Addressing community livability in partnership with the homeless
Central Park

Scanning
Analysis
Response
Assessment
Conclusion
The Problem (scanning)

Livability

- Disorderly Conduct
- Public Drinking
- Suspicious Activity
- Other Disturbance
Location is Everything

Why the homeless population use the park

- Central location
- Next to soup kitchen and drop-in center
- Next to the court houses
- Public Library across the street
- Free bus transit center across the street
- Parole and Probation one block away
- Police Department one block away
- Nearby service providers
- City wi-fi accessible from park
Complaints about Central Park

June 1\textsuperscript{st} through September 21\textsuperscript{st} 2017

- 80 Calls
- 32 patrols
- 0 Change
Complaints about Central Park

Councilor blasts city for Central Park problems

JAMES DAY Concallis Gazette-Times  Oct 17, 2017

Ward 2 Councilor Roen Hogg shot this photograph Monday morning at The Art Center Plaza adjacent to Central Park. That night Hogg criticized city officials for not doing enough about the trash, camping and other livability issues in the area.

Roen Hogg photo
Action Plans

- Scanning
- Analysis
- Response
- Assessment
Other Efforts

- Park Trespass Notice
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
New approach needed for 2017
Evaluating previous successes

Fun. Fail.

Acting obnoxious. Getting kicked out. Ending your friends’ fun.

There are a lot of ways to embarrass yourself if you drink too much.

Don’t be that person. 😞
New approach needed for 2017
Key takeaways

Poor communication
Resource navigation
Sense of segregation
THE GOAL:

Sustained reduction in total number of police responses, decreasing the amount of time officers spent at the park while increasing the livability of the area for all users.
Action items

**Patrol**
- TAP similar to past years
- Affect immediate change in behavior

**Talk**
- Establish and maintain communication
- Increased transparency

**Engage**
- Examine feasibility of coordinated resource engagement
- Resources help address root problems

**Change**
- Evaluate how to engage with neighborhood
- Increase sense of community and responsibility
Action Item #1: PATROL
Action Item #2: TALK

LIVABILITY PANEL

Neutral environment

Transparency

Expectations

New Members

Growth
Action item #3: ENGAGE

Corvallis Area Resource Event (C.A.R.E.)

Health Department   Library   Samaritan Health   School District
United Way   Comm. Services Consortium   COI

Resources Provided

- Housing: 9
- OHP: 8
- Medical Screening: 7
- Dental Screening: 6
- ID Services: 5
- Employment: 4
- Substance Abuse: 3
- Mental Health: 2
- Job Training: 1
- Veteran Services: 0
- Food Assistance: 0
Action Item #4: CHANGE

- Antisocial Behavior
- Disregard for community
- Shunned by community
- No sense of belonging
Action Item #4: CHANGE
Assessment
Action Item #1: PATROL

- 30-60 days
- 127 patrols
- 26 charged
Action Item #2: TALK

• Assessment action item #2: Livability Panel
  • Measures of success:
    • Homeless advocates, city councilor participating
    • Improved dynamic at other illegal campsites
  • Challenge: less homeless participation
    • Got what they need out of it, now they’re done?
    • Not as engaging with politics involved?
Corvallis police host resource fair for homeless and low-income residents

LILIAN SCHROCK Corvallis Gazette-Times  Mar 6, 2018

Denise Damneai looks through the offerings at the Corvallis Area Resource Event on Tuesday morning. Held at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, CARE offers support with housing, medical and dental needs, job training, education, food, ID services, veterans services, mental health, pet assistance, and more.

Andy Crice, Gazette-Times
Action Item #3: ENGAGE

Outlook (2018)

Outlook (2019)

- Extremely Positive
- Somewhat positive
- Same
- Worse
Action Item #4: CHANGE
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![Bar chart showing total responses from 2013 to 2019*]
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