

Hello all, this is Osarch Orak the Executive Director of LiFEBoat Services and Director of Filling Empty Bellies. I feel that as part of my position within this organization, it is my duty to help get the word out to the community about our organization and its participants. So, over the next couple of weeks, I will be building on a list of facts. Starting with the following:

- 1) LiFEBoat Services is the only local organization serving houseless people whose Executive Director has lived experience.
- 2) More than 90% of our participants and the houseless suspects of the local dispatch calls are individuals originally from Clatsop county (other cities do not bus in their Houseless people to Clatsop County).
- 3) We currently have two separate programs, Filling Empty Bellies (meal program/ Navigation Center) and Beacon Clubhouse (members only clubhouse for individuals with diagnosed mental illness).
- 4) Filling Empty Bellies had been trying since 2018 to secure a space to move indoors with around ten denied proposals for spaces outside of the direct downtown area (countless times we asked for assistance from local municipalities and local churches in this endeavor and they did not assist)
- 5) Our co-located services agencies include: The Homeless Liaisons, Clatsop Behavioral Health's Recovery Allies and The Harbor.
- 6) We currently work with: The District. Attorneys' Offices Victim services, County Jail Pre-trial Release Program, Clatsop County Parole and Probation, Astoria Parks and Recreation, and The Astoria Police Department.
- 7) LiFEBoat Services has no more control over the actions of citizens on the streets or sidewalks than law enforcement enforcing

the laws of the state. I recommend that all concerned read the following house bills: HB3124, HB2006 and HB3115.

- 8) Since we moved into 1040 Commercial street, we have extended an open invitation to anyone who would like to schedule a tour, or just come down and join us for a meal, in order to better inform the community as to what we do and who we are.

Need to provide regular bus service so homeless women and attend 'Life in Transition' classes at Clatsop College.

The homeless population is diverse, ranging from men with behavioral issues to single women with dependent children.

What concrete security steps will you take to protect vulnerable homeless women and children from abuse at the hands of potentially violent people?

Can one area be restricted to women and families?

How is food provided? On site? How many times a day?
Can part of the menu offer good nutrition (i.e., fruits and vegetables)?

If the homeless crossed an international border to escape a war, civil war or natural disaster are they not refugees that UN treaty obligates us to help and prohibits us from expelling?

If they cross a state border are they not ~~the~~ Internally Displaced Persons essentially equal to a Refugee? Should we take care of our fellow American as well as Refugees?

If they are our people ~~why can we not~~ are we exonerated of any obligation to help them as much as we are obligated to help Refugees?

How will Criminalizing the poor homeless help?
Have you No Decency

Can we hear from the
Lifeboat Staff about
all the people who have
been housed, fed,
employed, & given
otherwise practical skills

Why HAS THE CITY + COUNTY NOT WORKED WITH
THE WARMING CENTER TO GET THEM UP TO CODE
TO KEEP 28 BEDS OPEN MORE THEN 90 DAYS?

Why does the City contribute / exasperate
the situation by refusing to Allow Shelters
as an "out right use" in any Zone?
More Shelter beds mean fewer people on
the Streets!

① DO WE HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT OF HOW MANY
OF OUR HOMELESS WERE CLATSOP COUNTY RESIDENTS
WHEN THEY BECAME HOMELESS?

Why do you assume
we need help...
need to be reprogrammed, etc.
TX, etc. is not the answer
for everyone!

Are there cities that have
successfully reduced their
homeless population? What is
proven to work?

Can the canneries
unionize?

- What are the current barriers to providing services for the unhoused?
- Where does the current funding for unhoused services come from? How much funding does the city of Astoria provide?
- What services are currently available for the unhoused? What no-cost mental health services are available?
- Where can our current unhoused population stay in Astoria?
- What are the highest propensity offenses the police are responding to regarding the unhoused? Violence? Drug use? or being unhoused?
- What federal funding is currently available for these issues?
- Is the city considering reducing funding for any departments to better fund solutions for this issue?

Blake V. Grant's pass/etc. seem to only apply in cases where there isn't enough shelter space to house the homeless population. What ~~are the~~ is restricting Astoria / obstacles to providing adequate shelter? ~~What's the city budget & how many people~~
people

Does the

Shelter In
Place
model

work?

Is Housing

a
Constitutional Right?

what is Helping Hands
doing to help?
Are they billed up?

