

# Homeless Strategies Workgroup

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May 10, 2018 Meeting 6 Agenda

**1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

**LOCATION: Whatcom County Civic Building, Garden Room  
322 N Commercial Street, Bellingham, WA**

## **1. Welcome and Introductions, HSW Chair WC Councilman Barry Buchanan**

*A 10-minute public comment period is provided at the end of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup (HSW) meetings, please sign up. Public comment letters have been distributed in advance of the meeting and are available on the [HSW Comments webpage](#).*

## **2. Alternative Strategies for Those Sleeping Outside in Whatcom County**

Introduction by HSW Chair WC Councilman Barry Buchanan

- a. Review *List of Alternative Strategies and Responses* identified during HSW Meetings 1-5 and from existing plans

Pages 1-3: Humane responses to address public health and safety impacts associated with homelessness crisis

Pages 4-6: Strategies to End Homelessness – even IF temporary or temporary for the individual

Questions, Comments and Discussion of Alternative Strategies, Facilitated by Mary Dumas

- b. Post and review HSW members' initial ranking of the HSW Alternative Strategies (see instructions on page 4 of this agenda).
- c. Identify top HSW alternative strategies for further exploration by Whatcom County and City of Bellingham.

Related Information:

- See Page 3-4 of this agenda for instructions on initial ranking of the HSW Alternative Strategies
- See [HSW Meeting Information webpage for May 10, Meeting 6: Handout with HSW List of Alternative Strategies](#)
- See [HSW Meeting Information webpage for March 22 Meeting 5: Summary](#) and HSW discussion.

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**3. HSW Recommendations on Alternative Solutions to Living Unsheltered in Whatcom County**

Introduction by HSW Chair WC Councilman Barry Buchanan, facilitated by Mary Dumas

- a. Workgroup Recommendations on 2-3 alternative solutions and next steps

**4. Update on Staff Analysis of Potential Sites Identified for Further Study**

Mayor Kelli Linville, City of Bellingham update on low-barrier homeless shelter site options and next steps

**5. Next Steps for HSW**

HSW Chair review of next steps.

**6. Public Comment**

Facilitated by Mary Dumas

*Time will be divided equally among speakers with 3 minutes minimum per person.*

Written input can also be submitted using index cards.

Provide your written comment to staff or tape it on the flipcharts provided.

*Thank you for helping to end homelessness in Whatcom County.*

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## Instructions to prepare for May 10, 2018 HSW Alternative Strategies Review and Ranking

**Purpose:** Resolution 2017-055 provides direction to the HSW on the development of alternative solutions, "Be it further resolved that the workgroup's purpose is to identify approximately two to three alternative solutions to living unsheltered in Whatcom County, with priority given to solutions that can be initiated to prevent people from having no other option than to sleep outside as the weather gets cold."

**Step 1:** REVIEW the [May 10, Meeting 6: Handout with List of HSW Alternative Strategies](#) provided with the email distribution of this agenda or use link above to the document on the HSW Information webpage.

Alternative strategies identified during HSW Meetings 1-5 are presented with additional information compiled by City of Bellingham and Whatcom County staff, including: impacts (sanitation/hygiene, personal safety/security, public safety, environmental health); level of funding needed, status (underway or planned), partners working on response/potential partners, and lead agencies.

Strategies are organized into two groups:

- A. *Humane responses to address public health and safety impacts associated with homelessness crisis listed on pages 1-3.*
- B. *Strategies to End Homelessness – even IF temporary or temporary for the individual on pages 4-6.*

**Step 2:** SELECT Alternative Strategies to investigate further for implementation in Whatcom County. Pick 5 responses from Section A. *Humane Responses* and 5 responses from Section B. *Strategies*.

- Place a ✓ in the far right column of the table for your top 10 Alternative Strategies.
- At HSW Meeting 6, members post their selections on a group ranking sheet.

**Step 3:** WRITE the name of the top 10 strategies you have selected into the Impact - Effort Worksheet, see next page of this preparation worksheet.

**Step 4:** BRING your Top 10 List of Alternative Strategies and Impact - Effort Ranking Sheet to Meeting 6 HSW members will review and discuss the top 10 strategies identified by the HSW members. HSW members will rank the highest scoring Alternative Strategies using the Effort and Impact Framework.

