Land Access and Opportunity Board: Shelter for All

May 23, 2025, 2:00PM-3:00PM

Meeting Facilitator: Jean Hamilton

Notetaker: Jean Hamilton

Staff: Ornella Matta-Figueroa

Attendance: Brian Cina, Mark Hughes

Guests: Sarah Muskin, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission

Urmila Chhetri, CCRPC, Buster Caswell

Agenda:

Co-design agenda in every meeting

Stipending

Talk through Facilitation and Agenda for Everybody Sleeps case study

Minutes:

Planning Materials Docs

Distributed Invitations

Review invitation list. Who Should we invite? Prioritize by numbers? Split those with lived experience and those representing the system/policy makers.

Confirmed location at Richard Kemp Center

What do we think about inviting law makers, present in this work, to participate in?

LAOB and CCRPC were in dialogue with planning collective community engagement.

This event should look like a conversation, storytelling, and ability to show up authentically.

Opportunity for folks to understand what they are engaging in. Organizations in the room, education on civic engagements.

We will have a simple summary of what CCRPC is and what we do.

What is the right balance? Have a conversation crossection of community actors around shelter. Equalize power into the conversation.

Goal is to center most impacted, give them the ability to lead the way and create better policy making.

We need to frame the meeting/case study to the unhoused community lens. What are we preparing for?

Shared Everybody sleeps flyer.

Feeling Extractive.

We are trying to mitigate a performance space.

Include unhoused folks into the policy making process because they have expressed that desire. But how do we successfully do that?

Maybe there is more to it than unhoused folks, maybe it's socioeconomic. There are many people a paycheck away from homelessness. Folks teetering in section 8 housing. There should be more people in the room.

CCRP included people who speak other languages and low-income folks at their focus group.

Connected Act 181 in relation to partnership and collaboration.

Reviewed Agenda for Case Study Circle/Meeting

Schedule another time to overview how we will coordinate stipends.

How do you all feel about the agenda?

Plans are in line with what we are trying to accomplish. I understand the concerns about it feeling extractive and risky. Have crisis management ready.

I heard three things:

1. Update on the movement of shelters to local organizations. I don't know if this should be prioritized.
2. Communities need to step in and provide for the homeless. Doesn't seem like a message suited for the intended audience.
3. Break out circles would be a great opportunity to ask questions and tell stories. Address problems with things such as experience with housing authority and trusts.

Public Comment: Continue being kind. Everyone needs shelter. Getting there is gut wrenching. People don't understand our food system. Creates a misunderstanding of farm workers.

Should we move forward with this event?

I think we should pause and continue. We put a lot of thought into it and its worth exploring.

Give time to digest.

I would be willing to move forward and be present at this event.

Having gotten new perspectives, give time so we can adjust and modify. What would it take us to do that? Push back date a little bit.

I would like to sit with the recording to respond in a relevant way.

Circle back to get Brian's thoughts.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00PM