



Memorandum

Date: July 25, 2023
To: Mayor Vinis and City Council
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Subject: Testimony Submitted

Attached is testimony submitted at the Public Forum on July 24, 2023.

Proposal for CITY/COUNTY "TENT SAFE CAMPGROUNDS" 7/24/2023

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CITY-COUNTY TENT SAFE CAMPGROUNDS (Pilot Project) for homeless Eugenians being swept with no place to go CITY-COUNTY OF EUGENE PROPOSAL

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REQUEST and STEP-by-STEP PROCESS FOR CREATING CITY TENT SAFE CAMPGROUNDS:

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- 12) Each Camper to Sign Law-abiding Citizen Rules stated clearly, made up by the City/County or Non-profit. Examples: a) No Violence b) No drugs or alcohol on the property c) no Food left out due to animals d) no Loud Music/voices e) quiet hours 10pm-8am f) consequences if not following Rules. Hosts to call police as needed for those not following rules to be removed
- 13) Post Rules at each campsite
- 14) Allow a Church to sponsor a Campground through the Host. Host lets the church know what they are needing. They may build an add a Food Pantry, Little Library, help financially to fund those who don't have SSI or family support.
- 15) Other possibilities: Campers can take on roles/work trade for a reduced rent if Host agrees and supervises.

TIMELINE FOR CREATION of TWO City/County TENT SAFE CAMPGROUNDS:

July - August 22: 1) City to develop project and Choose City or County Land for 2 campgrounds with room for 10-15 tents on each site. Mark Sites and post rules at each site. 2) Put up Fences, Gate and Lock or if no funds, use tape. 3) 2 Porta Potties 4) Put Garbage Dumpsters, 1 per site in place 5) Create two water areas 6) Place picnic table at each site (optional if City/County has no funds) 7) Place food bins in front of each Camp site.

August 22 - September 1st: 1) City to hire MAIN HOST and PART-TIME HOST for each campground 2) City to create Participant Agreements, Rules to be posted at each campsite and consequences for not following rules.

September 1st – September 7th Campers who are interested and eligible to be picked from waitlists of Non-profits. Campers to pay and be invited to stay on campground after signing agreement.

September 1st – September 20th 1) City to Post Campgrounds on its Website so Social Workers and Navigators can find and assist them. 2) Invite Churches to Co-Sponsor a Site; City to put an ad in Eugene Weekly.

COMPLETED by September 20

\$\$FINANCES for TWO SAFE CAMPGROUNDS:

- 1) City or County Land = 0
- 2) **Optional:** Fence and Gate, Lock = $\$3,750 \times 2 = \$7,500$ both campgrounds or use tape (*when City/County has funding)
- 3) Hire 2 Main Hosts, 2 part-time hosts. $\$40,000$ a year for full time Host per site, $\$15,000$ for part time Host per site, plus free-living costs. $\$55,000$ a year for one campground. **$\$110,000$ for two campgrounds.**
- 4) 2 Porta Potties (BUCKS) yearly for 12 (per CSS) = 2 per campground = $\$2,400 \times 2 = \$4,800$ two campgrounds
- 5) Garbage Bin (SANIPAC) yearly for 12 (per CSS) = $\$960 \times 2 = \$1,920$ two campgrounds
- 6) Sealed Food Bins at each site. $30 \times \$10$ a Bin (Office Depot) = $\$300 \times 2 = \600 two campgrounds
- 7) **Optional:** Picnic table at each site $\$100$ a table $\times 10 = \$1,000 \times 2 = \$2,000$ two campgrounds (*when City/County has funding)
- 6) Yearly Water Costs for 10-15 Campers $-\$3,600 \times 2 = \$7,200$ two campgrounds

FINANCIAL OUTPUT: $\$110,000$, 4 Hosts (for two campgrounds) + $\$2,400$, 4 Porta Potties (two campground) + $\$1,920$, Garbage Bins (two campgrounds) + $\$600$, Sealed Food Bins (two campgrounds) + $\$7,200$ Water Costs for 2 campgrounds + **OPTIONAL** $\$1,000$, 20 picnic tables, (2 campgrounds) + **OPTIONAL** $\$7,500$, Fence, gate and lock (two campgrounds) =

TOTAL : Yearly OUTPUT for TWO TENT CAMPGROUNDS (not including OPTIONAL)= - \$122,120 output for two campgrounds

FINANCIAL INPUT: $\$10$ a night for campers = $\$300$ a month or $\$200$ a month for extended stay. Average $\$250$ a month for one camper per month. Two campers per site = $\$500$ a month per site. $\$500$ a month $\times 12$ sites = $\$6,000 \times 12$ months in a year = $\$72,000$ a year intake from fees from campers for 1 campground. 2 CAMPGROUND INTAKE FOR FEES FROM CAMPERS = $\$144,000$

TOTAL: Yearly INCOME from TENT CAMPERS on TWO CAMPGROUNDS = + \$144,000 income for two campgrounds

TOTAL INCOME IN EXCESS for TWO CAMPGROUNDS: \$144,000 – \$122,120 = + \$21,880 Excess Yearly Income

***Excess Yearly Income: +\$21,880** Use extra money for leveling land, fence, gate and lock and picnic tables, Use extra to build shower units, community gathering place or hire a Community Problem Solver for solving problems as a community or a Navigator for outside resources for campers, or organize volunteers, etc.