How many homeless shelter beds
are currently ~~available~~ available
in Astoria? Clatsop Co.?

What is their average rate of
occupancy?

I would appreciate a more clear and easy to read power point from the distance.

Perhaps a better color combination.

Are other cities in Clatsop County experiencing homelessness as of Astoria? If so, what services are available to the homeless that might be helpful to ~~other~~ other Oregon cities, share experiences.

Since this is not just a city problem and you have an elected official up on stage, why has the city not gotten County help with this? County + City together could make a bigger impact,

~~Amey what's going on~~

~~the~~ Vividra OCA

Can you give an explanation of how the homeless liaison program has affected homelessness issue in the County since it's start?

For CBH:

What is the threshold for
civil commitment?

WHAT IS CIATSOP BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH YEARLY BUDGET? (CBA)

HOW MANY EMPLOYEES?

WHAT IS THE SUCCESS RATE OF
CBA CLIENTS?

03/23/2022

Has the city queried other cities that have
"resolved" their homeless issue such as
Salt Lake City ?

What is
Housing
First?

What steps has the city or
County done to create regulated
Camping in our area?

MENTAL HEALTH IS A HEALTH
ISSUE - Why is it NOT CONNECTED
TO CMH.

If you take away the only
Protection from ANY and all dangers
Element and people alike like car or RV
~~man~~ How does that help ~~#~~ ~~2~~ It just adds to
trash and someone else with ~~no~~ nothing

Minky

IF We CAN PASS A BOND for

A New 180 bed JAIL

Why CAN'T we do the

same for ~~STAFFED~~ ~~SHOES~~

a shelter

If they are offered a location
who is paying for that?

Tax payers?

What if they don't follow
rules guidelines? Can they
be removed?

MY ONLY CONTACT WITH
CLATSOP BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
~~IT~~ WAS OBVIOUS
BILLING WAS PRIORITIZED
OVER HELPING

\$90. WAS BILLED TO READ MY
APPLICATION SITTING IN FRONT
OF ME IT WAS ONLY WAVED
BY MY HAVING A SOCIAL INTER
ACTION WITH THE THEO DIRECTOR
① IS THIS THE ONGOING PRIORITY
OF THIS AGENCY? (A VETERAN)

When the time comes for you to draw your last breath,
what will have mattered most; ~~the~~ foot print on a sidewalk,
or ~~the~~ hand print on a heart?

1. What if we as a team inches come together & open up a bigger field just for the backpackers to go to put up there to have their own sleep over to be. That way they suffer from homeless waters and we the people become a safe community. ONCE AGAIN

COMMIT ONLY:

MAYOR -

IMPLYING THAT THOSE WHO AREN'T ACTIVELY
SEEKING HELP DON'T DESERVE HELP. ALL NEED HELP.

QUESTION:

IS THERE A POLICE/HOMELISS LIASON OFFICER
ON STAFF?

HAS there been any consideration
of the "Built for Zero" methodology
AS ~~used~~ employed by Washington
and Yamhill Counties?

For Viviana - How does CCA help
prevent homelessness?

What can our community do
better to support homeless people
in Clatsop County?

I have volunteered for Filling Empty Bellies since 2015 and have seen more than a dozen friends find meals, clothing and resources, get jobs and into housing over the last 7 years. I am so grateful for their space downtown.

What other organizations in Astoria are there that work to better the quality of life for the homeless community here in Astoria? What are the barriers?

COMMENT:

There are 42 cruise ships scheduled to dock in Astoria in 2022. The tourists are coming →. The homeless population is not going to drive tourists or their dollars away.

Is building a tiny home community of transitional housing units possible in Astoria?

Is there an existing advocacy group that could purchase a parcel of land to build, say 10 units? A start?

Are there enough places for the homeless to shower. Could "we" (the community) build/raise funds for a mobile shower unit?

① How many homeless are local county residents vs. individuals coming from all sides of the county. The # of individuals has increased significantly and seems to be unrelated to the pandemic & loss of jobs.

② ~~Shelters~~ have limitations with regards to drug use, animals.

③ How many ^{licensed} therapist does CBPA have on staff to treat this population in need.

More on back 😊

How important is access to housing in helping to reduce homelessness?

Is there currently enough availability of housing that is accessible to those experiencing homelessness that want to take the steps to becoming housed?

Can you speak a little about the facts of how dangerous/violent those that are homeless are, versus the public perception of their violent behavior?

