CRITICAL ISSUE

• Homelessness Impacts:
  • Economic Development
  • Public Health
  • Quality of Life for Residents
CITY BY DESIGN

• City of Las Vegas’ long-term planning efforts to be a world class city:
  • Transportation
  • Infrastructure
  • Economic Diversification
  • Education
  • Homeless Services
EFFORTS TO END HOMELESSNESS

• The Southern Nevada Regional Homelessness Continuum of Care Board focuses on regional efforts (also a cross-section of community stakeholders).

  ❑ The work of the regional board focuses on compliance with Federal mandates, regulations and Continuum of Care (CoC) funding.

• The City of Las Vegas created a CLV Homelessness Advisory Committee to focus on homeless issues in Downtown, Corridor of Hope and the Medical District (complementary to the regional work) as part of the CITY BY DESIGN initiative to address Public Safety/Homelessness.

  ❑ The work of the committee focuses on connecting homeless to programs and services and addressing critical gaps.
City of Las Vegas

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The 31 Community Stakeholders appointed through the City Manager’s Office:

- Private Businesses
- Homeless Advocates
- Faith Based
- Law Enforcement
- Homeless Service Providers
- Hospitals
- Fire and Rescue / First Responder
- Las Vegas Paiute Tribe
- Formerly Homeless
- Library District
- Financial Institutions
- Design Community
- Veterans Administration
- HUD
- State of Nevada
- Clark County Social Services
City of Las Vegas Departments collaborating on homelessness:

- Planning
- Detention & Enforcement
- Fire and Rescue
- Municipal Courts
- Public Works
- Operations & Maintenance
- City Attorney
- Economic and Urban Development
- Office of Communications
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

• More **effective use of city resources** to address the homelessness

• Address **unmet needs** that have not been adequately served

• Address **service resistant** populations

• Reflect **best practices** (Phoenix, San Antonio, San Diego, Albuquerque, etc.)

• Implement a **bold, visionary and pioneering plan**
MISSION

We will connect street homeless in the urban core to housing & services that improves safety, health and wellness.
NEW, CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

• Be Innovative
• Be Disruptive; Question Everything
• Status Quo is NOT Acceptable
STRATEGIES

The Community Stakeholders identified **5 key strategies:**

1. Connecting **homeless to services** that addresses critical need
2. Connecting **homeless to housing** services
3. Sustain homeless efforts thru **accountability** and **performance measures**
4. Build **funding** opportunities **community engagement**
5. Masterplan for the Corridor of Hope / **physical improvements** and public safety
• Master plan the Corridor of Hope in order to improve existing conditions; including acquisition of available parcels to provide missing critical services.

- Led by the Design Community (architects, landscape architects and planners)

- City of North Las Vegas actively involved to incorporate the north side of Owens Avenue.
CORRIDOR OF HOPE
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The Salvation Army
35 Owens Ave

Sky View Pines
Family Apartments
21 Owens Ave

Horizon Crest Apartments
(The Salvation Army)
11, 13, 15, 17 West Owens

Shade Tree
1 West Owens

The Salvation Army / Family Services & Corridor of Hope Office
1581 N. Main St.

Catholic Charities
1581 N Las Vegas Blvd

Genesis Apartments
75 bed facility for homeless vets
1455 N Main St.

Homeless Helpers
200 Foremaster

Shannon West
Homeless Youth Center
1417 N Las Vegas Blvd
CHARRETTES

• Master planning the Corridor of Hope

☐ 4 Community Charrettes
☐ Over 200 Participants
☐ Participants:
  ☐ First Responders
  ☐ Public officials from all government jurisdictions
  ☐ Businesses
  ☐ Non Profit Homeless Service Providers
  ☐ Grad Students
  ☐ Formerly Homeless
  ☐ Medical and Mental Health Community
  ☐ Law Enforcement
  ☐ Architects / Designers / Arts Community
  ☐ Faith Based Community
Current Challenges

- No 24/7 public restrooms outside of service providers
- Limited trash containers
- No place for respite between meals; limited access to ‘wet’ dayrooms; Lack of safe space(s)
- Street Feeding; trash; health; safety
- No storage for carts, personal belongings
- No ‘bridge’ housing options to shelters
- No mental health clinic within walking distance
CHARRETTESS

• Master planning the Corridor of Hope

- TOP 5 Services of Critical Importance
  - Mental Health / Wellness Center
  - Safe Zone/Respite
  - Navigation Center
  - Homeless Connect 365
  - Bridge Housing (30 days or less)
Additional Services Identified to be incorporated:
- Expand Personal Services (storage, pet care, mailboxes)
- Improve Pedestrian Flow
- Legal Services (Homeless Court)
- Public Bathrooms
- Security / Safety
- Street Outreach
**LAND AQUISITION**

1401 North Las Vegas Blvd.
- Casablanca Banquet Hall

1471 North Las Vegas Blvd.
- Shannon West Homeless Youth Center

1425 North Main Street
- Vacant (Throwers Property)
PROPOSED PLAN

• Working to identify an Architectural Firm to design proposed building concepts
• Final report will be published in Q2 of 2017
• Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will go out in 2018
POP-UPs

Homeless Connect 365

- Courtyard/Safe Zone Concept
  - 1401 N. Las Vegas Blvd.
  - 24/7 Security
  - Security Lighting
  - Public Bathrooms / Porta Potties
  - Office Space (temporary building)
POP-UPs

Homeless Connect 365

- Developing contract with managing partner - Nevada Homeless Alliance
  - Plan events to provide services to the homeless
  - Coordinate nonprofit agencies to bring services to the area
  - Track data on clients served
POP-UPS

Planned Events

- Mobile Medical/Mental Health Services & Screening
  - Touro, HPN, Dignity Health, Amerigroup
- ID Recovery Days
- Legal Services
- Community Meals
  - The Giving Project
- Pet Services
Future Plans

- Coordinated Intake
- Navigation Services
- Homeless Court
- Transportation
- Access to Housing
March 9, 2017

OVERVIEW

HOMELESS SERVICES STRATEGIES
Office of Community Services

Feedback / Input / Opportunities / Challenges