



Homelessness – A Holistic Approach in Commerce City & Adams County

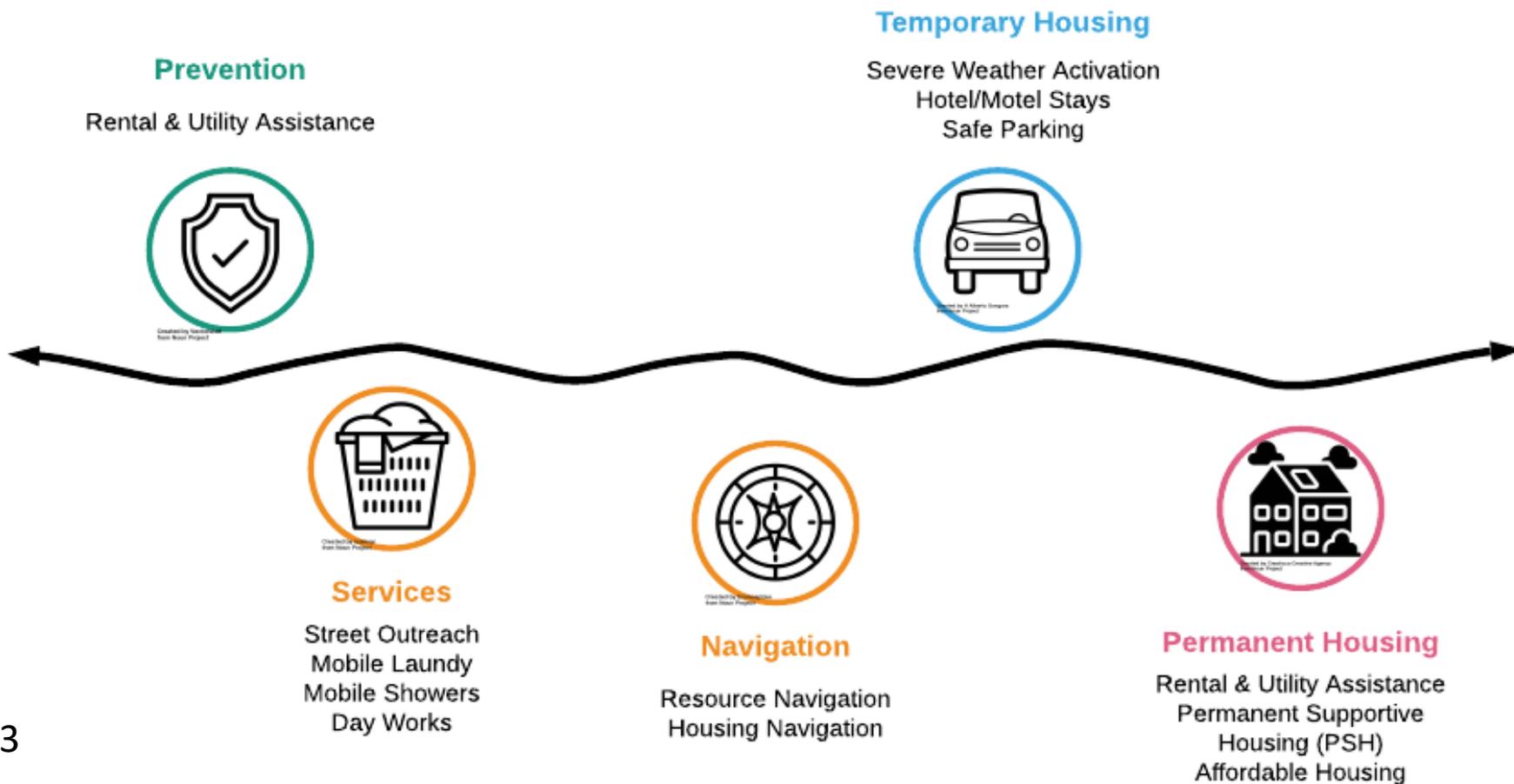
City Council Business Meeting
December 07, 2020

Purpose

- Holistic Approach to Homelessness
 - outreach, education, resources and enforcement
- New position 2021 – Community Navigator
- New contracted position 2021 – Park Ranger
- 2021 Budget Re-appropriation - \$225,268

Homelessness Initiatives

Continuum of Housing Solutions



Adams County Pocket Directory

Resources:

- Shelter
- Severe Weather Shelter
- Food
- Health Services
- General Services
- Emergency Services



New CCPRG park rules pocket guide



Holistic Approach to Homelessness - outreach

- Adams County Community Safety & Well-Being (CSWB)
 - Adams County Coalition for the Homeless (ACCH)
 - Commerce City Emergency Manager (PD)
 - Park Maintenance (PW)
 - Strategic Initiatives Supervisor (PRG)
 - NEW Community Navigator – Homeless Outreach (PRG)
 - Access Housing – supporting CC families since 1983
 - Other metro area non-profits & resources
- Adams County Open Space
 - Park Ranger

Community Navigator & Park Ranger

- **Community Navigator – Homeless Outreach** position collaborates with city departments, external organizations and residents to coordinate homeless navigation efforts to individuals and families in need of services and support within Commerce City. Material & resource distribution
- **Park Ranger** position provided in collaboration with Adams County Open Space park ranger program focusing on Commerce City trails, open space and parks



Rules, Regulation & Signage -education

- PRG staff in the process of updating all park, trails and open space rules and regulations, including relative Commerce City Municipal Code with City Attorney's office.
- Park Signage updates in 2020-2021
 - general park rules, playgrounds and Veterans Memorial



Veterans Memorial

The Veterans Memorial recognizes men & women serving in the branches of the United States of America Military

- **No unauthorized items may be placed or left at the memorial**
- **No Glass**
- **No Smoking/Vaping**
- **No Alcohol**
- **No Drugs**



(Per CCRMC 7-1005; 7-1014; 12-5006, 6001, 6008)

This area is under 24hr video surveillance

Outreach - Enforcement

- Commerce City Police Department
- Park Ranger program through Adams County Open Space
- 3rd party provider to assist with park patrol
- Eagle Pointe – upgrade exterior security cameras that cover parking lot, Veterans Memorial, park play structure & shelters & city vans secured on the property
- Enhanced lighting at Veterans Memorial Park
- Enhanced Eagle Pointe front door enclosure
- Mobile Surveillance Trailer



Severe Weather Activation Plan



In partnership with
Adams County CSWB,
ACCESS Housing &
Almost Home



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- **Continue to work collaborative** with Adams County & non-profits such as Access Housing & Almost Home as well as all city departments & metro area agencies & non-profits
- **Develop Community Awareness Program** for staff & residents
- **Support following new positions:**
 - **Community Navigator – Homeless Outreach** (Westminster, Thornton, Arvada, Edgewater, Golden, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge, Northglenn)
 - **Park Ranger** (Adams County Open Space)



Budget Impacts:

- **2021 budget re-appropriation in the amount of \$225,268 for Commerce City Homelessness program providing for outreach, education, resources and enforcement**
- **Budget includes:**
 - **salaries/benefits**
 - **operating supplies**
 - **outside services**



QUESTIONS