- How does the homeless population's violent behavior compare to those that are housed?

What is the most important action that can be taken to reduce homelessness?

What is the best estimate of the amount of homeless people in Astoria?

How often are people that are homeless defecating on the street? Does anyone know that it isn't dog poop?

What is the vacancy rate of CBH's housing that they currently operate?

We have a large population of individuals with intellectual disabilities in our area.

~~What are we doing to assist this population?~~

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There does not appear to be a referral system in place at CBH between the mental health providers & the disabilities division of CBH.

Is there a training planned with CBH mental health staff so they can better support those with a intellectual disability & mental health issues?

What services are available in Astoria/
North County to help those with
mental illness, addictions and/or
without housing? How do these
services/organizations work
together?

What is the plan, long term + short
term, to address these issues?

Why is there not a
member of the homeless
on the panel tonight?

How many violent felony
crimes have occurred in the
public streets in the last year,
referring to the statement
"~~the~~ fear in the community"

A MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY RECENTLY PRODUCED A VIDEO WHERE PARENTS SHARED CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN. IS THERE ANY VALIDITY TO THESE FEARS? HAVE MINORS BEEN VICTIMS OF CRIMES PERPETRATED BY MEMBERS OF THE UNHOUSED COMMUNITY?

The Chief said that the public has a **PERCEPTION** that there are high and increasing rates of violence by homeless people on housed people. IF the **REALITY** is different, what is the city doing to dispel this perception with facts, reality, and humanity?

The Chief also repeated hearsay that other jurisdictions are "dumping" homeless people in Clatsop County. Where are the **FACTS** to back this up? That is a powerful and harmful myth to spread without evidence.

What is
meant by
"sweeps"

regarding homelessness?

Can folks most impacted by this meeting speak? (folks experiencing homelessness)?

Can FEMA get
involved?

The homeless
are REFUGEES of
a type //

} Lots of vacant
land around

Ching ~~more~~ Spalding

Can campers be 'cited' for community service to 'pay' for camping site?

- ① - collect shopping carts
- pick up litter
- landscape plantings

volunteer w/ non profits / ~~set~~ ^{small} businesses
 accdg. to their skills

② ~~no~~ Yes yes please have house-^{less} ^{or previously houseless} reps always at the table when discussing their issues.

③ self-maintained ^{governed} tiny house community

was successful in Seattle
 ↳ The entire Astoria community will jump in to help - It's a very pleasant place - close to ~~the~~ residential area.

What do people
mean by

"SERVICE Resistant"
relating to the
Homeless?

The man who spoke up is right.

The homeless are people - they need a place to sleep.

What do we need to do to greatly increase bedspace,
and get these people on their feet?

What plan do we
have for the unhooded
during times of wildfire
Smoke?

Is Universal
Basic
Income

on the table?

Are unhoused people in
Astoria not community members?

Can the
Voices of
people experiencing
houselessness
be heard?

What is
in place
to make
this
possible?

LIFEBoat

What can you do about the houseless population that are getting in fights: causing problems in front of your building after hours?

How many people have you helped get off the streets, find jobs, or otherwise improve their life?

What are the rules of conduct @ LIFEBoat Services?

What resources do you provide for houseless people?

Testimonial: This program has helped my cousin from living on the streets to having a home, family, and being an executive director of a non-profit organization.

Who will
Hate Crimes fight
against
Homeless

(Re
At Gnat Creek Arson
v. Homeless)

THERE SEEMS TO BE AN OUTLOOK THAT
THE HOMELESS ARE INHERENTLY DANGEROUS.

WHY?

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF EMERGENCY CALLS
DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH UNHOUSED PERSONS?

THERE IS CONCERN THAT ASTORIA
WILL ATTRACT "TRANSIENTS" IF WE
PROVIDE SERVICES AND SUPPORT.

DO WE HAVE SIMILAR CONCERNS
ABOUT "TRANSIENTS" WHO COME
TO ASTORIA TO BUY SECOND HOMES
OR BID UP THE COST OF HOMES
AND RENTALS ?

How do you plan to address the misinformation and outright fiction perpetuated on social media by people opposed to the Heritage Square project - including one public servant?

How do you educate people to understand that houseless people, mental illness, addiction, + anti-social behavior are separate issues + need different approaches. They can overlap but often do not.

