordable housing options along with accountability and community support.

Separate those who are willingly employable, substance addicted and willing to get treatment, mentally ill, and those who just like the life of a drifter. Prioritize available resources more towards the most likely to succeed out of homelessness. Don't assume that the city will be affordable to all homeless individuals, even those who work, and find more affordable cities and towns where incomes will have more rental availability. There can be little gain made if the local job market cannot make living here viable.

More affordable housing.

The obvious answer is build more low income housing. The issue is low income housing does not mean that someone will transition if their economic status improves thus allowing another community member to fill that vacancy if it happens. It is also all the support services which we are facing provider shortages so we have other issues. Not an easy issue. The scenario will be getting worse as we accept all refugees and open borders from the south. Now we are needing more interpreters. Big increase in medical and behavioral health. Maybe more community living centers for those who are aging. Inflation will soon be squeezing out our elderly. The nuclear family has been changing and maybe provide incentives for mixed generational homes.

That's a very complicated question. I wish I had more wisdom to answer it. There are many things that have created this issue but I think the biggest issue that is not helping in the progressive welfare policies that keep people dependent on the services.

## Responses

Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units to provide initial affordable housing for working single adults that may transition to more typical housing in the future. City codes and some tax abatements should provide incentives for this type of housing as part of the total new residential mix. A similar housing unit for families (i.e., two bedrooms with shared common spaces) could also be built. This would require looking at the existing City codes for multi-family residences to see if this is feasible. Some sort of upfront subsidy for move-in costs for persons who could make the monthly rent.

I'm overwhelmed by the thought of how. So many factors.

Work with no profit organizations to provide a structured environment where the occupants have shared responsibility with their peers to maintain the location and even work or get work credit outside the location

Your problem isn't finding them a place to live making sure they have some responsibility for where they live. Whether it's working or volunteering at the non profits that support the programs that help them. That could potentially give them a purpose. I don't think all homelessness are folks that aren't willing to help out. The old saying we're all a paycheck away from being on the street is becoming more and more true.

Minimum requirements for no drug use, job search, etc and rehabilitation/transitional plans

This is a hard question, our community doesn't have the right resources to support them

Something like the mission that is in Eugene.  
Accountability

Alternative housing, raise awareness of room for rent, in home care for room, cottage cluster models

## Responses

Take the money from the bombs and move it into low income, subsidized housing units. It's a national issue that must include a shift in our collective priorities.

Increase mental health support. Create locations with rules and accountability.

Work on alcohol and drug and mental health issues

"I" cannot solve homelessness in CG alone. I would however serve a shelter with services that supports those who need it while my city works to build affordable and low income housing to meet today's need.

Need to fund and develop a shelter center as a first step. Tax breaks and incentives for developers to build low income and affordable housing. Expand community sharing and develop health center that includes mental health services and social services.

Invest our human capital in a vetting process which respects personal agency and allows for establishing relationship and understanding of how to best allocate our limited community resources to assist each individual toward being responsible for working their housing track.

It seems like the start of a solution would look like providing job opportunities for middle class workers and affordable housing. The housing market has become insane in the last decade and it's very difficult to find an affordable place.

High density low income sprinkled through out neighborhoods. No separation of status. Neighboring homes can look different

Government subsidies for low income housing, housing that is always low income, protect mobile housing, raise wages

Tiny homes. Co-ops, like on Mandison. Subsidized housing.

## Responses

More tiny homes and some renovations to old motels or other projects for co-ops are possibly something to look into. Subsidized housing thru Dept of Agriculture has been helpful here.

Affordable housing. Apartments being built in CG are not affordable for the average family. Tiny homes/ pallet homes for transitional housing.

Quantify and name our homeless using homeless management information system. . HWIS. Cg articulate housing goals, vacancy targets. Accelerate permits. Update codes to bring in housing. Use grants, Here together metro 2020supportive housing measure. HYD

One on one encounters (@shelter @food bank, medical intervention, etc) to determine & assess what issues cause each individuals circumstance. Each person has unique situation, so case work each homeless person.

Build more low income housing; establish temporary shelters, could the BFN shelters be used year round?

More affordable housing, however some homeless do not have the capacity to maintain the rules to stay in a home.

5. Solving homelessness in Cottage Grove is going to need to be a fluid process and will have to have the support from the local community.... It would be great to establish a complex of some sort and have it tied to a self-sufficiency program that people can "graduate" from; in turn can move out to a more permanent location, thus, resulting in a vacancy for other homeless people

Help with cost of housing, federal level, state level.

## Responses

By not enabling those who can easily get a job and pay their own rent, food, etc. Shelters enable to stay on the street and get everything free. There are so many jobs available in Cottage Grove. If the homelessness were clean from drugs & alcohol there is no reason they can't work like the rest of the community.

Provide shelters, showers, more affordable housing, job fairs, help with financial education, matching funds for saving for housing and school, help with acquiring funds needed to move into housing.

It can't be solved totally. We need housing both low income and high income housing. It might help to move low income people in the same apartments as the middle income

Encourage people to migrate to places they can afford.

Open the space on HWY 99 to any that need a place to stay only overnight, must leave in the am. Take the new piece of property on N Douglas and put some huts up like the Eugene program. There is drug testing, must have goals and it is temporary. A step up, not a handout for those that truly want to change their situation. Please offer showers more than just Wednesdays. Our displaced children need a safe place to camp with both parents and to be able to be clean. Open the warming shelter spaces to family space. Offer job fairs at the community center to help connect them with job opportunities.

Obviously more low income housing is needed. I do not understand what the impediments are to that. River view seems to function reasonably. Seems like section 8 housing availability needs to be bolstered. Then a caseworker approach to each homeless person is needed to help them navigate whatever obstacles they face so they can continue to live a housed life.

## Responses

1. Improved case management 2. Improved mental health services 3. Inpatient drug addiction services 4 accountability and responsibility. 5. Contribution by people receiving services whatever they may look like.

I would have a committee to support the unhoused. With homeless people on the committee as well as others. I would start a mentoring program for the homeless. I would include the homeless in the process of deciding their fate. As well as finding solutions. I would give homeless responsibility in the community to help keep our community beautiful. The unhoused know how to survive with very little. Our community can learn from people who have survived. I would make this an inclusive community.

Housing co-ops, tiny homes, camps with services to help end homelessness, subsidized housing.

Increase wages, lower rent

More triage to determine needs. Better accountability w builders and developers. Follow thru w who profits.

End tax breaks for developers who aren't creating affordable housing. Open a shelter. End giving money to "restoration" projects that are removing affordable housing.

Provide a central housing unit that also provides the drug treatment, mental health, vocational and other services to move out of the provided housing and into a stable job, etc. The individuals would have to meet certain goals to continue to receive the services so as to not become dependent on the assistance. The top part of the building is the housing and the bottom has office space for stores, barber shop, etc that people can learn a skill and also serve the community.

High density extreme low income housing mixed into medium income neighborhoods

## Responses

Farming co ops. Work based housing. Return the access to mental health and find long term safe place for those with serious mental illness. What are the numbers excluding the homeless who choose the life? Some do not want help. Have you asked their input?

Understand truly what homelessness, is it a choice or is it a "chance." We don't think that you can solve this problem. The city needs to just meet the requirements of the law, we can't afford extravagant measures & financing.

start transition groups, get mental therapy if needed, find safe space area's for homeless to sleep while transitioning into workforce, set many boundaries in order to receive the help!

Convert a warehouse into very basic studio apartments with bed, small bathroom, and locking doors, with paid managers to have residents keep it clean, and use dumpsters.

Affordable housing. Tailored services for the homeless. What works for the the basic homeless will not work for the mentally ill or the drug addicted.

Affordable housing, economic development, mental health care, drug and alcohol treatment, employment and training services

Provide low income housing Provide areas not around businesses and houses for homeless to transition

Cottage Grove is doing a good job of providing temporary shelter to some individuals. Permanent, truly low income housing with adjacent services is necessary, but this is difficult to find. The Cottage Village tiny home

Provide more shelter, require affordable housing to be built at the same rate or more than market rate.

## Responses

Exchange programs create tiny homes and camps that people love and exchange for community work from park maintenance to reading to children in libraries find what one would enjoy and exchange. Create coop apt with rooms one would "rent"

Affordable housing with services

More housing is needed at all stages: shelters (I work with unhoused youth and there are a large number of unhoused youth in this community), transitional living programs, and more affordable housing. It is especially difficult for youth to escape the cycle of homelessness when they don't have rental history or a co-signer or the income needed for deposits, first and last rent, etc. We have the fabulous resource of Community Sharing in this community, but fundamentally the physical infrastructure needed to combat homelessness is missing (here and in other parts of Lane County as well!).

Help people get help for addictions FIRST if they need it...with housing being conditional on them taking that help. The goal would be to get them mentally and physically healthy as a condition of free housing. If they don't accept help for their addictions, NO HOUSING. We must help people help

More affordable housing, economic development, higher wages, less income inequality in our nation

This is a terrible question. Homelessness is not just a housing issue. Homelessness needs to have a holistic approach, counseling, mental health, drug and alcohol services, job services, access to community partners and services, social service assistance.

Encourage work. Sharing housing, room mates. Not everyone has their own apartment or house. Discourage camping on public property except in designated locations. Help people find mental healthcare, drug treatment, job training, roommates.



## Responses

Housing for homelessness but with the requirement that they must get clean.

Have a facility where people can find purpose and get help with mental health/addictions. Have standards (ie: drug free) and require rent to encourage responsibility.

Stop government involvement. Let the non profit and churches and families do it. Government can't fix it. Not the government's responsibility especially in a small town. City should do their mission statement. Stop giving away the farm and people will go somewhere else if they can't get free stuff constantly.

Managed care by individual based on needs, provide shelter with oversight and links to services needed: medical, dental, counseling, jobs, education or apprenticeships.

Make the programs have steps that people need to complete in order to start the process so that individuals are not last a taking advantage of the programs. Drug and alcohol mandatory testing!

Remove caninis shops, housing

Somehow come up with more inexpensive housing.

Provide increased section 8 vouchers; include more multi family units in program. Federal subsidies for low income housing options. Allow "mother in law units" on smaller lots. Support more entry level units like Emerald Village and cottage village.

Attract developers that will build affordable housing.

I was trying to answer the previous question about what it means that we don't want it to be like Portland/Eugene...

Drug treatment and mental health help as well as more affordable housing.

Xx

## Responses

Allow additional ADU units. Reduce property taxes & permit fees for low income housing.

If one is homeless, the city would give them a small job to live in the area so they would have to contribute to the community. Not just let them live free with the city providing free money.

Provide a step by step program for people to get on their feet. Provide a warm safe place to sleep shower. So they can keep a job. Low income housing should be the number one step.

Begin with a managed camp the strategically add transitional housing and very low cost managed housing. Contract for management include wrap around services

Invest in case managers to provide support in providing folks with access to food, medical and dental care, and mental health. Provide short term housing in small shelters like the warming shelters until they have had a chance to receive access to care that they need to stabilize. Partner with community businesses with subsidy to hire folks struggling with houselessness.