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- The City will Save as Police will use less time sweeping or dealing with unlawful unhoused, etc.
 - Public Works will spend less time cleaning up after the unhoused in parks and save \$
 - Use this money to pay two City employees to Organize this project and the income/fees from the Campers

Other Possible Funding Sources and Support:

- 1) Possible funding from the County from Bill HB3115 which allots State money for Legalized Portable Shelters
- 2) City to create a ballot measure to authorize money for this proposal
- 3) City changes budget and include money saved from Police & Public works to pay a City Employee to manage and organize
- 4) County – Health and Housing Authority could pay with fed and state \$ and work with the City
- 5) Ask Churches, wealthier individuals, to Co-sponsor a Safe Campground, \$ picnic tables, garbage bin & 2 porta-potties, etc
- 6) Community Supported Shelters is willing to help out with consultation and ideas per Heather Quaas-Annsa

FOLLOW UP:

This will be a Pilot project. Re-assess in 6 months before MARCH 31, 2024. If successful, NEXT YEAR create 4 more TENT SAFE CAMPGROUNDS where needed in Eugene. If not successful, assess what changes need to be made and move forward with new ideas and creating improved CITY (County) TENT SAFE CAMPGROUNDS for unhoused in other locations!

SUMMARY: We ALL agree EVERYONE should have ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS, a place to feel Safe, Garbage Waste, Toilets, Water, Shelter and Food. And yet, the City/County has NOT made this a priority with those sleeping in TENTS on our streets, being swept up by the police with NO PLACE TO GO. We have so much wealth here in our community. We can build stadiums, beautify our parks, re-do the Riverfront, build a New City Hall, develop 5th, and put fences and rocks up where we DON'T want the unhoused to sleep. We recognize the City/County has done a lot in regards of safe sleep sites, shelters, and other housing. And there is way more to do to meet the most vulnerable in our community. The City Manager, Mayor, and Councilors along with the County and Non-profits together, can figure this out. Many possibilities are being offered. And this proposal is one of them.

It is time for the City, the Mayor, City Manager and Counselors to figure this out and address this problem IMMEDIATELY for our community at large. Time to find places where the unhoused in TENTS CAN SLEEP. Eventually, the City-County will not need to put rocks, fences as detour'ants for the homeless to camp, which we see in the parks, along streets and railroads; instead, they will have addressed the problem and use the land to create Campgrounds and campsites for the unhoused and help them meet their basic needs. Someday, the Police will have a place to usher the homeless sleeping in tents, instead of SWEEPING again and again with NO PLACE TO GO. City TENT SAFE CAMPGROUNDS are desperately needed in the CITY OF EUGENE. It's time the City take the LEAD and takes action NOW before the rains come in and once again our most vulnerable are surviving under INHUMANE conditions. The City MUST take charge! The city must address this issue if we are to have a Healthy Community. How we treat our most vulnerable in our community, measures the health of our community as a whole.

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FOLLOW UP:

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COMPLETED by September 20

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ADDRESSING MAYOR VINIS'S AND KELLY MCIVER CONCERNS & THE ISSUES AT HAND:

There are 3,000 people in tents in Eugene and its metro area, and the Mayor/City says it doesn't have the staff or funds to provide tent sites for 3,000. That is hard to believe considering the budget has enough to help build a stadium, redo the river front area, has additional moneys for its parks and help build a NEW City Hall. The City-County needs to shift their priorities from buildings to the welfare of the Eugene people who are barely surviving on the streets and railroads. The City needs to take charge and work with the County to create this, now!

We understand the funds from the federal government are expiring. However, this proposal will be sustainable and will cost very little or NOT AT ALL. In the end, they will SAVE money with the Police force and Public works. Less sweeps and garbage clean up in the parks. The Campers in this proposal, would be paying a fee to live there which would make the camps financially sustainable, paying for the Hosts and basic necessities to live.

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FOLLOW UP:

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COMPLETED by September 20

\$\$FINANCES for TWO SAFE CAMPGROUNDS:

- 1) City or County Land = 0
- 2) **Optional:** Fence and Gate, Lock = $\$3,750 \times 2 = \$7,500$ both campgrounds or use tape (*when City/County has funding)
- 3) Hire 2 Main Hosts, 2 part-time hosts. $\$40,000$ a year for full time Host per site, $\$15,000$ for part time Host per site, plus free-living costs. $\$55,000$ a year for one campground. **$\$110,000$ for two campgrounds.**
- 4) 2 Porta Potties (BUCKS) yearly for 12 (per CSS) = 2 per campground = $\$2,400 \times 2 = \$4,800$ two campgrounds
- 5) Garbage Bin (SANIPAC) yearly for 12 (per CSS) = $\$960 \times 2 = \$1,920$ two campgrounds
- 6) Sealed Food Bins at each site. $30 \times \$10$ a Bin (Office Depot) = $\$300 \times 2 = \600 two campgrounds
- 7) **Optional:** Picnic table at each site $\$100$ a table $\times 10 = \$1,000 \times 2 = \$2,000$ two campgrounds (*when City/County has funding)
- 6) Yearly Water Costs for 10-15 Campers - $\$3,600 \times 2 = \$7,200$ two campgrounds

