

Meeting 7 Summary: Landscan and Final Report Workshop

Summary: The Task Force was asked by Task Force leadership to accept a change in charge in response to changing dynamics around Emergency Shelter Siting. Task Force members saw the results from the landscan, and spent time in one of three affinity groups working on brainstorming recommendations for the Mayor and City Council.

Opening Business

Task Force Charge Adjustment. Task Force Chair Courtney Washburn reflected on a growing sense of resistance among several Task Force members to voting on endorsing a particular site for emergency shelter. Task Force members reported that they wanted more time, were concerned about the strong resistance from some community members, and lacked some of the technical expertise to evaluate particular properties. Instead, Task Force leadership recommended that the Task Force charge be modified such that the Task Force make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council in three areas: best practices for better shelter, community criteria for siting, and messages for decision-makers and others charged with the task of siting shelter in Boise.

Presentations

Task Force members heard from Sam McCaskill of TOK Brokerage on the process that went in to identifying suitable parcels for IFS to consider for the new shelter site. He underscored that when the State St. parcel was purchased by IFS, market conditions were much more favorable than they are now.

Our Path Home Administrator Maureen Brewer then presented on the results of the landscan, demonstrating how the analysis—applying just a few constraints, such as size, zoning, and location—allowed for a downselect from 52 properties to just 3 available properties that could be considered.

Cody Riddle from City of Boise then briefly reviewed the process for Planning & Zoning and applying for a Conditional Use Permit, including how long that process takes, and where IFS is in the process.

Workshop

After some discussion about the adjustment to the Task Force charge, Task Force members sorted themselves into three groups to begin brainstorm content for the three areas of the final report. Group leaders will present draft content during Monday's meeting for group feedback.