

# **Manchester Community Advisory Council Minutes**

## **April 2, 2024 Public Meeting**

### **Manchester Library Meeting Room**

**Members in Attendance:** Carol Malmquist (Chair & Northern Neighborhoods), Janelle Overton (California Neighborhood), Susan Shaw (Port of Manchester), Sharon Holst (Colchester Neighborhood), Gentry Brierly (At-Large), O Ray Pardo (Friends of the Manchester Library)

**Excused Absences:** Carrilu Thompson, Ana Langone, Russ Higgins

**Guests:** Carl Borg, Robin Lund, Jarrod Moran, David Wolner, Anne Presson, Maggie Brassil, Karen Root, Walter Harvey, Michael Gustavson, Madeleine Fraley, Monica Montgomery, Nicole Delcuze, Matthew Sowers, Rashmi Ballard, Bob Ballard, Karen Wren, Tom Slyter

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Carol at 6:31 pm.

#### **Guest Speakers:**

Carl Borg, manager of Kitsap County's [Housing and Homelessness Program](#) of the Department of Human Services, Robin Lund, executive director of Kitsap Rescue Mission, Jarrod Moran of the HEART Team (<https://www.kitsap.gov/hs/Pages/HH-Homeless-Encampment-Response.aspx>), and Deputy David Wolner of the KCSO discussed the current homeless situation in the county. The various warming shelters have had almost 500 stays so far this winter and the annual Point-in-Time count tallied 255 unhoused individuals countywide. KRM was able to get permanent housing for 50 people last year.

The newly-named Pacific Building at 4459 SE Mile Hill Drive is a 75-bed congregate setting designed as a low-barrier shelter that will have an onsite mental health clinic, medical and dental visits, pet accommodation, and an anticipated 90-day stay while the individual learns life and job skills. It is planned to open in December 2024. For more information: <https://www.kitsap.gov/hs/Pages/HH-SK-Housing.aspx>

## **I. Administrative Items**

A. Approval of the minutes from the March meeting: Ray (motion), Gentry (second); minutes approved.

## **II. Business Items**

## **III. Announcements and Public Comments**

A. There will be an Open House instead of a public meeting in May, to be held at the Manchester Elementary School (1901 California Ave), on May 7 from 6:30 to 8 pm. Many local groups will be represented; residents are encouraged to stop by.

**Adjournment:** There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm: Susan (motion), Janelle (second); meeting adjourned.