

Penn Daw Fire & Supportive Housing Advisory Committee Meeting #5
March 05, 2021
9:30 – 11:00 am

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

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| 9:25 | Meeting Login | |
| 9:30 | Quick Introductions/Roll Call | |
| 9:35 | Approve minutes/Recap | Christine / Team |
| 9:40 | Bailey's Shelter Video | Pam Michell |
| 9:45 | Eleanor Kennedy Shelter Photo Tour | Pam Michell/Tom B. |
| 9:55 | Questions/Discussion with Committee | |
| 10:30 | Community meeting planning | Team |
| 10:45 | Q&A with community callers | Team |
| 10:55 | Future Meetings and next steps | Christine Morin |
| | ✓ November 6 | Meeting kickoff |
| | ✓ December 4 | Feedback |
| | ✓ Jan 15, 2021 | Concepts |
| | ✓ Feb 5, 2021 | Benchmarking |
| | ✓ Mar 5 | Shelter Facility Tours |
| | | Community Meeting |
| | | Community Meeting |
| | April 2 | Fire Co-location Facility Tours |
| | May 7 | Big Picture, Discussion |
| | | Community Meeting |
| | | Community Meeting |
| | June 18 | Concepts |
| | July, Aug, September | Concepts |

Eleanor Kennedy Shelter Photo Tour

Exterior

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Common Areas and Lobby

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Kitchen

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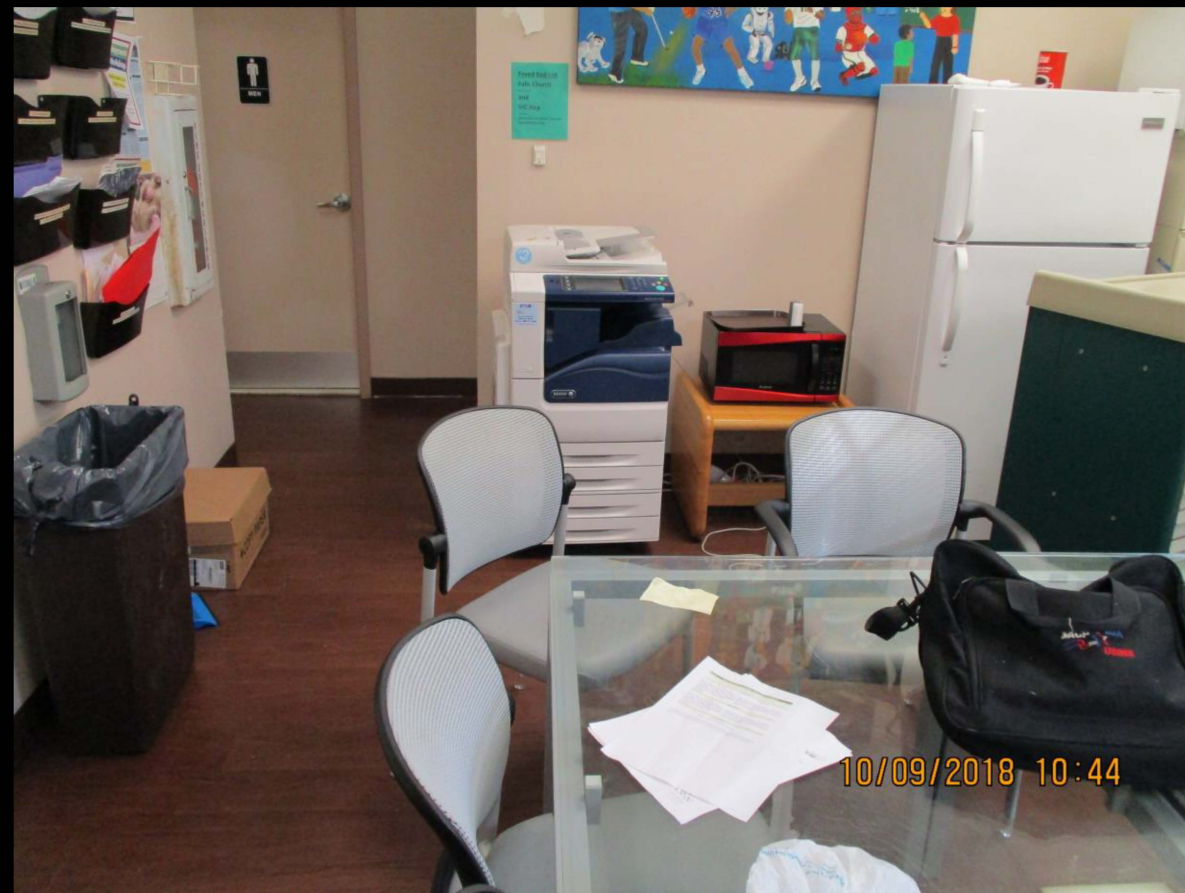
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Living Areas

