

Listening session summary – Olympia Council of Neighborhood Associations

Meeting date: Monday, Feb. 10, 5:40-7:50 p.m.

Location: Olympia Fire Department Station 1

DES provided an update on the rulemaking process, shared a rulemaking process map, and shared that concepts for future phases on the process map will be influenced by what DES hears at listening sessions and may be updated.

DES asked the Olympia Council of Neighborhood Associations what is important to them and what questions they have. Group discussed:

- Who prior listening sessions have been held with – available on [DES website](#).
- Why DES is conducting a rulemaking effort
- Intended use of Deschutes Parkway
- Who is parking along Deschutes, and where they are from
- The parkway's proximity to services in Olympia
- The Thurston County Point in Time count and DES participation
- Questions about the overall state approach to homelessness
- Questions about the DES role as solutions to homelessness are developed locally / in the region
- The concept of neighborhoods accommodating campers
- Rules that may accommodate overnight parking
- Current WSP enforcement and engagement
- Existing Capitol Campus rules, including camping prohibition
- Rules related to bike lanes
- Issues related to RV bump-outs
- Questions on impact to water quality issues

DES asked for thoughts and advice regarding additional engagements and information to consider. Group discussed:

- Ensuring information is factual, not based on perception
- Legal considerations including case law and how these apply to state lands vs local jurisdictions
- Knowing what an implementation plan would look like before adopting a rule / where people in RVs would go
- Available land or parking lots in local jurisdictions
- DES's role related to surplus land the state may have
- Examining rules / policies set by the U.S. National Park Service
- Examining rules / policies set by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- The number of homeless individuals in Olympia and where to find statistics
- KNKX Public Radio and The Seattle Times' Project Homeless podcast, "The Outsiders"

- Ideas on who to connect with for more information on resources available to homeless individuals
- Historic context of Deschutes Parkway
- Best way to stay in contact with the CNA
- Engagement of nearby cities