It's such a large issue that I think start with a small group and gradually expand programs.

Build additional housing similar to the type of housing is being built in Eugene across from the Eugene Municipal Court. This is a type of facility that will be run by Laurel Hill. Laurel Hill helps people with the myriad of issues that cause homelessness. I think that a facility like this would be helpful.

Send them to a shelter in Eugene or motivate them to find a job.

Lower rent costs.

## Responses

More affordable housing options, more social service supports. Mental health doesn't do anything if basic needs aren't met. Easier access to social security and disability

Granges become shelters. Then common housing (10 per house). No drugs, or back out shelters.

"Tiny home" style efficiency apartments in a building or complex. Paid for at public expense.

Not just in CG, but everywhere-- the cost of housing would be a great start. Affordable housing for everyone

Phone app to help give support to the homeless on the corner.

Require developers to build low/middle income homes/rentals. HOLD the builders accountable to said contracts and penalize if breached.

Start with the root of the problem. Determine if people need mental health support, drug rehab, or financial assistance. Once a plan is established, they have a set timeline to get assistance and then they're done. If they remain homeless after that, then that's their choice, but they should not continue to get hand outs.

We need a full time shelter maybe put together by the churches(?).

I would get the local churches involved. They are an mission centered outreach organization.

mandatory drug and alcohol treatment

Wrap around service to help them move forward to being in their own house

gather all the homeless agencies and county agencies to work as one to make more shelters, old buildings converted into homeless shelters.

## Responses

I agree with the housing first model. I believe low income housing with services would be one part.

Build more tiny homes or community temporary based housing options

Create permanent housing options that are affordable for people who are homeless and include supportive services.

Allow people to live in sheds and rv's

Affordable housing, mental health and substance abuse treatment, help on the path to stable housing

Offering transitional housing w resources to offer help with what they are struggling with

Create low and no income housing options, foster homes and support services for people seeking accessible housing

More housing more social services

Provide incentives to developers for property builds at reasonable market value.

Increase minimum wage, more affordable housing, mental health and drug rehab programs

Incentivize housing developers to build more low income specific housing, or have a percentage of newly developed housing be low income.

Create or build a tent city outside of the city limits..

You'll never solve a problem that has many causes including people choosing the lifestyle or choosing to take the course that leads to homelessness.

Greatly increase mental health services. Cut taxes/building expenses/building regulations to put more money in the pocket of the citizens and cut the cost of building.

## Responses

Have more places that gives shelter, bed, and shower.

Provided homes accompanied by rehabilitation (mental health help, addiction help, job help)

Use some of our funds to develop low-income housing

Bring in more affordable housing and workforce housing also redefine what a house is example tiny homes

Multiple solutions for multiple causes....

Provide more services.

If it is only related to rent causes or to other causes may influence that decision.

15th Night Implementation to prevent homelessness on the front end.

I would like to build a tiny house interactive educational rehab community -Michael welchccok

Housing, wraparound services and therapy

Make them P in a cup if they got a drug problem rehab

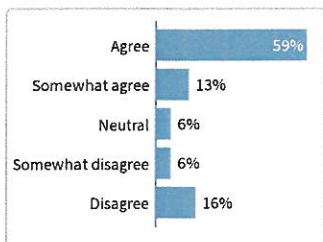
We need a basic income

Increase affordable housing.

Build more affordable housing

Affordable housing

## 6. The City should do more than just the minimum required under Case Law and State Statutes.



Response options

Count Percentage

**Agree**

**110 59%**

Somewhat agree

24 13%

Neutral

11 6%

Somewhat disagree

11 6%

Disagree

29 16%



Engagement

**185**

Responses

## 7. What impact do you feel doing only the minimum required by Court Case Law and State Law will have on our community?

" Produces greater need for more temp. shelters. "

" Your not getting to the core issues. Your talking a bandaide - a very expensive bandaide that isn't effective. "

" It will lower living standards for

### Responses

Produces greater need for more temp. shelters.

Your not getting to the core issues. Your talking a bandaide - a very expensive bandaide that isn't effective.

It will lower living standards for everyone.

Get worse

We turn into Eugene & Portland

Encouraging more people to not try to get into a better situation.

Create problems.

We will see an increase of homeless as Portland gets work and sends them to Eugene, in turn sending to Cottage Grove.

Over taxed emergency services, safety issue for city residents.

I think we would have increased homeless coming to CG; those who are not able to navigate a more structured situation and those who do not want to take advantage our "housing" options.

You cannot fine people who have no place to go. Guess keep working on it.

Keep a wide gap between the have and have not

Homelessness will continue to grow.

no effect

Not enough

Just do min and keep people out of parks & downtown.

It's confusion

It isn't fixed

devastating

Accessory development ADU

74%

Engagement

177

Responses

## Responses

Only the minimum allows for defecation in parks, on public right of way and public areas. Dignity and integrity is to provide sanitary services.

Minimum results

Minimal results for homeless. Maximum impact on the entire community, divisiveness.

Maybe they will leave

Less than what is needed.

Would cause more public camping

We will have community that will not be the place children will feel safe, it will lead to unsanitary conditions as well as look unsightly. Those who are homeless will likely not have their basic needs met.

We will continue to see the same apathetic results of NOT caring about our vulnerable people and what continues to perpetrate NO DIRECTION

Leave us in a vicious cycle of people shuffling through the system with no stability.

We would be mirror image of our larger sister cities.

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Homeless will increase

We will have more unhoused people staying in our public parks/spaces

Unstructured camps & theft issues with no services/help available.

It would be unacceptable to just strike out the parts of city code that violate the court decision. It would be better if the city takes a leadership position in providing alternative to sleeping outdoors.

Keep people stuck

Unknown

There won't be enough resources or options to address the spectrum of homeless needs.

## Responses

It will send the message that we are not going to be coerced into paying all living expenses for those who are homeless.

Excessive camping in our parks

Higher tension between unhoused and housed, more sanitation issues, less businesses wanting to move here resulting in less job growth, and higher homelessness rates if current financial situations remain the same or get worse.

Issues will never be addressed by doing minimum required.

That the issue will not be resolved and the community will be stuck and the potential for a healthy and positive result that solves the issue will not be obtained

We will have no control over the impacts of people camping anywhere they want. It's better to have a good plan and provide services and make things work well and be compassionate

Some people would choose to camp and loiter on city sidewalks, parks, city buildings, right of ways, etc. without seeking long-term residential alternatives. I expect that it is unlawful to force people into long-term shelters where additional services are provided, but I can't imagine that the solution can be addressed without providing alternatives to camping. Camping seems appropriate in campgrounds, but not in public right-of-ways, sidewalks, etc.

It would be difficult to help people out of homelessness if they aren't in a warm, safe, and permanent space. We would have problems with sanitation, it would limit use of those public spaces by all community members.



## Responses

Doing only the minimum required by law will not improve the situation. It will result in the portland/eugene scenario. The city must provide a place for shelter so that all our public areas in town aren't taken over.

We will still have the the problems. We need todo more for our unhoused. Attract them to housing compete with programs to make them employable again.

Merely offering people shelter will not help people get to a productive, consistently housed, functional life. They need something productive to do during the day (preferably hold a job if possible, or get training or mental health assistance etc. shelter only is a band aid approach and I think Cottage Grove should make the investment needed to give people the leg up they need to engage productively in life in our community

Will not resolve the homeless problem

The place will look trashed because people could camp where ever they would want. With no supportive services and ways to educate the homeless then the only thing that would happen is a growth in the homeless population. The homeless Cottage Grove population is mirroring the marginalized community population that is living one paycheck away from being homeless.

Chaos results when proper boundaries are not defined. The community will suffer from not understanding how to relate to homeless they encounter. Homeless do not know how to respond either.

As we have already seen, the homelessness issue will only increase. The cycle (generational or otherwise) will not be broken.

Campers everywhere. Less regulated areas.

It would open us up for more dumping garbage and sanitation situations

## Responses

Word would get out among the homeless groups that Cotrage Grove is lenient and only doing the minimum compared to other cities and the homeless problem would increase.

it will be able to address the needs of the community and provide a solution to our issue instead of jus doing what is required by law which might not actually get desired resultsa

The homelessness will increase in our public lands without any guidelines or services so the problem would increase and if there are less involvement by our town it could attract more people

Without resources for the homeless the problem will worsen. Dirty/lawless camps.

It will help our community to keep to the minimum requirements and therefore containing the individuals to one location.

Doing the minimum won't remedy the situation

The rights of everyone will be challenged ie. someone sled on the sidewalk obstructs the availability for others to use it, may become an ADA issue.

No I think it would get worse I don't believe in giving handouts once again I think accountability rules regulations need to be introducedSomething like the mission to help them out and just want to give accountability

I feel that if we do the minimum we are creating separation between classes and causing division. We are a team and we will be stronger together

Our "guests" abiding in our community, untold numbers and durations, would dominate existing community cultural values (sense of place).

## Responses

Well, it might allow out officets to move sleepers, campers if you will out of parks which should be a safe place for families. After all we are the ones who pay taxes, etc

More homelessness more encampments and still not enough affordable housing.

Nothing

I think the whole thing needs to be revisited by those at higher levels than city. Theres not an answer to this question. The more we do the more will be made into law. I feel my feelings as a tax payer have gone unheard.

It is not a solution and the issue will get worse. We should do more than the minimum. If we provide alternatives, we can enforce against the public nuisance of uncontrolled homeless sleeping everywhere.

Would not meet the needs of many homeless since their are different reasons for being homeless. There is a need to understand who neef

Some places will be quite unattractive - parks, bike path, etc

We want to do more than the bare minimum. We are understanding that homelessness is complex but not impossible. We can do a better

The homeless population would grow beyond what we could handle on public properties. Placing a bigger burden on community resources.

It could serve to help those that truly need help without helping those that choose the lifestyle because of laziness and addiction and form those that leech off the taxpayers.

To be determined

If we only change the code with where we are right now I see us becoming more like Eugene/Portland.

## Responses

It will not address the homeless population's needs, but only satisfy the legal requirement to get people off of public spaces.

Our parks and sidewalk will be full, city should open there own property for shelter.

People will live wherever they can including tents in parks, right of ways , etc. This is unsafe and unhealthy and will cost the city more in police time and ER visits than if reasonable options were available.

Fines, division of community

It probably won't make much impact because it's not stopping the homelessness, it's only making it to where the town is having to provide more shelters and places for them to go...which the community is paying for with our tax money.

I think this is as loaded question. This is currently the law in place. We can't assume that by doing the minimum that the problem will compound when we are acting under this provision now.

We'll have a flood of homeless people moving over to Cottage Grove from Eugene and Salem! Our home property values will decline drastically as well!

People would be able to camp on public lands. They would still be outside and cold. Their ability to become housed would not improve. Homelessness would stay the same and not be reduced.

7. Doing only the minimum will not solve any longterm or chronic homelessness; which in turn will continue to be added stress on our community members, in whole.

Maybe it will deter homeless folks from coming to Cottage Grove.

It will encourage more influx of homeless individuals which will test the limits of city resources as well as the tolerance of the general populace.