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Support Functions

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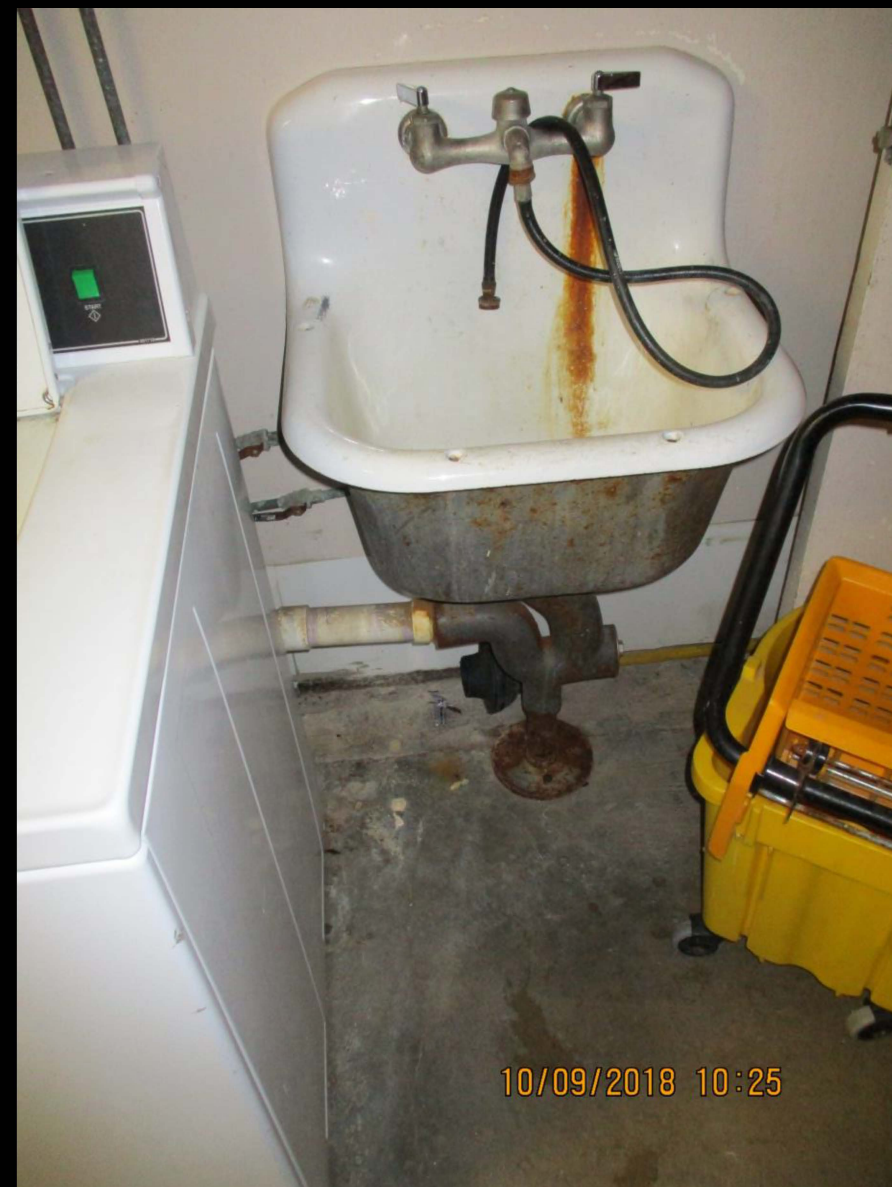
















Beacon Hill Advisory Committee

5th Meeting

March 5, 2021

Roll Call taken by Christine Morin

Minutes – Approved

1. Updates – Vrushali Oak
 - Community Meetings
 - MVCCA – January 11th
 - Plan on going back intermittingly
 - SCTF – February 26th
 - Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce – March 10th – Planned
 - FAQ's to be included on the website soon

Next Meeting – Channel 16 to tour the two co-located Fire Stations that were presented at the last meeting

2. Overview of Schedule going forward by Christine Morin
3. Bailey's Shelter and Supportive Housing played
4. Slide show tour of the Kennedy Shelter – presented by Pam Michelle

