

Shelter Better Task Force

Recommendations to Leadership

The city must have enough emergency shelter beds to meet the need

- We cannot have 200+ people without shelter
- Healthcare must have a place to discharge unhoused individuals

Document the criteria for proper siting of an emergency shelter so that it is clear to the community

- Provide a matrix that shows the criteria, weighting of each criteria and reasons for the criteria and weighting

Evaluate and publish best practices for siting a shelter and how the proposed site reflects these best practices

- If the proposed site does not meet the best practices then detail what actions will be taken to remedy the situation
 - i.e. If the best practice is to provide at least a 300 ft buffer between an emergency shelter building and residential properties and the proposed property does not have a 300 ft buffer, publish the actions that IFS will take to create some sort of buffer (we do know that some of these exist in the IFS plan but could be more widely shared)

In the future, political leaders need to make the difficult decisions or truly empower a task force to do so

- Ensure the correct questions are being asked
- Look at broader policies that may be impacting the topic