

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE CHAIR

ASSEMBLY MEMBER RIVERA

UPDATE ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

JUNE 2023



TOPICS

- Sanctioned Camp Community Task Force
- Complex Behavioral Health Needs Community Task Force
- Pilot Allowed Camp at 40th and Denali
- Clean Slate Strategy
- Funding Working Group
- Housing Coming Online
- 2023-2024 Emergency Cold Weather Shelter
- Forest Park Mobile Home Park
- 3rd & Ingra Encampment
- Housing Summit

SANCTIONED CAMP COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

Came out with immediate needs recommendations in May with **5 sites for sanctioned camps** and exploring other non-MOA sites

Currently working towards finalizing a report to send to the Assembly on July 6

- Safety and Security
- Support Services
- Planning and Design
- Operations, Management, and Metrics

COMPLEX BEHAVIORAL NEEDS COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

Released their recommendations to address immediate needs to the Assembly in May:

- System Coordination: Outreach and Triage
- Shelter
- Health Care, Care Coordination, and Housing
- Will be reviewed in the Health Policy Committee

Working on next phase of their work, focused on implementation and addressing barriers

- **Behavioral Health Leadership Summit** in late August

PILOT ALLOWED CAMP AT 40th & DENALI

Assembly approved conceptually moving forward with planning and implementation of a **30-60 person allowed camp** at the old National Archives site

Purchasing Department is going through an ITB process to determine a vendor for the temporary shelter structures

Planning is ongoing to get the allowed site up and running **by mid-July**

CLEAN SLATE STRATEGY

Work is being done in three phases:



We are currently focusing on development of **site selection criteria** and expect a resolution will be before the Assembly for a public hearing and vote **on July 11**.

FUNDING WORKING GROUP

All aspects of the work will need some type of funding.

Capital v. Operational

Internal Funding Factors:

- General Government fund balance
- Alcohol Tax fund balance
- Federal funding
- Budget cuts

External Funding Factors:

- State of Alaska
- Philanthropy
- Business leadership

HOUSING COMING **ONLINE**

Municipal Investments in Hotel Conversions

Guest House, Lakehouse Inn, Barratt Inn, and Golden Lion

Anchorage Affordable Housing and Land Trust (AAHLT)

Barriers to utilizing the units they have coming online

Municipality of Anchorage Administration

Working to successfully turn on the former **Golden Lion as housing**

Housing is the solution to homelessness.

2023-2024 EMERGENCY COLD WEATHER SHELTER

Conducting preliminary planning to prepare for emergency cold weather shelter needs for the upcoming winter

Current planning number is **450 individuals**

Work for the **July Housing & Homelessness Committee** meeting:

- Refined planning number
- Refined budget numbers (dollars / person / day for each lever)
- Identification of funding sources to pay for the plan

FOREST PARK MOBILE HOME PARK

Current planning to discuss long-term solutions to this issue in advance of any possible evictions

Assembly members, faith-based groups, ACDA, Neighborworks Alaska, HUD meeting regularly

Report due on **June 23** on long-term solutions

- JBER modular units

ENCAMPMENT AT 3RD & INGRA

Planning efforts underway to find ways to mitigate negative impacts, improve material conditions, and demobilize this encampment

Focusing on **leveraging existing resources:**

- ERA-2 funds
- Outreach
- Community organizing

HOUSING ACTION

Currently assessing the data that came out of the **Housing Retreat** and surveys in May

Developing **Housing Action Groups** which can focus in on key areas identified in the Housing Retreat:

- Reducing Barriers
- Housing Incentives
- Zoning and Land Use
- Funding

Coming Soon: Anchorage Housing Action Summit

**WE ARE IN A CRISIS. WE NEED HELP
FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA AND
FROM HUD.**

HERE IS THE **BIGGER PICTURE** THAT
CONNECTS ALL THIS WORK.

**OUR OVERARCHING STRATEGY IS A
HOUSING FIRST APPROACH...**

**FOCUSED ON IMPLEMENTING THE
ANCHORED HOME PLAN...**

**AND ADDRESSING OUR EMERGENCY
NEEDS, LIKE THE NEED FOR MORE
SHELTER BEDS AND THE SURGE IN
UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS...**

WHILE TAKING A **HOLISTIC
APPROACH TO OUR WORK TO
ENSURE LONG-TERM HOUSING
STABILITY AND SUCCESS.**

**ALL THE LANES OF WORK
COLLECTIVELY HELP US TO ACHIEVE
THE VISION OF FUNCTIONAL ZERO.**

THANK YOU.

We will get through this as a community. Please stay involved and help be a part of the solution.

Please email your thoughts or ideas to **Felix Rivera**, Chair of the Assembly's Housing & Homelessness Committee, at felix.rivera@anchorageak.gov

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