FINANCIAL OUTPUT: $\$110,000$, 4 Hosts (for two campgrounds) + $\$2,400$, 4 Porta Potties (two campground) + $\$1,920$, Garbage Bins (two campgrounds) + $\$600$, Sealed Food Bins (two campgrounds) + $\$7,200$ Water Costs for 2 campgrounds + **OPTIONAL** $\$1,000$, 20 picnic tables, (2 campgrounds) + **OPTIONAL** $\$7,500$, Fence, gate and lock (two campgrounds) =

TOTAL : Yearly OUTPUT for TWO TENT CAMPGROUNDS (not including OPTIONAL)= - \$122,120 output for two campgrounds

FINANCIAL INPUT: $\$10$ a night for campers = $\$300$ a month or $\$200$ a month for extended stay. Average $\$250$ a month for one camper per month. Two campers per site = $\$500$ a month per site. $\$500$ a month $\times 12$ sites = $\$6,000 \times 12$ months in a year = $\$72,000$ a year intake from fees from campers for 1 campground. 2 CAMPGROUND INTAKE FOR FEES FROM CAMPERS = $\$144,000$

TOTAL: Yearly INCOME from TENT CAMPERS on TWO CAMPGROUNDS = + \$144,000 income for two campgrounds

TOTAL INCOME IN EXCESS for TWO CAMPGROUNDS: \$144,000 – \$122,120 = + \$21,880 Excess Yearly Income

***Excess Yearly Income: +\$21,880** Use extra money for leveling land, fence, gate and lock and picnic tables, Use extra to build shower units, community gathering place or hire a Community Problem Solver for solving problems as a community or a Navigator for outside resources for campers, or organize volunteers, etc.

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- The City will Save as Police will use less time sweeping or dealing with unlawful unhoused, etc.
 - Public Works will spend less time cleaning up after the unhoused in parks and save \$
 - Use this money to pay two City employees to Organize this project and the income/fees from the Campers

Other Possible Funding Sources and Support:

- 1) Possible funding from the County from Bill HB3115 which allots State money for Legalized Portable Shelters
- 2) City to create a ballot measure to authorize money for this proposal
- 3) City changes budget and include money saved from Police & Public works to pay a City Employee to manage and organize
- 4) County – Health and Housing Authority could pay with fed and state \$ and work with the City
- 5) Ask Churches, wealthier individuals, to Co-sponsor a Safe Campground, \$ picnic tables, garbage bin & 2 porta-potties, etc
- 6) Community Supported Shelters is willing to help out with consultation and ideas per Heather Quaas-Annsa

FOLLOW UP:

This will be a Pilot project. Re-assess in 6 months before MARCH 31, 2024. If successful, NEXT YEAR create 4 more TENT SAFE CAMPGROUNDS where needed in Eugene. If not successful, assess what changes need to be made and move forward with new ideas and creating improved CITY (County) TENT SAFE CAMPGROUNDS for unhoused in other locations!

SUMMARY: We ALL agree EVERYONE should have ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS, a place to feel Safe, Garbage Waste, Toilets, Water, Shelter and Food. And yet, the City/County has NOT made this a priority with those sleeping in TENTS on our streets, being swept up by the police with NO PLACE TO GO. We have so much wealth here in our community. We can build stadiums, beautify our parks, re-do the Riverfront, build a New City Hall, develop 5th, and put fences and rocks up where we DON'T want the unhoused to sleep. We recognize the City/County has done a lot in regards of safe sleep sites, shelters, and other housing. And there is way more to do to meet the most vulnerable in our community. The City Manager, Mayor, and Councilors along with the County and Non-profits together, can figure this out. Many possibilities are being offered. And this proposal is one of them.

It is time for the City, the Mayor, City Manager and Counselors to figure this out and address this problem IMMEDIATELY for our community at large. Time to find places where the unhoused in TENTS CAN SLEEP. Eventually, the City-County will not need to put rocks, fences as detour'ants for the homeless to camp, which we see in the parks, along streets and railroads; instead, they will have addressed the problem and use the land to create Campgrounds and campsites for the unhoused and help them meet their basic needs. Someday, the Police will have a place to usher the homeless sleeping in tents, instead of SWEEPING again and again with NO PLACE TO GO. City TENT SAFE CAMPGROUNDS are desperately needed in the CITY OF EUGENE. It's time the City take the LEAD and takes action NOW before the rains come in and once again our most vulnerable are surviving under INHUMANE conditions. The City MUST take charge! The city must address this issue if we are to have a Healthy Community. How we treat our most vulnerable in our community, measures the health of our community as a whole.