



Community Task Force Camping Minutes

July 13, 2023, West Linn Library, Community Room 2:00p.m.
 1595 Burns Street, West Linn, OR 97068

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Doug Erickson, Director of Library & Community Services gave each task force member a color-coded map of city owned property by the City of West Linn. This map highlights different potential camping scenario for the task force to review & discuss.

Members discussed the time, place & manner of where campers may be directed by the city. Any location must have accessibility for both the campers as well as city staff, police & first responders. The task force reviewed the Public Facility marked blue on the map- such as reservoirs, buildings (library, police station, adult community center, operations building & other community buildings). Please review the pros and cons listed below as outlined by Bill Monahan, city attorney.

Possible West Linn Locations

Location	Pros	Cons	questions
Police parking Lot	Police come and go – safety issues	Sometimes police need to leave fast	
		Could not be in front parking lot	
		Other citizens use police station – do not want to deter those citizens from visiting the station for services	
		Not close to community services	
		Chief said that if the group decides the police station is the place to use, he is OK	
City Hall		City only owns an “L” shaped strip of parking there *School age children around Safeway Shopping complex*	Building open 7:30-5:30 with some Fridays closed; open

			when city meetings
		Largest space owned - 19-foot-deep parking space	
Bolton Reservoir		Fenced to prevent terrorism threats – security of water system	
	Next to city owned space on Skyline Drive	Steep to get to *Close to Wilderness Park*	
		Closed off so to get to the 20 by 40-foot area, need to change fencing	
		isolated	
		Near school	
Bolton Fire Station	TVFR is right next door	Within 300 feet of creek – city regulation/restriction *There is building – this is a developed location*	Would require a city code change to allow close to the creek
	Most accessible to Oregon City (for services) which can be reached with a sidewalk (but not fully)	Some part the creek is open – which could be addressed	Would require work in the back to make it suitable

		Bolton station is not ready for occupants – not ready – so fencing might be needed	
		Propane location on property may need to be fenced	
		Residential area, close to a school	
Library	Some of front or back parking lot may be useable	Maddox Creek wet area	
		Children come and go	
		650 square feet may be available – for up to 5 campers with 10 by 10-foot camping area	
Operations building – Norfolk Street	Has parking lot – 5 spots on the Norfolk side, four parking spaces in other location	City equipment, fenced In middle of residential area	
	Will cease to be used for operations when the new one is ready	Uphill site	
		City plans to sell this land to fund the new one	

Robinwood station on Cedaroak Drive		Near childcare facility	
		Building was just renovated and leased to a non-profit – so changes to lease would be needed	
Historic city hall		City only owns the building – Willamette Paper owns the parking lot, and it was difficult to lease parking spaces for the building use	
		Possible accessibility issue once the roundabout is completed	
Adult community center		Near school – it is next door	
PGE leased property on Willamette Falls Drive	Close to bridge to Oregon City so accessible to community/county services	Need to review the lease; PGE will need to agree	
	Now used for recycling – would need PGE to allow us to use it – need change to lease and fencing, etc.		
Task	Members were asked to look at the rust-colored locations on the map and come to the next meeting with ideas		

As the meeting concluded, Doug requested task force members to review the rust-colored areas (undeveloped areas owned by the city) for the next Task Force meeting on Thursday, July 27th at 2:00pm in the Community Room at the West Linn library.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm

Respectfully submitted by:

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