

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2018

PRESENT

- Mayor Jill Boudreau
- Council Members
 - Melissa Beaton
 - Richard Brocksmith
 - Iris Carias
 - Mary Hudson
 - Mark Hulst
 - Joe Lindquist
 - Gary Molenaar
- Police Chief Jerry Dodd
- Project Development Manager Peter Donovan
- Fire Chief Bryan Brice
- Library Director Isaac Huffman

The Public Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chair Mark Hulst. The January 3, 2018, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes were approved and adopted as presented.

POLICE CHIEF JERRY DODD

- Thanked Council Members for their continued support
- Presented Power Point review of Mount Vernon Police Department
 - Awards Ceremony for officers involved in the “officer involved shooting”
 - Department foundation, spirit, different ways of policing
 - MVPD is community based, neighborhood based, which makes us unique from many other agencies
 - Discussed and provided various statistics/comparisons regarding
 - Calls for service
 - K-9 contacts
 - Non-traffic misdemeanor arrests
 - Criminal traffic charged
 - DUI violations charged
 - Traffic infractions
 - Non-traffic infractions
 - Vagrancy complaints (down from last year)
 - Kudos to our Outreach Coordinator (Erin von Fempe) and to our community
 - Top 20 calls for service
 - Service call trends
 - Calls for service numbers are completely different than crime numbers
 - Investigation cases (Detectives)
 - Discussed/provided overview of hiring process

- Lieutenant Chris Cammock provided update of candidates on board to be hired
- We hire best qualified candidates with desired characteristics
- Hiring process takes approximately 14 months from beginning to end
- In 2017, out of 204 police officer applicants, two were hired
- Personnel update
 - Police Officer Ryan Strong in Academy and will graduate 03/14/18
 - Hired Records Specialist Casie Strand on 12/01/17
 - Second Records Specialist hired and will begin on 02/13/18
 - Dave Shackleton to be promoted to Sergeant on 02/09/18
 - Records Manager Jennifer Messina completed probation and is doing an excellent job
 - Records Specialist Sue Ann Mace retired on 2017
 - Officer Mike McClaughry retired on 11/30/17
- Miscellaneous
 - Ford vehicles have been thoroughly inspected by Gary Owens
 - MVPD Volunteer hours totaled 4,863
 - Provided \$177,393 hours of service
 - Citizens on Proactive Patrol
 - RSVP
 - Officer workers
 - Several MVPD officers participated in Wal Mart's "Shop with a Hero" during Christmas season
 - Very rewarding experience
 - Provided information on and discussed Community Justice Center (aka Skagit County Jail)
 - Mayor Boudreau provided information on possible financial issues re jail
 - Will have full update at Finance Committee Meeting
 - MVPD was awarded \$17,213 Domestic Violence STOP Grant
 - MVPD actively working a problem residence in South Seventh Street Neighborhood
 - Few years ago, had major issues in South 27th Street Neighborhood
 - MVPD continues to interact with neighborhood
 - Neighborhood clean-up and barbecue
 - National Prescription Drug Take Back Day occurred on 10/28/17
 - DEA takes care of all drugs collected
 - No expense to MVPD
 - Working with District Court to provide better staff security at Mount Vernon Municipal Court
 - Listed 2018 Department priorities
 - Listed 2018 planned community events
 - Budget process "road map" and planning for annual budgets
 - Strategic plan takes MVPD to 2021
 - 2018 calendar of activities

- 2018 challenges

MAYOR JILL BOUDREAU

- Discussions about the legislative session

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

INFO SHEET



Community Action of Skagit County is a community-based, 501(c)(3) private nonprofit. We serve in Skagit County and partner with a nationwide network of Community Action agencies established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to move local families and communities from poverty to prosperity.

Community Action was established in Skagit County in 1979 and grew as community needs and resources were identified.

Currently, we support 18 inter-related core services that stabilize lives and equip people for success. We also work in collaboration with the community to create ongoing pathways to prosperity.

>> Who we serve in Mount Vernon:

Community Action served **9,355** Mount Vernon residents in 2016 captured in our database and an additional estimated **5,736** not captured in our database (total 15,091).

>> Of the 9,355 individuals tracked in our database:

1,482 are employed

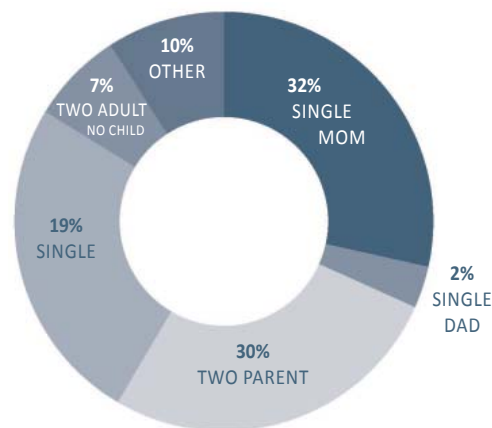
917 are fixed income

Social Security/Pension/Disability

79% (n=2,399)

Age	(n=9,185)
3,926 <17	43%
4,416 18-54	48%
846 55+	9%

Race	(n=7,963)
WHITE	51%
MULTI	42%
OTHER	7%



563 **20%** are homeless (n=2,861)

71% **1,901** are at 100% or below poverty level (n=2,665) Family of 4 making \$24,300 or less.

1,607 have a high school diploma/ **50%** GED or higher level of education (n=3,218)

*FY16 reflects October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016
Percents reflect individuals in our Client Social Service Tracking database (18,364 individuals) located within the Mount Vernon, Conway, and La Conner zip code areas..