## Responses

It will limit homeless coming to town

This would not address the underlying crisis of people going without housing which should be a basic human right. The increasing number of youth who desperately need housing is very concerning to me. They are scared and desperate and vulnerable especially when they are under 18. Chronic homelessness only contributes to cycles of poverty and the bare minimum would not begin to tackle the root causes of these issues.

The minimum will only reduce punitive response to the issue, but it does not address its response and prevention. We need to be implementing programs that serve to reduce poverty-related barriers, like medical and dental and mental health care. Additionally, we can provide temporary shelter at which folks can receive support, care, and access to jobs. "People do better if they can" - Stuart Ablon

Be overrun by homeless. Affect tourism.

Better than it is now. Don't build it because more will come. Stop giving away the farm for the few people who do not contribute to society.

The homeless population would continue to grow...

We will be over run with homeless in our parks and by city hall driving all our community and visitors away destroying why we live here.

Need to do more or camping will be widespread

We will end up with more homeless people coming to cottage grove because they will know that our town will do very little to move them.

None. The homeless will still do whatever they want and the City Manager/City Council allows.

The issues will get more entrenched and harder to impact, more people will be marginalized

## Responses

Homeless persons could camp in the parks and be other public spaces and become much more visible and impact the public perception of safe parks.

We will turn into Eugene or Portland. People will be camped every where and it will ruin our small town. It will become very ugly and not welcoming to those that live here or those that visit. We do not want people camped every where! It's already ruining our city hall

It'll start to look like Eugene, with people sleeping/camping on nearly every street corner. Without providing options, and just allowing them to sleep on any and all city property, it'll become a small Eugene

More homelessness, more crime and burnt out volunteers who cannot continue serve by today's options indefinitely.

More of what we see now. This is a community problem and has to be solved by the community.

Our responses to the homelessness will be much behind the need of the homeless. They will experience worst circumstances before there is any rehabilitation.

People will then be n our parks on our side walks looking

The homeless population will grow and more will have nowhere to go.

Most likely will only get worse

We will have no control of our city property. More tent cities will spring up and more crime will result

Minimum impact. Do more!

Hopefully, if the minimum effort were made it would include the ability to modify the response or actions of the community, to be flexible in the response.

It won't work towards the systemic issues.

## Responses

I don't see that reducing the homeless population in our community, which I believe should be our goal.

The people who are working to help homeless folks will get totally burnt out, violence will increase, polarization will increase.

We will likely be sued or have our area overrun with homeless

I think it will bring some relief

Homeless camping, sleeping, loitering in parks and public places without consequence or other alternative.

It would allow people to camp in public places but not provide a path for improving the situation

People camping in the parks and streets

It wouldn't solve the issue and would prolong the problem long term.

Without addressing the core problems this will only get worse.

We will have homeless on all public property all of the time

It will get far, far worse if efforts aren't made to mitigate the homeless camping problem.

I am not knowledgeable enough

The problem will get worse. which in turn will make it harder to transition.

Continued camping on city parks etc.

We will end up looking like Eugene and things will just get worse

Fines, division of community.

## Responses

You will remove them from public property and homeless folks will be less visible. This does little to "solve the homeless problem."

More individuals will come once the word gets out and create more problems

Will have the issue more visible. Making housed community deal with it instead of being to ignore them as we've done for years prior.

We will continue to experience homelessness.

A mess on the street-like in bigger cities

It will invite more homeless to move here.

Create hostile environments for people experiencing homelessness. People will die, our judicial system will be clogged up with these minor infringements costing taxpayers more than it would cost to house people.

Over run with homeless coming from surrounding cities. A more viable and permanent solution needs to be put in place to prevent homelessness

We will have un-housed people living in every park on a permanent basis.

People be able to sleep where they need to sleep. The impact will be minimal. The community reaction may not be...

Homeless would increase.

not sure

It wouldn't offer dignified housing for folks who are without housing, so they'll be living their lives in public. It'll kick the can down the road for others to deal with later.

Positive

It will be minimally effective.

We will not incentivize people to move to our community for free housing.



## Responses

It will attract homeless from other areas of the state, and our public spaces will be littered with trash and needles.

It will allow homelessness to spread to all of the public parks, building areas and sidewalks.

Chaos. I think we need to offer true help.

City will never be able to succeed as they will always be chasing the problem ; not solving it. Need to get ahead of it as numbers are climbing

Our community will always be playing catch up to stay ahead of possible court action

Unhoused people will settle as they need and residents who are unhappy about it may harass or harm the people they encounter.

It doesn't address the whole problem

Homelessness continues to b problem

That would really depend if the community steps up and we take real action to help the problem.

Homeless encampments will continue on public property.

Get minimum results.

City would face court and legal fees

Homeless individuals may be sleeping on sidewalks in front of houses parks...

We will have homeless sleeping on sidewalks and causing safety hazards for them and us.

Parks and public places full of homeless campers.

Campers everywhere and lots of clean up

Perpetuate the problem.

## Responses

Homelessness will become more visible in our community

Those laws will expand and we will still be behind.

Homeless folks will go somewhere else.

It can create an unsafe environment for the homeless and the non homeless

The homeless issue will get worse

The minimum doesn't address the problem and will actually makes things worse.

The problem of homelessness will become much worse.

The problem will get worse- for everyone.

We will have people camping anywhere

Proliferation of camping on all public property

Mirror Eugene/Springfield.

Not solve any issues, create an environment that doesn't help anyone.

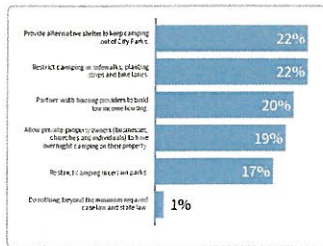
We'll end up with exactly what we don't want... like Portland.

City will be trashed everywhere

Homeless sleeping everywhere

Agree

## 8. What additional actions should the City take to mitigate homelessness in Cottage Grove? (choose all that apply)



Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Provide alternative shelter to keep camping out of City Parks.</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Restrict camping on sidewalks, planting strips and bike lanes.</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>22%</b>
Partner with housing providers to build low income housing.	131	20%
Allow private property owners (businesses, churches and individuals) to have overnight camping on their property.	124	19%
Restrict camping in certain parks.	112	17%
Do nothing beyond the minimum required case law and state law.	9	1%

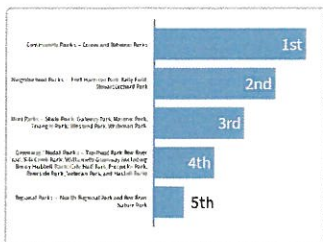


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Responses

## 9. The City cannot prohibit camping outside on public property, unless other space or alternative shelter is provided. Arrange the types of parks listed below in order with the parks that should prohibit camping on top.



Response options	Rank
Community Parks – Coiner and Bohemia Parks	1st
Neighborhood Parks – Fort Harrison Park; Kelly Field; Stewart Orchard Park	2nd
Mini Parks – Skate Park; Gateway Park; Masonic Park; Triangle Park; Westend Park; Whiteman Park;	3rd
Greenway / Nodal Parks – Trailhead Park; Row River Trail; Silk Creek Park; Willamette Greenway (including Benny Hubbell Park; City Hall Park; Prospector Park; Riverside Park; Veteran Park; and Haskell Park)	4th
Regional Parks – North Regional Park and Row River Nature Park	5th

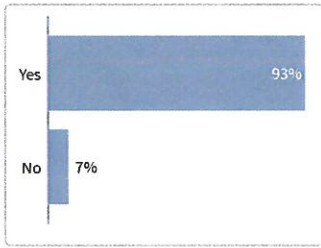


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## 10. Should the City develop shelter sites to prevent camping in City Parks?



Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Yes</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>93%</b>
No	14	7%

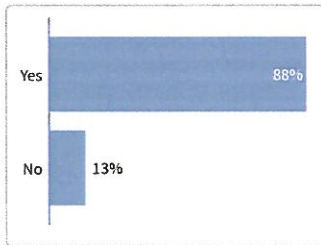


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## 11. Currently a 72 hour parking limit is enforced on all vehicles parked on roadways. Should the City continue to use this to regulate vehicles being used for lodging on roadways?



Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Yes</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>88%</b>
No	22	13%



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## 12. Should the City adopt any of the additional parking restrictions for vehicles parked on the roadway? (choose all that apply)



Response options	Count	Percentage
Repairing the vehicle is not allowed in the roadway.	97	18%
Vehicles in the roadway must be operational and legal to operate on the roadway.	124	23%
<b>No materials, items, supplies or waste from the vehicle are allowed on the street, sidewalk, bike lane or planting strip.</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>31%</b>
Camping in a vehicle is not allowed within within 100 feet of a public or private school or public playground.	148	28%

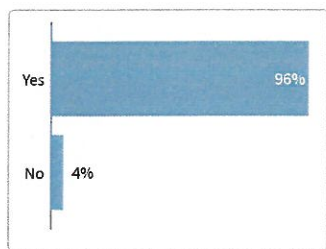


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### 13. Should the City restrict camping on sidewalks, planting strips and bike lanes?



Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Yes</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>96%</b>
No	8	4%

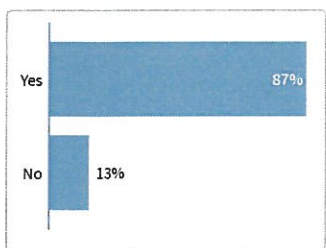


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Responses

### 14. Do you support the development of a Low Barrier Shelter site for community members experiencing homelessness with the goal to access permanent housing as soon as possible?



Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Yes</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>87%</b>
No	23	13%

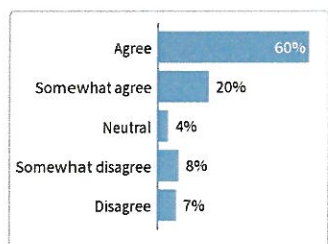


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### 15. The City should be providing shelters and wrap around services for community members experiencing homelessness.



Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Agree</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>60%</b>
Somewhat agree	39	20%
Neutral	8	4%
Somewhat disagree	16	8%
Disagree	14	7%

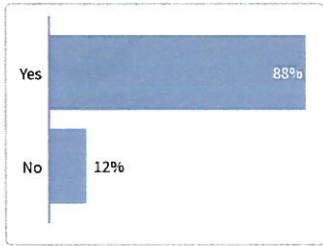


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**16. Do you support the use of the Warming Shelter site for a temporary shelter site until the Low Barrier Shelter location can be prepared?**



Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Yes</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>88%</b>
No	21	12%

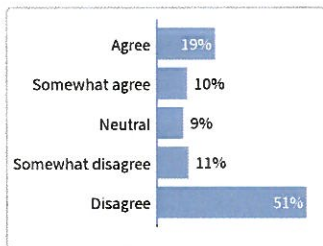


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**17. The City should use the Warming Shelter site as the Low Barrier Shelter location?**



Response options	Count	Percentage
Agree	31	19%
Somewhat agree	16	10%
Neutral	14	9%
Somewhat disagree	17	11%
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>51%</b>

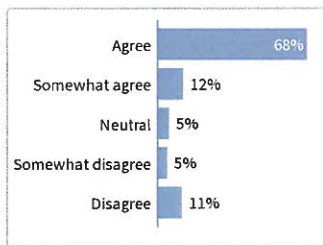


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**18. The City should use the HWY 99 site as the Low Barrier Shelter location?**



Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Agree</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>68%</b>
Somewhat agree	18	12%
Neutral	8	5%
Somewhat disagree	7	5%
Disagree	17	11%

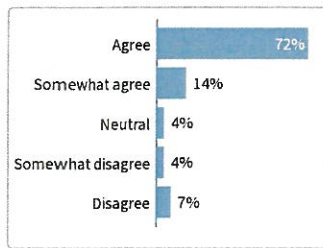


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## 19. The City should be actively seeking ways to increase low income housing availability.



Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Agree</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>72%</b>
Somewhat agree	22	14%
Neutral	6	4%
Somewhat disagree	6	4%
Disagree	11	7%

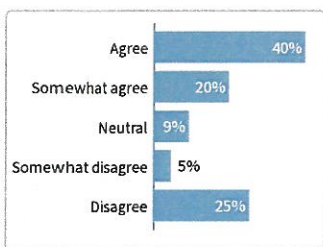


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## 20. The City should be purchasing land for low income housing projects.



Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Agree</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>40%</b>
Somewhat agree	34	20%
Neutral	16	9%
Somewhat disagree	8	5%
Disagree	43	25%

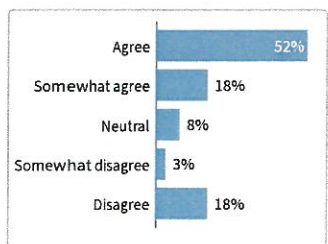


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## 21. Private property owners (churches, businesses and residents) should be allowed to apply for permission to host overnight camping on their property.



Response options	Count	Percentage
<b>Agree</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>52%</b>
Somewhat agree	31	18%
Neutral	14	8%
Somewhat disagree	6	3%
Disagree	31	18%

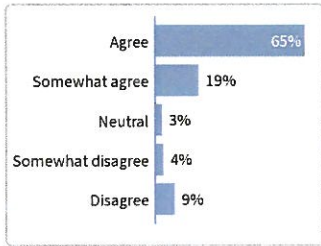


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**22. The proposal presented tonight is a reasonable approach to address homelessness in Cottage Grove.**



Response options

Count Percentage

**Agree**  
Somewhat agree  
Neutral  
Somewhat disagree  
Disagree

**106**     **65%**  
31     19%  
5     3%  
6     4%  
14     9%



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## 23. If it were up to you, what changes, if any, would you make to the proposal presented tonight?

" The program needs assessment after 3 years. That county resources include s.lane county not just Eugene / Springfield. "

" I think the proposal is a wonderful beginning - \* sunset provision "

### Responses

The program needs assessment after 3 years. That county resources include s.lane county not just Eugene / Springfield.

I think the proposal is a wonderful beginning - \* sunset provision

Quit giving building permits to housing developers along with tax breaks, subsidized water, sewer etc. who do not provide long-term low income & affordable housing.

Use abandoned buildings that have sat empty for years. We many large empty buildings - Price chopper - Olds CG theater - Bimart opposite end.

Present earlier in the process. Many people feel they were simply asked to rubber stamp approval.

More community input prior to this presentation - more focus on low income housing plans - send questionnaire to all as well as homeless.

Nothing really - just give the homeless people have some where safe to go.

Don't encourage people from other places to relocate here because of services.

No camping on private property or in neighborhoods

I am not an expert. I will leave it up to those who have the experience and research.

I think its good - need to give detractors more opportunity to express opinions.

I feel you were not upfront with addresses for 99 &\* R st & 443 no st name in the paper. I felt you wanted the citizens to be confused.

Where the projects were & what's a low barrier shelter?



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## Responses

Sobriety before housing

Be transparent and share the costs of all elements in the proposal so the public knows how funds are being spent.

Look at more options

Heavy law enforcement for homeless more emphasis on health safety. No needles trash etc. from camps

Not building close to high school and our susceptible vulnerable children.

Would need more info on individual aspects

Much more information to make a wise informed decision. detailed handouts would of helped.

What about the drug problem? Stats show a very high % of homeless are also drug use. What about mental care? Can SLMH move and be consolidated to a close proximity of the hospital? They need to get out of the neighborhood - my neighborhood.

My suggestion is to use these sites to motivate the residents to help one another with projects/goals by having group gardening, water conservation - recycling-reusing and sharing!

It would include homeless people in the conversation it wouldn't be so leading and limiting.

Temporary shelter needs to address the "wrap around services" that are definitely needed. Medical, Psych, Soc serv counseling, family reunification, drug & alcohol addictions.

Continue to go after state & federal \$\$\$. Readjust if not working.

## Responses

Whatever do, long-term site needs to have a sunset.  
Review, look @ return on investment. Is it doing what its supposed to do. Hire 3rd party contractor - potentially have problems.

While I generally agree with the plan overall, I would also want to provide support for young people, families and others who are on the edge of becoming homeless while they are housed to prevent them from becoming homeless.

Pedestrian/bicyclist safety around Hwy 99 site, allow safe fires during cold/wet weather.

In future, developer applying for tax breaks or other public assistance to develop land must include low income housing in their development.

Sites need supervision from trained specialists in addition to volunteers etc.

make sure the narrative is true and don't allow the NIMBY to over run the truth and form a revolt regardless of the actions taken

Enlist foster parents for homeless youth in the interim and provide counseling to families of homeless youth.

Take a community first model and focus limited community capital, specially human capital and social capital, on sparking an up-spiraling of all seven types of capital, instead of a government house first model which starts with financial and built capitals.

## Responses

Speed it up. I am glad to see a plan in place. I would like to see an emphasis on casework assistance as a requirement in any structure built and supported by the city. On site, round the clock management presence is key. Consider an RV park approach as well. Purchase land and trailers; keep the park nice and require on site round the clock resident case managers (give them free housing) to help people up and out of homelessness. Also must be nimble when it comes to getting people into housing; minimize bureaucratic barriers that slow down access

Partner with another city in Oregon to send folks to (eastern Oregon)

I'm leery of individuals and churches being able to have the homeless park or camp on their property especially without strong supervision and if their only intention is to make some money without any responsibility to their neighbors. I am totally for most everything discussed tonight. I thought this gathering was very organized and thorough and I thank all of you for your excellent preparation and delivery thank you!

Limit the expenditures of the city, meet the requirements of the laws to the bare minimum. Even larger cities with larger budgets have not been able to solve homelessness. It is unrealistic to assume that CG can fix a problem that others have been unable to.

I think that all of you affiliated with the current proposal have done an excellent job. I leave the meeting hopeful that this proposal could have a significant impact on homelessness in Cottage Grove. I am especially impressed with your plans to increase low income housing. It seems doable. Thank you all for your hard work, collaboration and patience in crafting your proposal.

## Responses

Continue dialogue with community around this issue, bring in speakers like pay it forward & homes for good to share info on how their programs work and recruit volunteers to participate in such programs. Thank you to the city manager & staff for the care and support offered to our unhoused people.

The proposal is an excellent roadmap to move forward toward dealing with the issue of homelessness.

Not necessarily a change: Continue to seek other and all resources (county, state, fed) to help take the burden off the city alone. Prioritize homeless youth resources and services for them. School district services are so inadequate.

I feel like parks are not an option. I feel like we should build available shelters to the minimum required and provided the minimum resources. If there is better resources in bigger towns, which there is they can go there. We can not be a flag ship provider for homelessness or are numbers will grow! Any shelter location picked should be highly supervised and located in the interest of safety for kids and not impacted public use of paths or parks

More city partner involvement and reduce the roll of the city. Seems like the city is spending a good amount of money with the hope others will share the burden in future. However, there are no guarantees.

Discuss the transportation options people will have to access grocery and other services.

Do not put the cart before the horse make sure you have the ability/ resources to offer services before you put thing in motion

It sounds good to me!

## Responses

I was hoping for the discussion of the collective of attendees not just a presentation on what had been decided. I would love to hear our community's voices! I am sad it was a separation and disjointed approach to a meeting... a discussion

Include info about potential funding sources to address homelessness after the ARPA monies are utilized. Moving forward, will the salaries of required additional support staff be paid for?

Why don't more landlords accept Section 8? Is there a way you can require new multifamily apartments to provide at least a percentage of units eligible for section 8

Great beginning

I would share other studies not just one that supports your agenda. Use the homeless we have to determine why they are homeless. That's a much different result than what was presented. Housing is not their reason for being homeless. I have talked to a lot of them. Do a local study don't use a federal board approach. If these are our folks then interview them.

Move them further away then 99 and out of city aight.

Change the Hwy 99 shelter. The area does not have sidewalks and would be a hazard. The closest bus service is in front of the high school. The police do not patrol past Sweet Lane.

Use buildings that are vacant/under utilized. Temporarily.

If the shelter is on 99 hwy. they are to far from services stores etc. u would need to provide bus tickets.

Also, use business, nonprofit, state and federal gov to nail this.

Create larger barriers around schools.and parks. Lower restrictions on private and public help like soup kitchens

## Responses

More options for expanding limited equity cooperatives in existing houses for faster housing of homeless individuals. Upon stabilization and job attainment, they can buy their share of the cooperative, perhaps with financial assistance on the down payment and can take over monthly payments.

The number of unhoused adults in the Cottage Grove community seems to be manageable at present with an approach utilizing a combination of city, nonprofit, and community support. Would be careful about 'over-doing' the approach and focus more on community outreach and identification of persons needing AND WANTING assistance, rather than assuming you can fix their problem without their input.

consider using the currently unused CG owned property on Birch and H for some related service- mental health, family temporary housing etc. ??

take away permit costs for building low income housing incentives. Cut city taxes to build

I would have liked to have seen a large clear map of the proposed homeless camp locations. I am relatively new to CG...please keep all these camp plans no where near our schools of every level of education.

The current numbers indicate 55 of the 188 homeless in Cottage Grove are adults with children. How many family units are represented by this total number. We should make a greater effort to find housing for these family units, even prioritizing them above the single adults.

I am impressed with the program tonight and how it was handled! A single candle can help with the darkness.

Be sure South Lane Wheels provides regular bus service to the Hwy 99 site. These people will need to get into town periodically.

## Responses

Continual follow-up and accountability.

No convicted felons

I appreciated the opportunity to ask questions but I would like to know if those questions will be publicly addressed. In addition, many of the survey questions tonight seemed leading and/or worded in a confusing way.

I would want the City to work with nonprofit organizations, groups, and individual citizens to carry out these plans. (e.g. #15).

Take it to a city vote? Present the overall impact to residents taxes. Ask the residents in the proposed areas if they want to have this type of housing in their neighborhood.

Making allowances for keeping the public aware and given a voice as deviations from plan are considered

I am very impressed with what the proposal has presented. As a person on Social Security I have been afraid of possibility of homeless. You have taken the fear of homelessness.