Questions from the Advisory Committee

- Embarrassed by the condition of the Kennedy Shelter
 - **Question** – Do we hear opinions for the residents at Bailey's to help us design shelter's in the future?
 - **Answer:** The feedback is not surprising. Close to transportation, shopping, etc.
- Concerned about the limited amount of storage at the Kennedy Shelter
 - Six people in one room – Six beds in each partitioned area –
 - **Answer:** Bunkbeds are a challenge for an aging population and made even more obsolete by the pandemic.
 - What is a PLQ?
 - **Answer:** Personal Living Quarters – Bathroom, kitchenette, sitting area, bed
- What have we learned from the Bailey's shelter that can be applied here?
 - **Answer:** The way Bailey's runs, everything goes through one entrance. The housing entrance is the same as the shelter. Psychologically, that can be challenging.
 - Positive – shelter folks can see a potential future for themselves
 - Each bed has a chore associated with it. PLQ's are responsible for upkeep of their living space.
 - Parking issues?
 - **Answer:** mostly a staff issue, but a few residents as well

- What is the Container Store?
 - It's a formally Container store building that has been opened for a hypothermia shelter in Tysons. The program ends at the end of next month.
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 - **What is the solution to assess and provide accountability to prevent those issues?**
 - **Answer:** To be clear, it's not the majority of residents that are being called about this often. It is a few situations.
 - Is there a nurse at Bailey's daily?
 - **Answer:** Typically, 40 hours a week, but splits time due to COVID.
 - In Tyson's – at the Container store – Fire Fighters respond multiple times a day. Encounter quite a bit of issues there.
 - Calls are common – overdoses, chest pains, “we want to go to the hospital” – Fire Fighters must take them
 - Response time will obviously be cut down because of the location.
 - In terms of fights, it is almost always between two guests. Occasionally, a guest will be upset with staff, but another guest will come to their defense. It does NOT feel unsafe in the shelter.
 - Also, it is not every day that we have an overdose
- Fire Fighter works at Tysons who responds to the Container Store comments:
 - Reached out to OPEH to find more tools to assist our homeless population, rather than take them to the hospital. It's time consuming and takes the paramedic out of service for 1.5 hours.
 - 911 calls are typically between 7 pm and 5 am in Tysons.
 - Overdoses have jumped significantly over the past 5 years.
 - **Answer:** OPEH has trained shelter staff to use Narcan and how to determine if someone is experiencing an overdose.
- **Question:** When discussing responses to the shelter, do responses increase because of the shelter? Or would there be the same number of calls without a shelter, but in fact the calls are just more centrally located?
 - **Answer:** it is because of the location of the shelter – Ron Kuley – the locations are attracted because of the shelter. There were some issues beforehand, but not at the frequency that we see now

Questions from last meeting – Do we admit sex offenders to the shelter?

- Convicted sex offenders have restrictions of how close they can be to certain locations. The current site of the Kennedy shelter and the proposed site at Beacon Hill are outside of those restricted areas, so yes, they would be admitted to the location.
- We do not have information on the number of people on probation or parole.

Community Meetings

- Carey Needham and Tom Fleetwood have presented the concept to groups up to this point
 - If we were doing in person meetings, we would have at least 2 at this point.
 - We are willing to do a hybrid, indoor/outdoor, zoom, breakfast time, lunch time, etc.
 - Does the committee have any thoughts on how best to have these meetings?
 - Comment: I would suggest that our task force get a little further along before going out to the community. Also, in Zoom, people tend to monopolize the conversation.
 - Comment: gather questions and make sure we answer all of them at a later time, if necessary
 - Comment: In terms of in public or zoom, we must follow guidelines
 - Comment: maybe Saturday morning? Cannot have all evening meetings.
 - **Final decision – weekday evening meeting, Saturday morning meeting**

5. Questions from the Public:

Question: How are the police going to monitor the panhandling/tent cities?

- **Answer:** OPEH Homeless encampments are a symptom of a lack of housing or shelter options. The ways to improve that are to create more affordable housing options and make sure individuals are aware of the services available. The county takes a dual approach from the human services side and a law enforcement side, as well.
 - Regarding panhandling, the County has a webpage dedicated to this. It is considered a first amendment right to ask for money. The County discourages giving to individuals, but more to donate to local organizations that help our communities.

Question: When we look at Bailey's and Franconia Senior center, the issues surround of putting a shelter in a residential area without input from the community. The community does not feel like the advisory committee is representing the community well.

Answer: our goal has been to educate the advisory committee about the complexities of the issue and have them go back to their communities to share the information. We are at a point now that we have enough information to share and get feedback.

Question: Will the county webpage be updated regularly? Also, is there a way to record these advisory committee meetings to share with the community?

Answer: Yes, we will be including an FAQ section and updating the webpage regularly. Regarding the recording, we will look into that.

Next Meeting – Fire Co-location tours. April 2nd 9:30 am.