

HOMELESS SERVICES STRATEGIES

Office of Community Services



Southern Nevada Continuum of Care Board Meeting

March 9, 2017



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

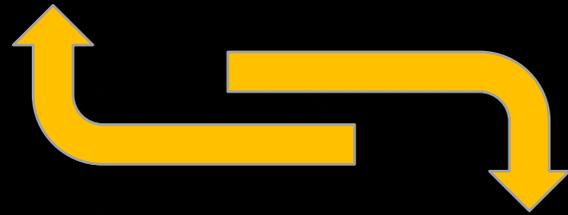


EFFORTS TO END HOMELESSNESS



- 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

CLV ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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**:

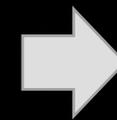
1. Connecting homeless to **services** that addresses critical need
2. Connecting homeless to **housing** services
3. Sustain homeless efforts thru **accountability** and **performance measures**
4. Build **funding** opportunities **community engagement**
5. Masterplan for the Corridor of Hope / **physical improvements** and public safety

DESIGN - ACQUISITION - PARTNERSHIPS

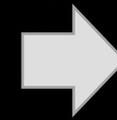


- **Master plan the Corridor of Hope** in order to improve existing conditions; including acquisition of available parcels to provide missing critical services.

☐ 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



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

Genesis Apartments
75 bed facility for homeless vets
1455 N Main Street

Shade Tree
1 West Owens

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

Catholic Charities
1501 N Las Vegas Blvd

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



CHARRETTES



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

CHARRETTES



- 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)



CHARRETTES



- **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 ACQUISITION



1471 North Las Vegas Blvd.

- Shannon West Homeless Youth Center

1401 North Las Vegas Blvd.

- Casablanca Banquet Hall

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

POP-UPS



Future Plans

- Coordinated Intake
- Navigation Services
- Homeless Court
- Transportation
- Access to Housing

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OVERVIEW

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Feedback / Input / Opportunities / Challenges