More emphasis on securing funding from outside our city and more emphasis on involving our citizens in the solutions

Making sure before implementing low barrier shelters. The services are ALREADY in place

It's a good proposal. We should have more public restrooms throughout the City so that homeless individuals can live with dignity

Please present the format more clearly at least a few days ahead of time. Allow those who disagree to speak, not focusing on packing the room with paid promoters or those with a vested interest to have a voice.



## Responses

Universal basic income could solve many issues such as hunger, homelessness, healthcare, childcare, transportation.

Well presented. I was worried about enduring a public rant event. Table hosts was a treat

Listed to the residents and let them voice their concerns publicly. Let non-profit organizations and the community raise the funds for such projects. Keep the city out of the homeless sheltering business.

Get it done soon.

I'm concerned about safe access to the Hwy 99 site. Can't say I would change it since your plan for the dDouglas Lane site seems good.

Make sure there are bus routes that can accommodate this plan. Are families and single people staying in the same spot? You may have to keep the separate locations to separate men from families.

I think you did a great job. No people grandstanding and because of that we could view many citizens opinions

Discuss the facts of homeless drug and alcohol problems and theft.

Large tent facility.

Please please consider developing a youth specific proposal as well. The ONLY youth shelter in Lane county is Station 7 and a handful of beds for hundreds of homeless teens is egregiously insufficient. Youth get trapped in cycles of homelessness and become homeless adults all too quickly. The youth of south Lane deserve options too!!

This program seems balanced, reasonable, and doable to me.

The proposal presented is a good start. Set a timeline and start.

## Responses

Accelerate low income housing development. Assist Lane county develop mental health services. Ensure safety of homeless campers in remote parks.

I would allow the community to vote on the permanent shelter site and be allowed to voice concerns.

Give priority to homeless with children to have a safe space. Whether sleeping in cars, trailers, tents, help the children first.

Do drug screenings before anyone is allowed to enter a shelter, then maybe they will go somewhere else or want to go get a job like the rest of us.

Communal living.

The presentation was clear and covered the necessary information.

Not have the city buying and developing property. Let citizens speak at town hall and not make it a lecture.

Bring back the CCC or WPA

Do not use the bike trail location for homeless camp at peak tourism season!

An announcement of a second town hall once low barrier property is selected talking about the details of what that really looks like.

Make sure all sites have management. The proposal looks good

It sounds reasonable. if everything is followed through

All services need to be very close to downtown.

No changes

Continue to explore additional options for housing such as Boxabl. Locate additional properties.

It's a good proposal. I'm in support.

## Responses

I wish there was more information in the presentation tonight about the rules and restrictions regarding the homeless shelters. I am concerned that the homeless will have no accountability.

Reconsider camping in backyards and driveways - it's not a good solution and detracts from neighbors privacy and enjoyment of their property

Good transportation routes out to the Hwy 99 location.

Have some homeless people input

Mandatory drug testing

Find a location to house the homeless further from Cottage Grove!

Mental Health Care

I'm curious if there will be a warming shelter solution going forward if they dismantle those units.

I like it so far. Gotta start somewhere

How it is funded. How much will it cost the city?

I would increase options for low cost housing and affordable rentals and provide more shelters

Address transportation issues related to the Highway 99 site

None. I like the plan. Very well thought out and put together. I think it will make a big difference for the City.

Beautifully done!

Make sure loop holes are closed - so that laws can not be skirted around

None

Sounds reasonable as proposed. Thank you.

Real town hall where ppl can speak.

None

Responses

Add drug treatment program

Not use the warming shelter site.

None

Move the space farther out if town. Make regular drug and alcohol testing mandatory

I don't think I would make any. It's a very good place to start and we can change things that come up along the way

I would make the low barrier site at the warning shelter.

23. No other suggested changes at this time.

Long term solutions to ongoing housing development, including only giving tax breaks for developments who have a significant number of affordable units

Use the granges.

Add a CAHOOTS type service to first responders.

Provide an inside shelter option rather than pallet shelter.

I dont understand the 188. We need to quantify.

I would have made it an actual townhall and not just being lectured by the City Manager.

Mandatory drug testing

None.

none

None

Nothing

Create a budget to accompany the proposal

To not encourage people to come here from other locations

I think it's a common sense approach. Team work!

Great job!

None

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## 24. Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding homelessness in Cottage Grove?

" How do you get involved in a productive way and get on a council? "

" Let us not be afraid of poor people. Thank you for working on this tough issue. We need public housing development we can not rely on the "market" to solve a

### Responses

How do you get involved in a productive way and get on a council?

Let us not be afraid of poor people. Thank you for working on this tough issue. We need public housing development we can not rely on the "market" to solve a problem created by the market/private investment / profit etc. When people do better we all do better. Thank you!

Well choreographed and organized. The legal section was too dry - not enough simplified explanations.

Thank you

"There but for the Grace of God go I"

Consider not just the benefit to homeless but impact on neighborhood and property value and Quality of life.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

Please let us go home

Do not encourage more from Eugene

Crisis response is critical. A Cahoots type to relieve police of this response.

Thank you! Great meeting very positive.

We need to address our State Representatives and Govt. elected in our Legislature to make them put protected laws into place to keep this issue of income disparity from continuing to displacement of people lives! By forbidding rent to go up past the point of income comparity . . . Give "incentives" for good management and maintenance to both renter and owner for complying within their means Have group meetings on regular basis.

Please allow a program to help young workers with no rental history to be able to get help to get into housing which requires a co-signer or rental history.



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## Responses

People need stabilizing & services with dignity.

Thank you for caring.

Thank you

My neighbor, fully employed, lost her house due to the landlord selling it. She searched very hard to find another place to live in CG with no avail. We let her camp in our backyard for 4 months until she finally was able to find another place to live. Affordable housing is a huge need. We don't need any more rich people homes.

I am also interested in reaching homeless folks camping on BLM or US Forest service land and providing housing or other services to them too.

We should rally as concerned willing citizens to support an approach we are convinced work.

A lot of people lack compassion for this group, or think they are compassionate. More public educational need to happen.

Use all resources available . Business , nonprofit, Fed gov and local. We are not Eugene. , and if we take care of OUR residentab

We need to come together as a community. The housing first initiative locks you into a mindset that blinds you from seeing real effective solutions to helping those that need it while allowing for human dignity. People need to be responsible and accountable. These questions were quite leading and manipulative. We can do better. We have the resources to provide services that will empower people not enable them.

Kiddos for orchestrating an atmosphere that kept a positive note .

[bdonner@gmail.com](mailto:bdonner@gmail.com)

The city should be focusing on bringing jobs and industry to CG to battle homelessness, not expecting the tax payers to be charitable, against their will.

## Responses

Although it took a court case for cities to get serious about homelessness, I am pleased to see that CG is developing a multifaceted plan to increase housing at various levels. However, I don't believe the city should be in the real estate business-- work with the private and nonprofit sectors that have more experience and more \$\$ doing this.

Do not open up to other cities moving there homeless do to events, drug use is a main influencer of homeless, because it creates a don't care attitude .

This is not a one size fits all.... we need individualized programs to address mental illness, childcare barriers for employment, drug addiction, family conflicts, etc. to help all homeless.

Housing is a human right. having a safe affordable place to call home is the beginning of health. opportunity,

We who served our unhoused directly for several years have done all we can. It is a city's role to take a leadership position on community issues resident's cannot lift alone.

If the compound is built at the Hwy 99 location a few blocks from our son's high school and our home we'll be selling our River home and purchasing a home in another small town that knows how to manage the homeless!

No

Revolving loan fund to help provide move in costs which are large barrier to entry into a housing situation. The tenants can pay back over time. This would be for individuals and families that can make the monthly payments but can't save the large sum required for move-in.

Please keep working on this problem. Solving would enhance our community.

Can the problem be solved , but without the garbage.

## Responses

Please stick with this over the long haul and make the approach to homelessness ongoing—not just a one off because funding is available now. Also partner with South Lane Mental Health when appropriate. The foster care house on Main st. Is a good model which has live in, on site staff. Would be a good model for homeless.

Thank you for trying to understand what the residents of this town want.

Stick to your mission statement that we voted you in to do. Leave the housing and public problems to the public. Government has tried forever to solve social problems, it can not be done by government. Leave it alone and others will eventually fill in and address it, if you keep messing with it no one will step up.

I appreciate the thoughtfulness and ability of City Council to be open to community input and comments. There are lots of triggers that homelessness brings with it, but we are all humanitarians and know that we need to take care of our neighbors and community

I'm very concerned with the shelter site being near the high school. There is a real potential risk of residents coming onto the school grounds, leaving trash, human waste, drug paraphernalia on the grounds. The increase in foot traffic on River Road of the homeless individuals would be very unwelcome as well.

Priority for seniors citizens, children, and families. Also address immigrants and immigrant families.

Thank you for looking at the big picture. Keep trying to keep it for locals, and not create a draw for more people.

Encourage more business development that will provide jobs with wages/salaries that will allow people to afford housing here.

Please keep all plans for homeless shelters away from all CG schools. The issues the homeless deal with should be dealt with separately from any students.



## Responses

I'm proud that my city is taking action on an overwhelming problem. We can do this, little by little.

Please don't allow the homeless issues to be confused with the local community health center project. These are not the same thing. The health clinic is for all citizens to use regardless of income. Thank you for your inclusive process

I'm pleased that the city brought in the people to handle each segment of the proposed actions. Having a group that can work directly with the homeless individuals seems priceless, at this time.

Helping families needs to be a priority. Children don't choose homelessness. They need services...showers more than once a week. Our schools could even help with this. The need for a place is apparent. Partnership with other programs is key. It provides more opportunities for a hand up, not a hand out. I would love to see the churches be able to do more again

As a business owner on Main Street across from City hall, I would like to see that homeless camp moved. Having that in that particular location impacts business owners/ tax payers in a negative way. There is a lot of talk about revamping Main Street to bring in tourism, but that being a huge eye sore is hurting that goal.

A large percentage of homeless in Cottage grove are homeless by choice. Help the ones who want to be helped al/want to help themselves

Safeguarding our community as a whole while solving this issue should be a priority. Not forsaking one population for another.

Thank you for the time and thoughtful consideration that has been given to this issue. I am excited to see what our city and community can do together to help others.

## Responses

Hope that there's a way to deal with " if you build it they will come". If we have a good plan, will it draw more from other places and put us in a situation we can't take care of them

Thank you for all your hard work!

Could unused motel rooms be used to shelter individuals without substance abuse issues? Homeless women need to have safe and private shelter.

It would be great if someone in Cottage Grove would offer a workshop to community members about how they can help those who are unsheltered.

Find out how many people are truly homeless and not by choice.

Address the garbage left, drug paraphernalia that is left and the blatant disregard for our areas that they are on. City personnel should not be going behind the individuals that are being allowed to stay and having to clean up their mess. If they get to stay they have to clean up

Good this town hall is happening. Have another one sometime.

I am homeless and saw very few solutions to my predicament.

I am proud and thankful of the city of cottage grove and their efforts. I hope we never give up on our less fortunate members even though they are sometimes difficult!

Give community way to vote on any significant changes.

I would like to see the council to be more united in planning for this issue.

