

Assembly Worksession, March 31:

Convener: Anchorage Assembly

Active Audience: Assembly Members, Municipal Administration

Purpose/Detail: We will begin this process by discussing the reasons why people provide for not wanting shelter in their neighborhoods. We will then move on to what well-run shelter means and what it looks like in jurisdictions around the country. We will end the discussion on shelter by discussing safeguards to ensure community and client safety. In addition, the Assembly will review the public process we intend to engage in as we have this conversation.

Community Conversations throughout April:

Convener: Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness

Active Audience: Community Members

Purpose/Detail: Hold community conversations to illicit fears and concerns community members have about shelter. These will happen in various forums, to include Community Councils, town halls, with providers, people experiencing homelessness, etc.

Town Halls throughout May, dates TBD:

Convener: Anchorage Assembly and Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness

Active Audience: Community Members

Purpose/Detail: Discuss what well-run shelter could look like in the Municipality of Anchorage, including discussions on shelter licensing, neighborhood mitigation, and examples of well-run shelter throughout the country.

NOTE: The closure of emergency shelter, which will end on April 30 as drafted in the demobilization plan resolution, and the town halls in May could have an impact on the remainder of this timeline.

Housing and Homelessness Committee Meeting in late May after town halls, date TBD:

Convener: Housing and Homelessness Committee

Active Audience: Assembly Members, Invited Representatives (detailed below), Municipal Administration

Purpose/Detail: Develop the criteria regarding the interaction between shelter, neighborhoods and institutions and review all prior developed criteria. All criteria will be put in an Assembly Resolution and sent to the full Assembly and community for consideration.

- The following representatives will be invited to be a part of this conversation with the Housing and Homelessness Committee:
 - A representative from a community council in each Assembly district
 - A representative from the Anchorage Board of Realtors
 - A representative from the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness
 - A representative from the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce

Housing and Homelessness Committee Meeting in mid-June, date TBD:

Convener: Housing and Homelessness Committee

Active Audience: Assembly Members, Invited Representatives (detailed above), Municipal Administration

Purpose/Detail: Review the list of facilities which have been considered in the past as well as consider new opportunities brought to us by the community for usage as shelter. We will run all possible facilities through the criteria adopted by the Assembly to determine what the possibly viable options are within the Municipality.

Town Halls in mid to late June, dates TBD:

Convener: Anchorage Assembly and Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness

Active Audience: Community Members

Purpose/Detail: Update the community on the work done and begin getting community feedback on all possibly viable options within the Municipality.

NOTE: The remainder of the timeline through November 1, 2023, has not been detailed. The rest of the timeline from July to November will depend on the results of the work in May and June at the Housing and Homelessness Committee and the town halls in June. A second half of this timeline will be drafted, reviewed, and published on the Assembly website in June.