# Meeting Minutes

**Location**: Skype/Teleconference

**Attendees**
- Mark Kucza, DOC Senior Administrator
- Mike Schindler, Contract DOC Facilitator
- Dan King, DOC Special Projects Manager
- Nanette Graham, DOC Capital Planning & Development Director
- Gar Rodside, DOC Senior Facilities Planner
- Brandy Jacobs, DOC Executive Secretary
- 8 Community Members

## Introductions & Opening

**Mike Schindler**

**Slides**
- Welcome

**Discussion**
- Mike Schindler opened the meeting and welcomed back past and new participants. Introductions were made of all attendees.

## Consolidated Site Considerations

**Mike Schindler**

**Slides**
- Project Review: Activity and progress
- Distribution from Work Release Data

**Discussion**
- Mike highlighted the need when looking at siting options that the areas need to have services available such as, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, work source locations, and be close to transportation; with connecting transits with consideration of frequency and local/regional options. Also to be considered is the proximity of walking distance to green space, parks, and outdoor space, specifically the existence of sidewalks or other walkable areas, proximity to schools, and single family residential areas. Other things to be considered are shopping options (clothing, hygiene, food, pharmacies), building security (security lighting, methods to control movement), and building requirements. These need to all be considered to minimize not in my back yard.

**Questions/Concerns**
- Tim mentioned that he called the Supervisor at Tri Cities WR to discuss what they wished they had in their facility, his items have been added.

## Site Review/Assessment update

**Gar Rodside**

**Slides**
- Distribution from Work Release Data

**Discussion**
- Gar reported that there are two responses to the RFP being assessed. Site visits were scheduled for 4/16; however, they have been postponed due to COVID-19. He did note that the bulk of DOC and contract assessment can be done remotely.
Questions/Concerns
The question was asked about the jail being an option. Mark responded that the jail is not a great option; however, could be a short term option. The sheriff agreed. Mark did report that he has had positive conversations with the Mayor and the Sheriff about the potential of using jail annex as a short-term option and the Deaconess as a long term option.

LAC Data Inquiries
Mark Kucza
Slides
Inquiries/Questions?
Discussion
Mike asked how much money would come from state as opposed to county in terms of programming options for residents in work release. Mark spoke about DOC being partnered with colleges and that DOC provides the business needs for the residents.

LAC Communication Plan
Mark Kucza/Sebastian Moraga
Slides
Communication Plan Considerations
Discussion
Mark informed the team that DOC will have a draft plan available in the next 10-15 days. That will be shared with Sebastian and the other LAC Communication Liaisons for them to solicit feedback from each of their LACs.

Questions/Concerns
Mike Schindler asked the team if the county was positively embracing the thoughts of a work release.
- Chief Crown weighed in and said the City Council is aware and favorable; and noted he appreciates the education that is taking place but also admitted this initiative is not the biggest conversation piece right now due to COVID
- Ashley Olson weighed in and said her group is also favorable
- Community providers have also indicated largely positive support and prior WR participants are willing to give testimonials about why beds in Wenatchee are needed
- Tim Logan suggested not to get to optimistic until we get more community/public input, as local neighbors simply haven’t been notified of the potential sites. He expressed concern the need for communication.

GENERAL DISCUSSION & TASKS FOR FOLLOW UP
Mike Schindler
Slides
Questions/Wrap Up
Discussion
DOC encouraged current attendees to invite any community member who they feel should be a part of this committee.

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

North Central Counties Expansion email inbox:
docwrexpandnc@doc1.wa.gov

Next meeting:
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
4:00 – 6:00 pm
Wenatchee Police Department
| Questions/Inquiries? | Sebastian informed the team that he is being laid off from the Chamber and asked if we would still like his help or if he should step aside and have someone from the Chamber on the team. We suggested he stay on board and also notify the Chamber that we would be open to them appointing someone to the team if they wanted full time representation |