I'm very thankful the City is thoughtfully and caringly moving us forward.

## Responses

24. It would be great to know if there are any identified "family" units/shelters/space available rather than focuses on single occupancy.

I'd like to know more about where the stats for numbers of homeless individuals come from and whether it's possible that the number is underreported especially for teens.

Whatever you decide, please prioritize kindness and remember people's humanity.

The homeless are our neighbors. Let's treat them that way. With respect, dignity, and the support that they need.

None

Please don't forget about youth homelessness and housing unstable students

we need mentors that have done work with mentally ill, drug addicted and such!

Thank you for this thoughtful approach. I am tired but much better informed!

Well done, thank you.

At this point it would be nice to have something to take affect more people are actually picking up their trash for the short term fix in our community somehow until we can get the big problem fixed just picking up trash is a big problem that I do not like

I commend the council for staying focused on this issue to develop solutions that fit our community.

Don't kick the can down the road. This is a real problem in our community and if it takes money to address it then so be it.

## Responses

Fix the problem before you try giving away a house free housing hasn't worked anywhere else in the country why does cottage Grove think it'll work here

Making help accessible so more people know about available help, having resource officers to make a safe environment, keeping the community aspect of cottage grove

Thank you. Allow the community to continue to provide input - it will reduce the emotional responses.

Maybe a resource officer could be used to interview each homeless person and find out what their need are. It may help develop future plans.

No

Please include as much input and feedback from citizens as possible. Working as partners will enrich and ensure success.

Thank you for the thoughtful presentation. I hope the council members were all listening carefully.

More time to respond to questions. This is not a simple problem and needs more than simple answers.

I would love to help in any way possible. please feel free to contact me. 5107097957. my name is mike.

People need to realize that most of the homeless folks in town grew up here and were abandoned by the community. It's shameful.

I appreciate the detail and attention the city is giving this issue, as well as the collaborative approach.

Thank you for your thoughtful efforts in consideration of all people in the community.

No. Thanks. Good job.

No, thank you for the detailed information.

Responses

I think the plan is a good plan. I believe it will work out.

The hostility of the local police toward houseless folks has been appalling. A cahoots project would do much good

Incentivize development and the will come

No. Bed time is approaching :) No

Thank you for being proactive. No No Nope

None

## Table Talk

" Written response #16 Support warming site but not the 99 site or low barrier site. "

" Written response #10 PalletShelters "

" Written response #6 Somewhat agree - does not mean I think low-

## Responses

Written response #16 Support warming site but not the 99 site or low barrier site.

Written response #10 PalletShelters

Written response #6 Somewhat agree - does not mean I think low-income housing is the solution

Churches can provide a few beds each inside with showers, kitchen & support (not with required teachings /attendance @ church of course).

In your numbers you are not including youth.

Written response #10 & #14 How will this be funded? - How will this be staffed/managed? - How will we work to not criminalize this type of housing alternative?

Written response #14 Yes, (But too little \$ to do properly)

188 homeless - how did the city decide who go the new tents and chainlink enclosures behind the library? Why isn't the warming shelter area open so everyone can gather there without being spread around the whole town.

Written response #9 Trailhead, outside city limits, not neighborhood parks.

Written response #9 Any park restrictions not good choice would push from one area to another.

Written response #15 Agree - with Federal support as well.

Written response #9 No camping in Community parks

Written response #9 All parks should not house the homeless. Provide low income housing. How is allowing tents in the parks an answer for homelessness. NO TENT LIVING.



Engagement

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Responses

## Responses

Written response #8 Provide alternative housing send illegal aliens home sanctuary city - state has to go. Corruption has to go.

Written response #6 Never do the minimum - Do the maximum

Written response #6 Strongly agree.

This facility is NOT safe for kids schools near by. How bad if a child is hurt.

This why people families are moving away from Oregon.

This is a total sales job - You have already made your mind up.

You invite - Make it easy for homelessness you will have more! not less.

Too close to High School. Mental health support needed - Homeless need to be accountable for mental health actions.

Handouts (don't equal sign) hand ups. Choices - consequences steps to follow - City inviting more by offering services.

Crime rate hasn't been considered - Homelessness is unsolvable: one solution encourage to better themselves rather than make it easy.

Variety of mental health problems with homeless - need social services.

Mental health services must be offered to support homeless people.

Eighth Amendment - Banning use protection of public property for sleeping (Martin v Boise) invites homeless into cities!

## Responses

The City has already decided. This meeting is only a "pony show" not really listening or involving community members.

Written response #6 is misleading

Written response #22 Agree - but would have more readily received if held earlier in process.

Written response #18 - agree provide security for businesses nearby.

Written response #6 The legal info (too technical) and its question #6 were misleading as to what folk want to limit.

The council is trying but if would have been nice if the community had been allowed to participate in the process vs being (basically told) this is what we're doing

Written response #21 - Only if ADU's can be erected and homeowner gets tax break if they house a rehabed homeless person. i.e. has gone thru the whole process and have landed a job, then are given a tax break for having done so.

Written response #18 Agree as long as the same requirements apply ie. lockers @ check in.

Written response #17 The warming shelter is an already established location, easily accessed and somewhat ready - but may not provide the room needed.

Written response #16 - Yes and No - Yes because its needed and no because the low barrier shelter, if I understand correctly , on 99 is very close to our business. Our concern, like many is the impact 33 low barrier residence will have to "property" in the area -

Written response #13 - Yes - dangerous for all parties.

Written response #10 Yes! (but where right?) and how will the City balance the needs of the community with those that are homeless.



## Responses

Written response #6 Agree we should strive to be an example but the question is misleading.

I don't agree with the house first as a premise of homelessness. I believe homelessness is first of problem of disconnection relationally. Community first.

Written response #6 More than the minimum

If I were homeless I wouldn't go to Tenn or Kent due to weather and accommodations the East Coast is favorable. Many fall in the grey area where they don't qualify for assistance by can't afford to pay bills.

I 100% oppose the move to the warming shelter. We are headed into tourism season. The 1 family friendly bike trail passing through our homeless shelter. This is in direct disregard to what was promised when this was installed. This is close to our downtown.

Purchase of blight. Refurbish homes that already exist. Work program to get into low income homes. May-August homeless camp on our bike trail - Ridiculous

Do not use warming shelter location to house low barrier. Too unpredictable for tourism season. Creates danger, ask those around community center.

Expand the urban growth boundary for the City of Cottage Grove. Expand the city boundaries.

Code option - No camping allowed in parks where there is no bathroom facilities or trash bins within immediate surrounding.

Regarding the Hiway 99 site I live on River Road and Harrison Ave. I am extremely concerned about this location for a low barrier or really any shelter site. Individuals would be using River Road to walk downtown, passing the HIGH SCHOOL and neighborhood which would potentially bring unwelcome foot traffic, crime, etc.

## Responses

I don't approve the Hwy 99 site. We own a home on River Road, and this will become a major walkway for the homeless traveling/walking from the Hwy 99 campsite to downtown. Walking right past our River home! I don't recall having a vote for this location, and will end-up selling our home ASAP! before our property value declines with having the homeless living so close and walking past our homes day & night! Randy & Laura Hanners

We don't want shelter next to the high school.

Written response #17 NO - 99 is better

Written response #14 YES, YES, YES

Written response #11 I think designated areas for car/motor home living.

Written response #9 Row River Nature Park and the area around WOE would be great spots . But my first choice id the City to develop shelters.

Written response #8 Allow private property owners and businesses to allow, provide shelters, Churches should be able to house people, people should be able to let folks camp in their fenced yards.

Written response #10 use of W.O.E. Fairgrounds and facilities with guidelines and requirements for participation and maintenance. Shower van schedule. Contributing to upkeep of ground for events. Safety officers, etc. Noncompliant or unsafe behavior shifted out and directed to appropriate resources. If they are able to meet requirements and participate as you say a functioning member of society promote those as primarily eligible for quicker transition - rewarding policy.

I was approached by a citizen believing this question (#7) was misleading. and he is concerned the council will act on this one response and over commit to this issue.

## Responses

My husband firm donates and works with Homes for Good - Good People.

Camp at City Hall - safer for everyone.

Worked with homeless camps for 15 + years cleanup, evictions, hazmat & such. Clean camps helps the eye sore, complaints . I have dealt with very aggressive people & nice people, most camps that I have encountered have been very hazardous, "drugs, needles, feces etc." What I have learned is the more the city gives the more they take, they offer nothing to help themselves, they don't care, if you place them into a shelter they won't stay long.

I feel we need to take care of those who are historically from Cottage Grove, no matter their situation, the ordinance needs to include the eyesore "garbage", Those who cannot follow the rules "drugs, theft, aggression toward others, should be rehomed into Eugene where more services are available. Our little town don't have the resources to deal with what is about to happen. Eugene has figured out they messed up by catering to the individuals that don't care. We in Cottage Grove don't want a trashy town a safe one is what we all want. Thank you.

Written response #14 - Need to know more about low barrier shelters.

Written response #6 Somewhat agree - not informed enough to know other options.

Could be increased over 72 hours depending on where it is. Someone parked directly in front of a persons home continuously wouldn't be a good idea.

Written response #11 No, make it 3 or 4 days.

## Responses

Is this something Salem has said we have to do? Is it true other states are sending homeless here (Oregon) maybe by bus - because of Oregon being a sanctuary state - I worry about residents having to pay for all this overhead Hobos/bums/homeless - some want to live that way. I didn't care for CG not being up front with residents a) 99&Rst b) 443 no street name (was in the paper) Other states do not have the same homeless problems that Eugene & CG have we camp & clean up our site - homeless - most of them don't. Can the city be sued when a person is injured by something the homeless left or raped by a homeless - like the lady at the church - south M (now for sale) Nazarene Church? She was fixing a meal for the homeless & raped by one of the homeless person up in the mountains they had a homeless camp - maybe 20 years ago - it was after 2 years. It did not work. It was in the Umpqua Nat. Forest off Brice Creek just past Diston, Or & on a gravel area just past 2mm left onto rd. to gravel area.

Written response #11 yes, for only disabled vehicles & vehicles with flat tires & broken w

Written response #9 Prohibit Coiner & Bohemia Park our children need to be safe. I hate to have people visit & these camps are right there in view.

Written response #8 Restrict camping on sidewalks - keep out of parks.

Do only the minimum required law. Help only so many at a time & help them - if no progress they need to move on.

Is all this to be paid for by CG residents? Services? I understand grants to build - but after that. I think the warming shelters were built with this in mind - for My husband came to CG with backpack & few 100 \$'s stayed with relative & got job at mill - wife & baby came 1 1/2 month later & rented apt on 8th. I think this plan has been in the works for a couple years.

## Responses

Written response #21 Up to homeowner - short term or long?

Written response #19 - What is low income housing?

Written response #18 - Low barrier means? Need to look at this site before I know.

Written response #17 felt you planned this

Written response #12 - Repair if its a simple fix - no engine or tranny rebuild.

If anything make the hours less then 72 hours

Written response #7 Leading questions, why is the City asking questions now?

Written response #5 Family support, enforce laws for everyone. Rent extra rooms out in private homes.

