



McMinnville Police Department
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**Downtown Safety Task Force Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2017
11:00 am**

Agenda

1. Welcome and Intros
2. Review & Check in on ranked Behaviors/Categories
3. Update on survey
4. Brainstorming potential solutions
5. Next Meeting Agenda
 - December 19th – survey update & review (survey closes December 18th)
 - January 9th – report on parking study

Agenda Item 1

We have added one new committee member since the last meeting, contact info is below:

DOWNTOWN SAFETY TASK FORCE *(revised 11.7.2017)*

Established by Resolution Nos. 2017-63 & 2017-64

9/26/17-3/31/17

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Agenda Item 2 – Ranked Behaviors/Categories

The following behaviors were raised as part of the July 11th & 25th City Council meetings, the behaviors were then grouped into 7 Categories of behavior. Based on the conversation at the November 7th meeting, we changed the first grouping to be titled ‘harassment, panhandling, intimidation’ with the overall heading to the entire list as ‘safety’. The number of times each behavior was raised was counted and at the last meeting, the committee decided to rank them after the survey results are back (December 19th meeting):

Safety

- Harassment, panhandling, intimidation
- Garbage/trash/needles/graffiti
- Communication (tie)
- Camping/Loitering/Row issues (tie)
- Drugs/Alcohol/Smoking
- Urine/Human Waste
- Other

Background: (Full Testimony County/Groupings)

Harassment (S) - 31

Downtown employees not feeling safe

Does not feel safe.

Lack of a police presence

Doesn't feel safe.

No police presence

Safety concerns

Verbal and physical harassment & intimidation

Safety Concerns

Employees being harassed inside stores

Safety concerns of employees getting to cars

Harassment

Drunk and belligerent panhandlers harassing customers

Park Rangers lack some clout

No safe and welcoming place to go.

Disturbances in the middle of the night, yelling, etc.

Cars broken into

No safe place for people to go

Criminal justice system creates a problem because people get caught here due to slow courts

Panhandling

Harassment

Broken windows

Teens don't feel safe downtown

Lack of safety
Safety concerns
Lack of public safety resources
Lack of safety
Safety issues
Reduced quality of life
Fights
Yelling/Cussing
Threatening behavior

Drugs/Alcohol/smoking (D) - 10

Drugs
Public use of illegal drugs
Smoking
Fortified Alcohol
Drug Use
Alcohol
Fortified alcohol/drinking
Drugs & alcohol
Smoking ordinance has no teeth
Drug Deals

Using downtown as restroom (R) - 7

Urine and feces
Urine smell
People lying and using 3rd st as a restroom
Lack of sanitation facilities.
Urinating
Urinating
Urinating

Communication (C) - 13

People are coming to McMinnville knowing they will be taken care of.
Busline from Portland to McMinnville
Not trained to know what to do, property owners don't know how to address behaviors
Lack of message when people ask what is being done about hygiene issues and feeling of alarm?
Lack of communication about what we can and can't do
Lack of one point of contact/accountability
Lack of coordination on sweeps that impact everyone
Negative outside perception of downtown
Lack of communication w/ community
Lack of communication
What resources are there

Lack of courage to solve problem
Lack of communication and connecting volunteers to need

Garbage/trash/needles/graffiti (G) - 14

Garbage
Graffiti
Needles
Syringes
Urban blight
Graffiti
Vandalism
Littering
Disrespect for public spaces
Condoms and needles in public places
Garbage
Refuse, trash, messes
Youth vandalism
Needles

Camping/Loitering/ROW issues (L) - 13

Sleeping outside
Unconscious people in the neighborhoods
People on sidewalks or people's property
Camping
Loitering
Skateboarding and biking on sidewalks
Camping
Trespassing
Taking over right of ways
Camping
Sleeping in downtown
Camping
Car Camping

Other (O) - 6

Kids & Teenagers Hanging out
Rudeness
Public nudity
Minimum wage is too low to live on.
Visual impact of vagrant population and perceptions impacts businesses
Repetitive issue Repetitive issue

Agenda Item 3 – survey

The survey was sent to the McMinnville Downtown Association and SoDAN via email on November 27 and will be canvassed to the residential area north of downtown this week or next (we are currently not aware of an email distribution group for that area). We will provide you an update at the meeting, as of the time of this packet only one survey had been completed. Here is the language that we sent out:

Dear McMinnville downtown business owner or resident - In September 2017, the McMinnville City Council appointed a Downtown Safety Task Force (DSTF) in recognition of a growing concern for safety downtown. The DSTF has met twice and reviewed the comments provided at the July 11th & 25th City Council meetings and will be meeting over the next several months. Their task is to formulate short term and long term recommendations to address negative behaviors in our downtown. The DSTF will submit recommendations to the City Council by March 2018.

We need your help. The DSTF has identified the summer of 2017 as a time of increased negative behaviors in our downtown. As a result, we are conducting a survey of downtown business owners and residents for baseline condition data from that timeframe. We intend to resurvey in the future to ensure adopted solutions are making a difference and improving conditions downtown. Please note, we are using the downtown economic improvement district boundary along with nearby surrounding neighborhoods as the boundary for survey participants, you can find a map at the link below.

*You have been identified as one of those stakeholders and we have prepared a survey with 19 short, multiple choice questions and one open ended question. The survey is designed to take just a few minutes of your time. Please take the survey by Monday, December 18, 2017 @ noon. To access the survey, please use the following web address:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q8ZVF59>*

In addition, we invite you to review our web page at www.mcminnvilleoregon.gov/DSTF which has information about the task force, our meetings, maps and additional background information. We will post the survey results on that web page as well.

Thank you for your help! Please let either one of us know if you have any questions.

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Agenda Item 4 – Brainstorming potential solutions

To help ensure we connect solutions to the behaviors, we propose tracking solutions by the categories of behaviors and need to ultimately connect them to data points:

For this agenda item, we'd like to have a brainstorming session on ideas on potential solutions, please come ready to brainstorm!

Category of behavior	Potential Solution	Measure/data point
Harassment/panhandling/intimidation	Panhandling Ordinance (see below) Broaden EID geographically and programmatically Park a police car downtown Park Ranger enhancements Post better or more signs related to biking and skateboarding on sidewalks Install video cameras	Decrease in crime statistics Decrease in unsafe feelings of business owners, residents and visitors (from survey)
Garbage/trash/needles/graffiti		
Communication	Posting weekly call logs online (see below) Start guest editorials on existing smoking laws, donating to social service providers instead of panhandlers	Increase in community awareness of city efforts in downtown
Camping/Loitering/ROW Issue	Parking Garage Ordinance/improvements	
Drugs/Alcohol/Smoking	Smoking Ordinance (see below) Fortified Alcohol Ban/ Ordinance	
Urine/Humane Waste		