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Activities

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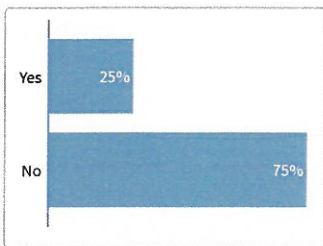
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Average responses



Average engagement

2. Have you ever experienced homelessness?



Response options

Yes

No

Count Percentage

34 25%

103 75%

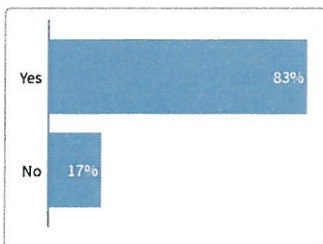


Engagement

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Responses

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



Response options

Yes

No

Count Percentage

126 83%

26 17%



Engagement

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Responses

Responses

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 them negatively when CG has done basically nothing until the Boise decision

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

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, etc. 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.

Responses

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.

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

Responses

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.

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.

Responses

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

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.

Responses

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

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

Responses

It means that the speaker is ill 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.

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.

Responses

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

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

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

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 wearhouse 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

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

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

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

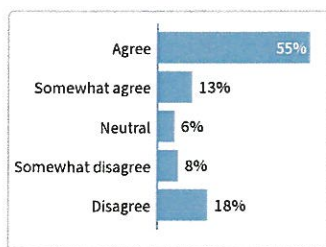
We need a basic income

Increase affordable housing.

Build more affordable housing

Affordable hoousing

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



Response options	Count	Percentage
Agree	79	55%
Somewhat agree	18	13%
Neutral	9	6%
Somewhat disagree	11	8%
Disagree	26	18%



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It would be difficult to help people out of houselessness 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.

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.

Responses

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

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.

Responses

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.

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.

Responses

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.

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.

Responses

Positive

It will be minimally effective.

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

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.

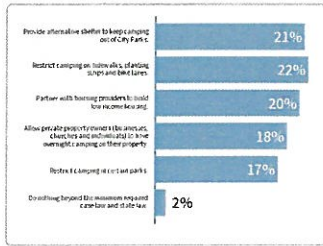
Get minimum results.

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.

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



Response options	Count	Percentage
Provide alternative shelter to keep camping out of City Parks.	117	21%
Restrict camping on sidewalks, planting strips and bike lanes.	120	22%
Partner with housing providers to build low income housing.	113	20%
Allow private property owners (businesses, churches and individuals) to have overnight camping on their property.	103	18%
Restrict camping in certain parks.	96	17%
Do nothing beyond the minimum required case law and state law.	9	2%

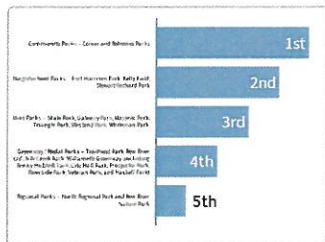


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9. The City cannot prohibit camping outside on public property, unless other space or alternative shelter is provided. Arrange the types of parks listed below in order with the parks that should prohibit camping on top.



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

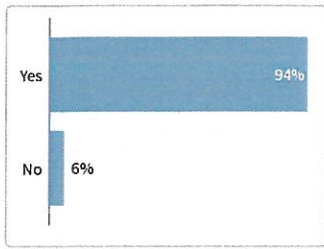


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13. Should the City restrict camping on sidewalks, planting strips and bike lanes?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Yes	135	94%
No	8	6%

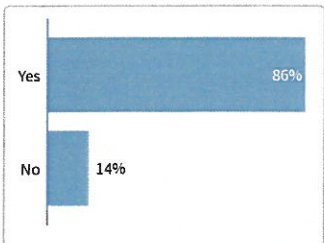


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14. Do you support the development of a Low Barrier Shelter site for community members experiencing homelessness with the goal to access permanent housing as soon as possible?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Yes	119	86%
No	19	14%

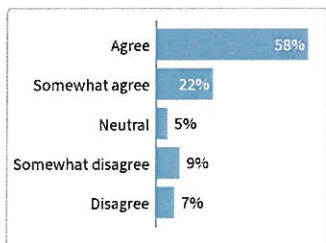


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15. The City should be providing shelters and wrap around services for community members experiencing homelessness.



Response options	Count	Percentage
Agree	88	58%
Somewhat agree	33	22%
Neutral	7	5%
Somewhat disagree	14	9%
Disagree	11	7%

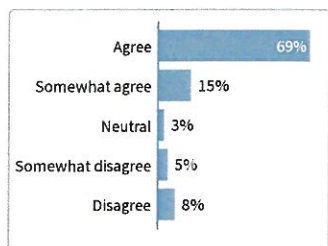


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19. The City should be actively seeking ways to increase low income housing availability.

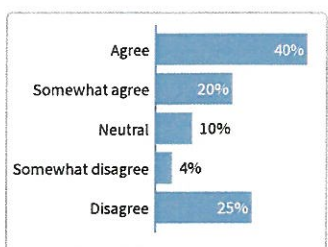


Response options	Count	Percentage
Agree	87	69%
Somewhat agree	19	15%
Neutral	4	3%
Somewhat disagree	6	5%
Disagree	10	8%

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

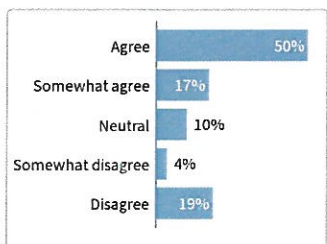


Response options	Count	Percentage
Agree	54	40%
Somewhat agree	27	20%
Neutral	13	10%
Somewhat disagree	6	4%
Disagree	34	25%

73%
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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
Agree	69	50%
Somewhat agree	24	17%
Neutral	14	10%
Somewhat disagree	5	4%
Disagree	26	19%

75%
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23. If it were up to you, what changes, if any, would you make to the proposal presented tonight?

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

" 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. "

Responses

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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.

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!



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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!

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.

Responses

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.

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.

Responses

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.

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!

Responses

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

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 warming 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.

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

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

Responses

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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 .

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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.

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 .



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Responses

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.

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

Responses

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.

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.

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.

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