DO OUR CITY LEADERS PUT THE HOMELESS
IN A NUMBER OF CATEGORIES, AND IF SO,
ARE THERE SOME CATEGORIES THAT YOU WISH
TO HELP, AND OTHERS THAT YOU WILL
CHOOSE TO IGNORE ?

1) What good is rent assistance or section 8 vouchers, when there are no places to rent or will accept vouchers?

2) How are large 'businesses' such as the hospital involved in helping to alleviate our community issues

1. What do you feel the unhoused struggled with most and how can we, as community members, help?

2. What is the legality of video-taping unhoused community members while on the street? Isn't the street their home?

Can There be a place
where the houses
can get out the weather?

Beacon Clubhouse - Erin

Can you share a success story of your participants? How are your members working to help ease relationships with local businesses?

BEACON/LIFEBOAT

- What can the community do to support your work?

where is the help for
those of us that are
on social security

I can't get help but

a free tent
a sleeping bag then
to get row off
for sleeping?

Lane County has a program called Kahoots.

Is there work being done to bring any programs like this to Astoria?

How can we teach Town folks how to interact more comfortably with homeless?

Maybe roving hosts to talk to both sides

we need more affordable housing
and more garbage cans and
Portland loos

With regards to "Shuttling Houseless"¹¹
to an outside the "city lines" to
a dead-zone?... We are not invisible.
Some of ~~us~~ actually have college degrees,
families, are loving, creative, and full of
life and SOUL. How about you set an
example and instead of FRAMING THE HOUSELESS
as a NUISANCE. - can you instead try positive
framing and see us as your brothers, sisters,
and AS ASSETS FOR CHANGE + GROWTH!

DYLAN H.S.

AS A COMMENT, I FIND THE LACK OF AN ACTUAL HOMELESS JOKE ON THE PANEL TO BE IN EXTREMELY POOR TASTE. IN MY SUBMISSION EVERY ASTORIAN SHOULD CONSIDER THEMSELVES FORTUNATE THAT THOSE HOLDING SIGNS IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM HAVE ENOUGH COURAGE TO OPPOSE THOSE THAT ARE LEGISLATING ON THEIR BEHALF. THE PERSON LIVING IN THE VICTORIAN MANSION SHOULD HAVE NO MORE VALUE ASSIGNED TO THEM, THAN THE HEROINE ADDICT OR THE VETERAN, ESPECIALLY WHEN SAID MANSION - OWNER IS CAUSING ASTORIA'S GENTRIFICATION IN THE FIRST PLACE.

HAS THERE EVER BEEN A SURVEY DONE
IN ASTORIA
AMONGST THE HOUSELESS POPULATION ON WHAT
RESOURCES THEY NEED ~~TO HELP THEM~~ THAT
WOULD HELP THEM?

How Astoria seriously looked
into CAHOOTS in Eugene,
seems like a great collaboration
between CBIA / law enforcement
etc. etc.

This has been a great
success!!

- MARK

#1 - MENTAL HEALTH CARE

#2 - STORAGE TWARD SAFEWAY OR PAST.

#3 - REMEMBER, YOU ARE NOT WHO YOU WERE,
YOU ARE WHO YOU ARE NOW. GIVE THAT
FOR FREE.

#4 - HAVE MORE MEETINGS ABOUT THIS.

#5 - LISTEN TO THE MAN THAT HAD A
HONEST QUESTION. HE IS ON THE STREETS.

#6 - THANK YOU TOO THE OFFICERS AND MEDICAL
STAFF FOR KEEPING US SAFE.

How does

Bystander

Intervention

help ~~and~~ Improve
Safety?

What is
Homelessness
effect on
longevity and/or
life span?

When is this

city going to
give ~~the~~ money

BACK for Housing

Jobs + Civil Liberties

Why are Background
Checks a
Barrier to
Housing?

What is

Low

Barrier?

When is
Rent Control
coming to Clatsop
County?

Is Pallet
Shelter
an option?

Are the
Fairgrounds
open
for Housing the
Homeless?

ARE

CHILDREN

AT RISK

IN Homeless
Families?

What is the
effect of
Domestic Violence
on
Homeless Women?

OK-

How is it OK to follow people & record them without permission?

Why are Drones flying thru buildings recording & following the unhoused?

Where do you want us to go & sleep. There is NOT a shelter?

Are there communities that we can
look to for leadership, who have
taken a wholistic approach and
had success in mitigating
this houseless issue?

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Housing ^A Right?
Human

Can we speak?

From all of us