

DOC Work Release Expansion Project

Local Advisory Committee (LAC) King County July 20, 2021 5:30 – 7:30 pm

MEETING MINUTES		
Location	Microsoft Teams/Teleconference	
Attendees	Danielle Armbruster, DOC Assistant Secretary Reentry Division	
	Mike Schindler, Contract DOC Facilitator	
	Chris Idso, DOC Capital Planning & Development Director	
	Mark Kucza, DOC Senior Administrator	
	Whitney Hays, DOC Project Manager	
	Jeremy Barclay, DOC Director of Engagement and Outreach	
	Brian Little, KMB Architects	
	Mike Hargraves phone	
	Carl Cole	
	Denise Lathrop	
	Kimberli Dewing	
	Doug Levy	
	Erin Sitterly	
	Evan Maxim	
	Gwen Voelpel	
	Clyde Hill	
	James Koroma	
	Jean Hernandez	
	Pam Fernald	
	Scott Rankin	
	Samuel Betz	
	Stan Tombs	

INTRODUCTIONS & REVIEW CONTACTS		
Mike Schindler		
Slides	LAC Member Contact Information	
Discussion	Mike Schindler opened the meeting and welcomed back past and new participants. Introductions of all attendees were made.	
AUTHORITIES HAVING JURISDICTION (AHJ) OUTREACH FOLLOW UP		
Brian Little		
Slides	Follow Up to Outreach	
Discussion	Brian Little explained that on May 10, 2021, one of the outreach measures taken by DOC was to reach out to every Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) within King County for assistance with allowable zones for a work release facility. Assistance letters were sent to the AHJs via email and DOC received five responses (Black Diamond, Bothell, Enumclaw, Kenmore, and	

	Sammamish). During the last week of June 2021, a reminder email was sent to the same AHJs
	and DOC continues to await any additional responses.
Brian Little	
Slides	New Site Locations and Evaluations
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Discussion	Seven additional sites were identified as possible work release siting locations. One of these
	sites (12035 Aurora Ave N, Seattle) is potentially a good location. The AHJ has been contacted
	to confirm preliminary findings.
Questions/	
Concerns	
SITE SPECIFIC	PROGRESS
Brian Little	
Slides	SeaTac – 18845 International Blvd.
Discussion	DOC has decided to hold on this potential property, in hopes that they can identify three
	potential sites before presenting the sites to the LAC for recommendation. The next step with
	the SeaTac property would be to submit a pre-application conference meeting with the
	jurisdiction and have further discussion with the City of SeaTac Planning Manager.
	DOC has engaged in discussions regarding the interest in siting a facility in south King County.
	DOC has existing Work Release facilities in Seattle, but none in south King County. The hope is
	to site a work release facility in a location where there is a higher number of releases. Due to
	the lack of properties presented in south King County, DOC has continued their search
	elsewhere in King County for allowable zones.
Questions/	Q: What jurisdictions responded to the request for assistance?
Concerns	A: Black Diamond, Bothell, Enumclaw, Kenmore, and Sammamish
	Q: Did any of those jurisdictions provide a site to be considered?
	A: No, they provided zoning requirements and permissible areas, but none provided specific
	sites. DOC has yet to follow up to determine if there are any viable sites within those
	permissible zones. DOC is also currently working with Commercial Real Estate brokers to bring
	additional properties forward for consideration.
	Q: Is north Pierce County an option being considered as well for a work release facility?
	A: Yes, Pierce County is one of the areas that DOC has an underserved population (although
	already having a work release). There exists a waitlist for potential work release residents
	wanting to return to Pierce County that far exceeds the capacity at the work release facility in
	Pierce County. DOC is currently looking to site facilities in Pierce County, Snohomish County,
	North Central Counties, and King County.
QUESTIONS & Mike Schindle	
Slides	Questions
Discussion	DOC is in discussion with the City of Seattle regarding the newly proposed Aurora site location
	and will be determining what the City's requirements are. DOC also continues to attempt to
	identify an additional viable site to have a total of three viable sites for LAC recommendation.
	The SeaTac property will continue to be on hold at this time.
Questions/	Q: Is the intent of DOC to hold off on the SeaTac site until other sites are identified?
Concerns	A: It is DOC's intent to identify a minimum of three sites through the preliminary evaluation
concerns	

	pursue the site on Aurora to see if it remains viable and continue to look into other location
	possibilities from the jurisdictions who responded to the request for assistance.
	Q: Will DOC provide any documentation on the sites that were removed from consideration?
	A: DOC has posted a document on their website that lists each county and the sites that have
	been under evaluation and deemed not viable for a work release facility and the basic reasons
	why they were excluded. This document can be found on the DOC external website under
	"Resources"
	https://doc.wa.gov/about/business/capital-planning/capacity-work-release.htm
	Q: Is White Center being considered?
	A: As far as DOC knows, they have not been provided a site in White Center and White Center
	has not responded to the request for assistance.
	Q: If every jurisdiction has essential public facility zoning, why are we asking the zoning question
	when we could be asking where an essential public facility could be located?
	A: The permissible area is just one of the considerations of siting a work release facility. There
	are additional considerations that would deem the site not viable (proximity to a school,
	daycare or is inaccessible to public transportation). A work release facility is considered both a
	correctional facility and an essential public facility and each jurisdiction has their own approach
	to siting an essential public facility. DOC is first attempting to determine the zoning
	requirements and then determine the individual jurisdiction's process.
	Q: What makes the SeaTac property stand out among the new sites that were deemed
	unviable?
	A: DOC depends on broker investors, as this will not be a DOC-owned facility, rather a leased
	facility. Investors are looking for properties that they believe will meet DOC's requirements of
	approximately 12,000 square feet, good parking, access to public transportation in an area that
	would be accessible to higher education and treatment opportunities. So far, the SeaTac
	property meets these preliminary requirements. DOC is open to evaluating additional sites
	identified by the LAC anywhere in King County.
	Q: Is there potential to build a work release site?
	A: The timeline does not permit a build scenario so DOC continues to look for existing sites with
	an option for tenant improvement.
CLOSING	
Mike Schindle	r
Slides	Closing
Discussion	Action Items:
	 Identify additional sites, please send any recommendations forward for
	review/consideration (email below)
	review/consideration (email below)
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	Work Release Expansion Website
	https://doc.wa.gov/about/business/capital-planning/capacity-work-release.htm
	King County Expansion email inbox:
	docwrexpandkc@doc1.wa.gov
	Next meeting:
	Tuesday, August 17, 2021
	5:30 – 7:30 pm, via Microsoft Teams (virtual)