

DOC Work Release Expansion Project

Local Advisory Committee King County February 16, 2021 5:30 – 7:30 pm

MEETING MINUTES		
Location	Skype/Teleconference	
Attendees	Mark Kucza, DOC Senior Administrator	
	Mike Schindler, Contract DOC Facilitator	
	Nanette Graham, DOC Capital Planning & Development Director	
	Gar Rodside, DOC Senior Facilities Planner	
	Brandy Jacobs, DOC Executive Secretary	
	Whitney Hays, DOC Project Manager	
	Tony Lindgren, KMB Architects	
	Kimberly Dewing	
	Doug Levy	
	Claudia Kauffman	
	Denise Lathrop	
	Jon Schuldt	
	Robert White	
	Franklyn Smith	
	Gary Cashman	
	Nancy Eklund	
	Gerald Bradford	
	Jean Hernandez	
	Clara Manahan	
	Jeremy Barclay	

IINTRODUCTIONS & OPENING		
Mike Schindler		
Slides	Welcome	
Discussion	Mike Schindler opened the meeting and welcomed back past and new participants. Introductions were made.	
PROGRAM RESTART (PAUSE & RESTART)		
Mark Kucza		
Slides	Work Release Expansion — Program Restart	
Discussion	Mark provided an update regarding the restart and how we are moving forward with the expansion project.	
PROGRAM OVERVIEW (PRIMARY)		
Mike Schindler		
Slides	Sites under consideration and a general overview and background of considered sites.	

Discussion	Mike Schindler provided an overview of areas being considered prior to pause.	
OVERVIEW OF SITING PROCESS		
Tony Lindgren	& Gar Rodside	
Slides	Background Information — Siting Process	
Discussion	Tony Lindgren provided an overview of the background of siting process used prior to pause. Tony also provided an overview of the sites that were under consideration prior to the pause. Two sites remain viable options and will continue to move forward through the process, Renton; 300 South 3 rd Street and SeaTac 18845 International Boulevard.	
Questions/ Concerns	 Q: Doug Levy restated concerns about the Renton location having schools and daycares in too close proximity. A: Mark stated that DOC has an excellent track record of working with local stakeholders to mitigate risk concerns such as those expressed by Doug. This is one aspect of the role of the LAC. Not only does the location need to be viable for an owner to get the necessary approvals 	
	from government, the LAC, DOC and local stakeholders need to work through these sorts of concerns to determine whether they can be mitigated. Q: Have discussions occurred with local individuals regarding the zoning? A: KMB/DOC will continue to have discussion with local authorities about zoning, and will bring that information back to the team for it to be incorporated as part of the communications plan.	
	 Q: Have vacant lots (open space) been sought to build a facility? A: Initially due to time constraints open space was not considered, DOC was reviewing existing building space. DOC will have a conversation with budget and revisit the topic to determine if open space is a viable option. Q: Has South King County been considered for a facility to serve both King and Pierce Counties? A: This may be an idea to consider. While the "county of origin" law regarding releases to the community is a factor, persons in work release are still considered in partial confinement 	
	and are necessarily governed by this restriction while in work release. Q: Is there a new date targeted to occupy/start a new work release facility? A: Not a set date as was set before, DOC has received some "grace" rearding both budget and timelines moving forward, and both will be dictated, to some extent, based upon our ability to demonstrate viable siting progress around the state. Jean Hernandez stated that focus areas should be around colleges to be more accessible to	
	work release individuals. Mark stated that work release has many individuals enrolled in colleges on line, and internet accessibility is currently growing more to allow individuals more access. Gerald commented that the individuals that he works with are really struggling with PTSD issues coming from prisons, and stated that if DOC/work release focused on these issues and were more available to transitioning individuals it would be very beneficial.	
GENERAL DISCUSSION , NEXT STEPS & TASKS FOR FOLLOW UP		
Mike Schindle Slides	r Questions/Wrap Up	
Discussion	Action Items:	
	KMB: Provide a site map to show zoning, code friendly areas. Mark/DOC: Data (heat map) showing prison release areas for the previous three years Mark: Conversation with Gerald regarding mitigating prison returns	

Franklyn: Look for potential options in the Algona/Pacific area to see if there are any facilities that could be considered to serve King and Pierce Counties.

Mark/KMB: Arrange with Doug Levy to meet with Renton officials to present information concerning the Renton site and hear concerns.

Work Release Expansion Website

https://doc.wa.gov/about/business/capital-planning/capacity-work-release.htm

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Next meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 5:30 – 7:30 pm, via Teams (virtual)