

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF WORKSHOP DINNER

Monday, May 14, 2018
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

PRESENT: Mayor Hall, Deputy Mayor Salomon, Councilmembers McGlashan, Scully, McConnell, Chang, and Roberts

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Shawn Ledford, Police Chief; Jim Hammond, Intergovernmental/CMO Program Manager; and Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: King County Council: Councilmember Rod Dembowski; Kristina Logsdon, Chief of Staff; and Garrett Holbrook, Legislative Aid

At 5:51 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Hall.

Councilmember Dembowski commended Chief of Police Shawn Ledford for his work with other jurisdictions in presenting compelling reasons to find sustainable funding for the RADAR (Response Awareness, De-escalation, and Referral) Program. He said he is hopeful that \$100,000 can be secured in the County's Mid-Biennial Budget Process, and it helps that the program serves six North End cities. He said with the program's success, it can be scaled up and pushed out throughout the county.

Chief Ledford described the benefits of having the RADAR Program and a dedicated Mental Health Navigator to connect people to services, instead of taking them to jail or to a hospital emergency facility. He noted that King County Sheriff Johanknecht is interested in incorporating RADAR training in the Sheriff's academy trainings.

Mayor Hall pointed out the cost differential in connecting people to services, as opposed to taking them to jail or hospital emergency. Councilmember Salomon asked if the savings can be tracked. Chief Ledford responded that an analysis of the program is scheduled to be completed in 2019, and it might provide that data.

Councilmember Dembowski spoke about regional affordable housing issues, acknowledged that the Council dedicated property at 198th Street for affordable housing, and their desire to have transit oriented development at the Park and Ride Lot on Aurora Avenue at N 192nd Street. He said a failure to plan on a regional scale has added to affordable housing challenges, and that although the number of people predicted to come to the region was pretty accurate, the timing of when to expect them was incorrect. He said building capacity in the county needs to be

determined, and solutions to housing challenges requires the County and cities to work closely together on this issue. He noted that there is some discussion about the County's and the City of Seattle's Human Service Departments potentially merging together, and stressed the importance of ensuring that the other 38 cities in King County are not left out of the process if this idea were to move forward. He spoke about the need to address the root causes of homelessness, the success of the Mary's Place Shelter in Kenmore, and his proposal for opening the dorms at Harborview Medical Center to shelter homeless people.

Councilmember Roberts asked if there are strategies the County can implement to encourage mandatory affordable housing. Councilmember Dembowski talked about Seattle Councilmember Sally Bagshaw's proposal to have housing allocations based on ratios, and for cities to receive funding from the State based on the services delivered by their community.

Councilmember Scully stated that a regional system to address homelessness is needed because the smaller cities do not have the resources or facilities to address the problem on their own. He asked about developing a way to get information about shelters and resources in the region that small cities can refer people to, and in return the cities can assist them with funding support.

Councilmember McConnell expressed concern about implementing homeless policy in Shoreline because the City does not have the money or the resources to support more homeless people. Councilmember Dembowski stated that King County needs to employ metropolitan tools to address issues in the region, and it may require a restructuring of the County.

Councilmember Chang expressed concern about the request for proposals received to develop the property at 198th Street as system-connected affordable housing. Mr. Hammond described the four proposals received, said they all provide onsite services, but are uniquely different. Ms. Tarry stated that the proposals will be vetted and reviewed, and she anticipates a decision from King County in June 2018. Mr. Norris reassured the Council that City staff is working closely with the Department of Human Services on this matter.

Councilmember Roberts inquired about One Table, a community approach to homelessness and affordability, and how to gain more information about this effort. Councilmember Dembowski responded that he is on the Committee and will provide updates to the City, and be a representative and a voice for the City.

Mayor Hall called attention to the importance of making 145th Street Corridor improvements in order to make Light Rail work for the region. Councilmember Dembowski stated that he has presented this issue to Seattle's Mayor Durkin and he will try to convene another meeting to address this matter. He also recommended getting the SeaShore Transportation Forum to take up the issue.

Councilmember Roberts asked if there is funding for frontage improvements. Councilmember Dembowski said he has to follow up about funding, but anticipates a ramp up in spending based on the restructuring of Sound Transit's Board.

Ms. Logsdon distributed a sheet listing the County's investments in Shoreline, and Councilmember Dembowski pointed out the additional funding to the Shoreline Historical Museum, and encouraged the City to continue to apply for grant funding.

At 6:55 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk

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