



Office of the City Manager

ACTION CALENDAR

April 11, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Peter Radu, Assistant to the City Manager
Subject: Companion Report to Recommendation for RV Lot and Waste Management on Streets for RVs

RECOMMENDATION

Refer the Homeless Services Panel of Experts' recommendation to identify and expedite a new safe RV parking location/program and develop a waste management plan for RVs on the streets to the Budget and Finance Policy Committee for consideration alongside all other homeless services priorities in the budget process.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

As the Homeless Services Panel of Experts mention in their report, this recommendation needs to be evaluated by City staff and the Council Budget and Finance Committee to assess the costs of implementation. Costs will vary depending on locations, number of vehicles served, and breadth of social services offered to participants.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Staff do not disagree with the spirit of the Homeless Services Panel of Experts recommendation to quickly identify a location for another RV lot(s) to take the place of the now closed SPARK lot at 742 Grayson, that the new lot identified require mandatory safety inspections and fire extinguishers, and to develop a management plan to be implemented for RVs currently on the streets. However, this plan would require funding that is not currently identified. Moreover, as staff presented to the Budget and Finance Policy Committee on February 9, 2023, Measure P (the most likely source for implementing this recommendation) is projecting serious structural deficiencies over the remaining 5 years of its lifespan, and staff have recommended new shelter programs (such as the proposed master lease of the Super 8 at 1619 University Ave, which has the opportunity to leverage State funding on a 1:1 match basis) be prioritized first.

For these reasons, and given the limited staff capacity to identify, design, lease up and contract multiple new programs at once, we recommend sending this request to the Budget and Finance Committee for consideration in the budget process.

BACKGROUND

On February 1, 2023, the Homeless Services Panel of Experts recommended as follows:

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Johnson recommends to Council that they refer to staff to expedite all efforts to identify a location for another RV lot(s) to take the place of the now closed SPARK lot at 742 Grayson and that the new lot identified require mandatory safety inspections and fire extinguishers to be provided. The Homeless Services Panel of Experts further recommends that Council refer to staff to develop a waste management plan to be implemented for RVs currently on the streets.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Jones, Marasovic, Feller, Kealoha-Blake, and Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bookstein.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no environmental concerns with the recommendation to refer this item to the Budget and Finance Policy Committee. This recommendation is consistent with emergency preparedness needs for the unhoused community.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The resources available to the unhoused community are extremely limited and spending funding on a recreational vehicle lot needs to be weighed against the other funding priorities for our homeless services.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Alternative sites could also be identified to expand current shelter capacity which may alleviate the need for additional lot space.

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