Written response #18 What happens if 99 site is filled then can people camp in park? What stops outsiders coming in.

Written response # 9 All - industrial park or dominos leading questions

Written response #8 - Put them out by industrial parks. Restrict camping in parks. We don't have money to clean & hazmat parks.

Written response #9 No parks (industrial park ok)

Written response #14 Bad question

Written response #8 Provide alternative shelter at site where current shelters are used.

Disagree reasonable limits to parks areas must be set.

Written response #14 Poor question

## Responses

Written response #9 I feel like it was not a well made question. I feel like all parks matter and it not fair to tell you which I care less about I am strongly against giving up any parks. Give them shelter at bare minimum allowed in a location we choose.

Written response #22 Housing first program has been proven over and over as a failed program. Just because its attached to federal funding doesn't make it the right one. Your going the wrong direction. People first not housing.

Written response #20 If you are willing to sell off some of what you have to pay for it.

Written response #16 & 17 Your giving narrow options with narrow point of view.

Written response #15 No

Written response #12 Find better options

Written response #9 Put parks into a private trust so its no longer an issue.

Written response #8 Provide more than housing sites.

Written response #6 Will not help homelessness

Must have access to bathrooms

Written response #15 Must be a human element.

Written response #12 Not address root of problem.

Doesn't address sustainable answers

Written response #11 Should be additional alternatives

Would Cottage Grove be open to purchasing boxable homes. 400 sq ft quickly produced fold out home and making them available for tiny home village rentals.

Written response #6 Provide sanitary services at the minimum! Toilet facilities with service.

## Responses

How close is the bus route to the new property on Hwy 99? How will the tenants be able to get to resources & jobs?

Written response #15 The city is part of the solution, yes. Mental health(SLMH), Community Sharing, Lane County also Community Center, churches, community members, DHsS, Community businesses, Goodwill, job services.

Written response #10 Need to bring in port a potties until then.

hire a city intern to interview local homeless to find their needs.

What are the rules/regulations at a low barrier shelter? Can residents come and go as they please? What if they refuse help /services? What if they are continually arrested for crimes or arrested for assault - are they allowed back into the shelter? What will be the city's response if these new changes attract many more homeless to this area? Are those working at a low barrier shelter allowed to report to Child protection services if they witness abuse/neglect?

A boys and girls club like program for homeless - public transport to get to help areas is important - A resource officer at each location to make the area more safe for everyone there.

We live in the County - Can laws be changed so that property owners such as ourselves who have 92 acres of land be allowed to build or have built small homes that would be very affordable to qualifying people in special housing programs.

Written response #12 Time frames

Written response #9 No camping in environmentally sensitive parks.

## Responses

Written response #22 How many people can be sheltered @the temp shelters @ the warming shelter site? Pets still allowed? What about the low barrier shelter on 99 how many people? Are support services contracted & ready to go?

Written response #11 Only if it is enforced fairly and regularly. No targeting of certain persons.

Written response #9 - No Camping

Written response #14 There need to be a set of rules - then yes

Written response #6 & #7 If they just do the minimum then the homeless can stay in the parks and playgrounds.? Not okay. You're not going to attract visitors to our town if this is the case. Simply removing the statutes will cause more harm than good. What kind of community do we want? Not one that's over run with homeless & litter. Don't let them be in areas for children and families!!

100 feet from playgrounds & schools isn't far enough. Are shelters going to be far enough from schools & parks? And bike/walking paths? Keep it from the bike paths!

AGREE with "benefits' from city to do this! Entice people to be kind - make it a benefit!

Written response #16 YES!! With onsite vegetable gardening and water conservation - with volunteers from U fo O Social Services Students to do their interning on site.

Written response #15 AGREE - but how can the community get involved to make it happen NOW!

Written response #14 Agree but how long will that take and what will happen to those who need services NOW!



## Responses

Written response #13 The city need to have protective services with specialists who are equipped with the ability to communicate to those people who are incapable being able to understand what they're doing is not appropriate or safe for them.

Written response #12 - Allow Public Safety Workers to see why and what the problem is and how they can help with the situation that created the situation to begin with

Written response #11 - It should be a way to access info on the problem of WHY . . . and to have 'AVAILABILITY ' to immediate access!

Written response #10 - unless there is strong language that does NOT Allow the Police to be in charge of those people who are incapable of understanding Rules laws and can be used to criminalize them from this perspective without any oversight on how you PROPOSE to make this happen.

Written response #9 - ABSOLUTELY

Written response #8 - Allow Private property owners etc. and (to be compensated) for to have overnt. camping on their property.

Written response #3 Every day - grand children who have to live at home because rents are insanely high with out any protection for those (working) who are living without an income that accounts for cost of living expenses. There are ways to deal with the owner, construction workers, and real estate Assoc peoples that can allow for compensation and benefits to care about our community.

How many homeless people were asked how they feel?

Written response to #12 - No

Written response # 9 - Yes - all are equally needed to house unhoused people. This question is leading all parks are equal.

## Responses

Written response #6 agree strongly

Why is rent & housing so expensive in Oregon/West Coast? We have a high minimum wage. Why is Federal BLM land restricted but not City property? What happens when more homeless people move here than we have built housing for? Do we just take more taxes to build more? How much does low income housing cost? to build, pay builder etc.

This was awesome!

Will there be services for the homeless if housed out Hwy 99? food, transportation, drugstore. .

As long as guidelines are followed. ? Tac break in exchange?

In order to track people into permanent housing, there has to be housing affordable at their income for the move into.

If we remove homeless to remote parks how will we ensure the safety of the homeless individuals?

Written response #13 Parked vehicles need to be more than 100 feet from schools/parks etc.

Written response #11 yes - or make it 48 hours

Written response #9 None of the above.

The zoning code should be changed to allow individual ownership of cluster housing.

Provide a SHARE(acronym) type support & matching service to private business or property owners that want to help house the homeless resident.

## Responses

Things not addressed in presentation: 1. Homeless situations a) legal aspects - private citizens who want to help - laws b) immigration - other regions and state. c) Title 42 goes away in July 2 million illegal immigrant in last 3 years when title 42 goes away huge influx will occur - Planning now is not considering this. 3. Some people want to be homeless and don't want to work. 4. more on legal issue - laws make it difficult for private citizens to try to help using their own resources.

Written response #10 No, leads to enabling & entitlement - encourages influx of out of state or out of region.

Written response #8 Not allow camping on sidewalks

Written response #9 Prohibit camping near rivers & lakes because possible trash going in the water.

Permit savings cut taxes on sites to build.

I was told we could answer questions via paper.

Every issue I've heard about the unhoused is also true of those living in houses. Both groups have members who steal, litter, etc. Let's not stereotype. I hope we do what's right, not just what's legally required. There but by the grace of God go we.

Many great idea's were shared by Richard tonight. I had the idea coming here that we all would be involved in generating ideas for our community. I am disappointed that it is already pretty well decided and I was only asked mostly yes and no questions/ of if I agree.

Abiding in place assumes responsibility to be lawfully abiding citizens. If alternative shelter location is built it it safe to assume guests would abide by the established camp code(s)? If so, why is it unreasonable to require "guests" to abide by current city codes, statutes etc?

## Responses

I would like to challenge the assumption that more low income rental housing would end homelessness; i.e. housing first model. If a benevolent building contractor donated enough units to exceed the target population by 2038, would homelessness end? "Community First Model" I suggest that the core problem correlates to relational traumas, i.e. Family of origin, marriage, children, etc. Which sparks a downward spiral of destructive behaviors leading to misery.

Disagree, on! No! No! Disagree ! No!

Poor questions - temporary or permanent?

Written response #21 Do it privately vs public if they do . . . fine, if not fine. Typically ok with churches.

Written response #20 Get state or fed \$ to do

443 N. Douglas - concerned @ so close to trail/Coiner Park to visible.

Shelter site @ Hwy 99 too close to high school.

Written response #15 Who pays, how operated.

Written response to #14 It will cost, but who will pay. How do you make it effective. case manager.

Written response to #9 Not in my backyard concept.

Peace officers - medical /sanitation needs not police officers.

Hand up didn't feel like doing self with hand up.

Want to know people's stories - How did get out - Do you want help

Written response to #6 Do more, depending on what it is - adequately address or continue to be a problem. What does more look like?

## Responses

Concerned with drug use, garbage left behind, personal safety.

Thank you more town halls please!

Thank you City Council I am so proud to live in our beautiful Cottage Grove.

Concerns about using Hwy 99 site: Pedestrian/Bicyclist safety, lack of fiber (symmetrical ) internet.

Agree with certain requirements/restrictions so that one residence with campers does not cause danger to neighbors from things such as big dogs, trash causing health concerns, etc.

Written response to #19 Agree and consider rental control for low income housing.

I appreciated the presentation and all of the information including the definitions of the options. Also, the discussion of real places and parks. The town hall meeting was well organized.

Written response to #16 Yes, as long as unhoused aren't required to use it.

Written response to #21 Yes with review(airBnB are not shelter)

Written response to #20 Not without public input/too many properties get ignored /not used provide "write-off" credit.

Written response to #17 is there a bigger site? if not use it.

Written response to #16 Better to have something than nothing.

Written response to #15 Yes - you want structure, organization & cleanliness, with ability to enforce violations, You need places available for people.

## Responses

Written response to #13 No camping on Bike Path itself, sidewalk or bike lanes, danger to all involved.

Written response to #12 No materials, items, supplies; Camping full time near schools (But if students in cars need a space, maybe school can help?)

Written response for #9 Prohibit sites They need toilets, water, trash. Prohibit house for camping not location.

Written response for #6 Agree, we need more.

Written response for #15 Agree for those wanting shelters and services

Written Response to #14 Only if services available to lift people out of being unsheltered.

Please use language "Allowing them not get them in".

Why are there no homeless represented Solution : homeless mentors

Written response to #11 Yes, but only if going to enforce other vehicle laws.

Written response to #13 Yes to no camping in planting strips and bikes lanes - allow sidewalk camping.

Written response to #11 No - because of cost of gas.

Written response to # 11 No because of cost of gas unless in front of a house or business.

Question: Are the homeless being informed of their rights? Do they know they are protected by law & can get an attorney? Or how to get an attorney? Possible solution : write up a pamphlet for homeless people & distribute it. Your rights as a Homeless Person.

Table discussion with #8 & 10 If no other accommodations are available then camping should be allowed.

## Responses

Written response to #10 Develop shelter sites and allow camping in City Parks.

Written response to #9 Greenway, etc & Regional except maybe 1 person/location.

Written Response to #8 Provide alternative shelter AND allow camping in city parks.

Written Response to #8 Provide alternate shelter but not prohibit camping in parks.

Incentive for renting to homeless. Grant for rent? Allow unhoused to work /maintain for trade.

Please use the term unhoused.





Richard Meyers  
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Cottage Grove, OR 97424  
April 7, 2022

**The Home Team**

- Distributing **Boxabl** Homes
- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) / Tiny Homes
- Affordable
- Set up in 1 hour
- Ship Anywhere

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Re: Introducing Boxabl and The HOME team

Based on the results of the recent Townhall Meeting regarding the subject of homelessness, we heard the message loud and clear that the City Council is open to suggestions from the citizens of our town.

**Introducing...  
The HOME Team.  
(We have solutions)**



*Russ Dregne*

*Carrol Crawford*

- This team worked as activists in getting ADU laws approved for Lane County which resulted in having legal tiny house villages in Cottage Grove.
- Our team has many years of experience as Distributors for Old Hickory Sheds and Summit Structures since 2015. We managed all aspects of the business resulting in rewards from the Companies and many happy customers.
- Carrol Crawford is a citizen of Cottage Grove.
- We are established Affiliates to the Boxabl Company.

**Introducing...  
Boxabl Homes**



*Boxabl has created a building system that is compatible with scalable factory mass production. Our Mission is to significantly lower the cost of homeownership for everyone. Obsessively designed to the highest standards of quality, strength, and sustainability to last for generations.*

**Videos**

[www.boxabl.com](http://www.boxabl.com)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7hzEeayhDk>

### How are Boxabl homes a solution to homelessness in Cottage Grove?

- It may be possible to skip the temporary housing plan and move directly into permanent housing (depending on timing).
- Promotes affordable home ownership at \$250.00 a month.
- Boxabl homes are delivered directly to the site on highway 99 and can be completely set up and ready for move-in within a matter of hours.
- These homes are classy and beautiful and give owners a sense of pride and dignity.
- Homeowners and the general public can become an investor in the Boxabl company.
- Looking at future possibilities and the big picture, if Boxabl places a factory in Cottage Grove, responsible homeowners may be able to work at the factory and recover from the downward spiral of the homelessness trap.

### The HOME Team can use our Affiliate Status to...

- Educate and inform the citizens and City Council of Cottage Grove about Boxabl.
- Be a liaison between Boxabl, the City Council, and the homeowners.
- Coordinate tours to the Boxabl factory in Las Vegas.
- Manage orders and delivery schedules of Boxabl to Cottage Grove.
- Assist in composing a proposal to suggest that Boxabl place a factory in Cottage Grove.

### The HOME Team wants to thank you

As a governing body of the City of Cottage Grove, you have brought the issue of homelessness to the front of the line for your priorities. You are open to suggestions from your citizens, and you implement suggestions. For that... we speak for the citizens and thank you for your time and efforts on this critical issue.

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April 5, 2022

**City of Cottage Grove**  
400 E. Main Street  
Cottage Grove, Oregon 97424

Dear Cottage Grove City Council,

My husband and I have been tax-paying residents of Cottage Grove for approximately 17 years. We have 4 children and are deeply concerned about the unhoused population of Cottage Grove currently and in the future.

Several months ago our family drove to Portland to pick up our daughter from the airport, then went to various locations around the city. What I considered to once be one of the most beautiful cities in the U.S. had become one of the grimmest, most unsafe cities. It was truly a sad sight to see so many roads and public spaces littered with tents, inexcusable amounts of garbage, drug needles, graffiti, etc.

I recognize Portland is a big city and Cottage Grove is a small town; but we face a similar dilemma, which is increasingly becoming a challenge for our community. My 10-year-old daughter and I can no longer walk from our home to the library because we don't feel safe walking past all the tents and garbage around the side of the city hall building and next to the footpath along the river's edge. And then, when we get to the library, there are tents surrounding that building as well.

While we—as community members, as Christians, or whatever we consider ourselves to be—should diligently do what we can to love, help, and serve those who are struggling, there must also be guidelines and limits in place so as not to compromise the beauty, safety, and economy of our community.

According to a local children's textbook, city governments are primarily responsible for serving the needs of their citizens, encouraging local business growth, providing basic utilities, and maintaining public safety.

The manner in which the city manages the unhoused population can directly and indirectly affect each of these initiatives. For example:

**(1) Serving the Needs of Its Citizens**

My husband is a public defender for the city of Eugene and often represents unhoused persons. Through him, I've come to understand that our city government has been placed

in a precarious position as a result of the Martin vs. Boise ruling. In my own words, this ruling held that if a city isn't able provide sufficient accommodations for unhoused persons, they cannot be cited for trespassing when on public property.

Yet this ruling, in effect, poses a problem for the citizens of the community, whose needs the city government must also meet. I am of the opinion that the needs, safety, and well-being of tax-paying citizens should be placed above non-tax paying citizens. We pay into the economy of this community, as well as into its public safety organizations, and should, therefore, have a right to ensure these systems are upheld.

As a compromise, and to maintain the integrity of the community, the city could adopt a model that encourages work and other opportunities for people to turn their lives around and get back on their feet with self respect and dignity.

### **(2) Public Safety**

I understand that while some people are doing their best to get by, others CHOOSE the homeless lifestyle. (This is the group my argument is primarily focused on). Many of these people have mental health issues, drug issues, addiction issues, and some could even be sex offenders. We cannot, therefore, afford to jeopardize the safety of our community members and especially the safety of our children.

### **(3) Our Town's Economy**

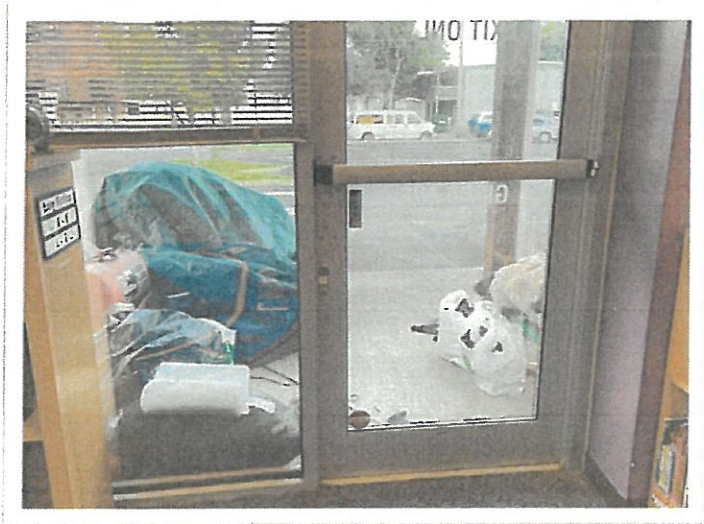
Are we not trying to promote tourism and local shopping in Cottage Grove? A model that allows unhoused persons to overrun public spaces will never attract business, nor will it cultivate an atmosphere of arts, culture, beauty and tourism.

In conclusion, I ask that you please consider a balance of care for the unhoused persons of Cottage Grove so as not to compromise the community's beauty, economy and safety.

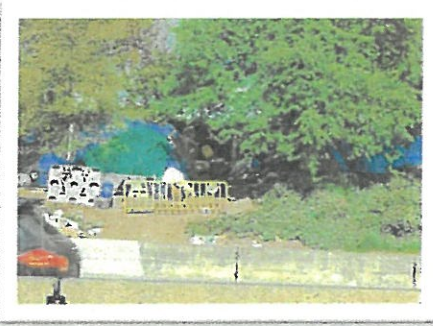
Sincerely,

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Cottage Grove:



Portland:



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## Town Hall on Homelessness

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Council Members, I am providing this statement in order to share with you some of my experience on being without a home, and some of those I met during my years of what most people would call poverty. As someone who has been homeless, and lived long periods of housing insecurity, I believe my perspective can be illuminating.

On more than one occasion I was unhoused by choice or by circumstance. For fifteen years after that I lived with some level of housing insecurity, I used to buy vans because you can build a bed in the back even after I had purchased my first home. I sold my last van in 2007 after moving out west in 1989- that is 17 years and some months of being ready to live in my car.

People end up in bad housing situations for any number of reasons, but the most common is that the place they are living is so untenable that a car, a tent or even a bench is preferable.

Sometimes they have no other choices. A man I knew who I will call Bruce, was sexually abused in foster care as a child and buried his pain with the only medications he knew- the ones you get on the street. The last time I saw Bruce he looked tired and said he was "going home". He put a rock through a police car to go back to prison where he had spent more than half his life because that was the one place he knew he could sober up. While there was a bed waiting for Bruce as a convict immediately, he was on a nine-month waiting list for a rehab bed that day.

My own reasons for choosing homelessness are probably less severe than some, more than others. Suffice it to say that I found living in a van by the river preferable to my other options. I had the good fortune to be well-educated and white, which allowed me to talk my way out of situations where things might have ended differently, and I am a large and rather frightening looking man which dissuaded more than one potential assailant. Even so I was unbelievably lucky- and I am aware that the basis of my life is not skill or hard work, although I have some skills and have worked my entire life, but the fortune of my birth and circumstance. Every person without a place to live is working hard- we simply make them work to eat, to shower, to sleep. On top of that we tell them to get a job when being without a house is a full time job on it's own.

People make the best choices they have with the tools they possess. Sometimes that tool is a van, sometimes it is a rock. If we start by assuming that everyone is using the best tools they have, the path to helping them is not to punish them for the tools they use, but to give them better tools.

The thing that people who have never faced housing insecurity don't understand is the stress. We all feel stress- I feel stressed standing here now. We have work stress, kid stress, relationship stress. When you are unhoused it never ends- where to go to the bathroom is stress, your next meal is stress, the possibility that you can come "home" and the police have taken every tool you have to live with is stress. There is no relief because you can be roused in your sleep, cast out by authorities, possibly assaulted physically or sexually. Stress is like water filling a bucket- without an outlet it will eventually overflow and spill out.

Over time this overflow can express itself in different ways. Sometimes this is uncomfortable, hard to watch and maybe frightening. But is the result of a system which has for a generation criminalized poverty, homelessness, mental illness and drug dependence. It is the result of our choices as a community. Recently we have allowed people a safer place to sleep and we are seeing the result of the trauma and stress we have created up close instead of being played out in remote campsites. In the last meeting one comment was that "respect goes both ways". I would counter that by merely legalizing the existence of the unhoused we have not shown them "respect", merely done the bare minimum required by law. You cannot take the boot off a person's neck and expect gratitude.

That being said, the bare minimum is a step in the right direction, and now that many are seeing how hard and stressful being without a house really is, and would prefer to look away. I would encourage you to take a different approach- to lean into this challenge. I recommend that we utilize every resource we have- including the ARPA money to provide better tools to people who could use them, to reduce stress and harm for the vulnerable.

Will it end homelessness? No, this is a positive second step. The answer to homelessness is more affordable housing. The current system is obviously failing in this regard. The rents in "those cities to the north" that so many like to cast in shade are even higher. As long as the cost of housing is above the median income those on the margins will suffer. The lack of transitional housing- the weekly rentals and "European Hotels" that have been erased by zoning and gentrification have made the barrier between living in a tent and renting a house with the required First/Last/Deposit even steeper. We need to create an achievable pathway to housing for everyone. In the interim providing services that reduce the stress of be without a home are warranted. Providing bathrooms, garbage service and non-emergency medical care is far less expensive than providing waiting for problems to require emergency medical solutions, police intervention or hospital beds. Nothing we can do today will resolve the issues we

face entirely, but it is imperative we keep moving forward and find ways to act in compassion instead of fear.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective on this issue.