>> How we impact Mount Vernon residents:



STABILIZING LIVES

- 244 MV households housed or prevention from being homeless
- 1,759 MV individuals had a Critical Need met
- 218 MV households linked to Basic Food support
- 2,874 MV households warmed through energy assistance
- 100 MV individual elderly/disabled helped to remain independent in their homes through Senior & Disabled Volunteer Services
- Also: 13,052 MV individuals (unduplicated) were served by the local food banks—supported by the Skagit Food Distribution Center



EQUIPPING PEOPLE FOR SUCCESS

- 42 MV WorkFirst Employment Program participants gained job training and essential skills coaching (90 overall).
- 2,502 MV moms, infants, and children received WIC and breastfeeding support promoting healthy food habits (4,397 overall).
- 78 MV students enrolled in the Adult Education class obtained skills and competencies required for employment (111 overall).
- 45 MV pregnant women received nursing and psych-social services during their pregnancy promoting healthy birth outcomes (91 overall).

STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY

- Coordinated large-scale collaborations, such as Project Homeless Connect.
- Mobilized 3,484 volunteers, donating 103,522 service hours valued at \$3,001,103.
- Established 608 partnering and collaborating relationships with 479 organizations.
- Our team of 14 AmeriCorps and VISTA members contributed 14,668 hours of service that built capacity of our partners with 7 agencies and low-income school districts, on 11 projects.
- Leaders in community-wide approaches to vital issues, such as homeless prevention, affordable housing, access to appropriate health and dental care, and financial coaching.



>> Community Action Services:

Adult Education Program
AmeriCorps/VISTA
Basic Food Outreach
Behavioral Health Ombuds
Community Resource Center
Dental Care Access
East County Services

Energy Assistance
Family Development Center
Housing Resource Center
Maternity Support Services
Skagit Food Distribution Center
Skagit Volunteer Center

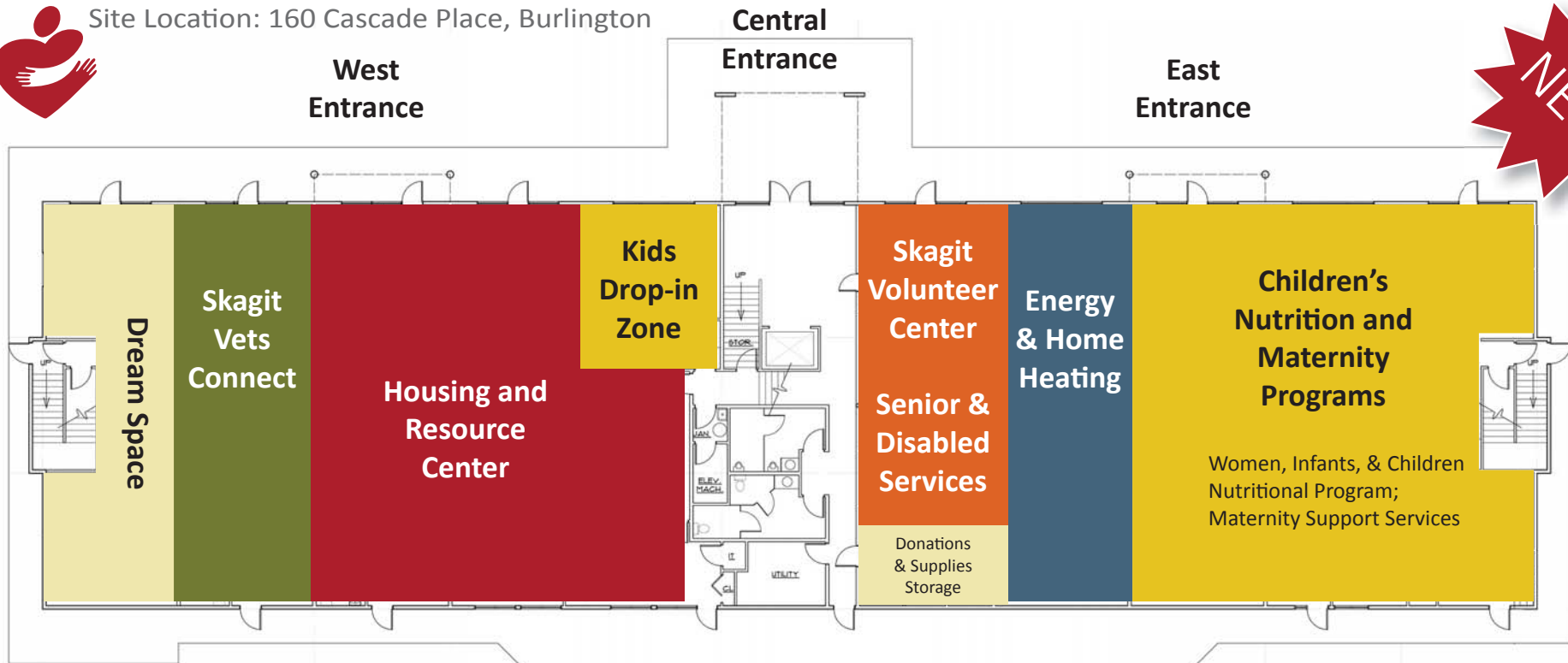
Veterans Assistance
Volunteer Lawyer Program
Senior & Disabled Volunteer Services
Women, Infants and Children
Nutrition Program
WorkFirst Employment Services

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Community
Action touches the
lives of 1 in 4 people
in Skagit County



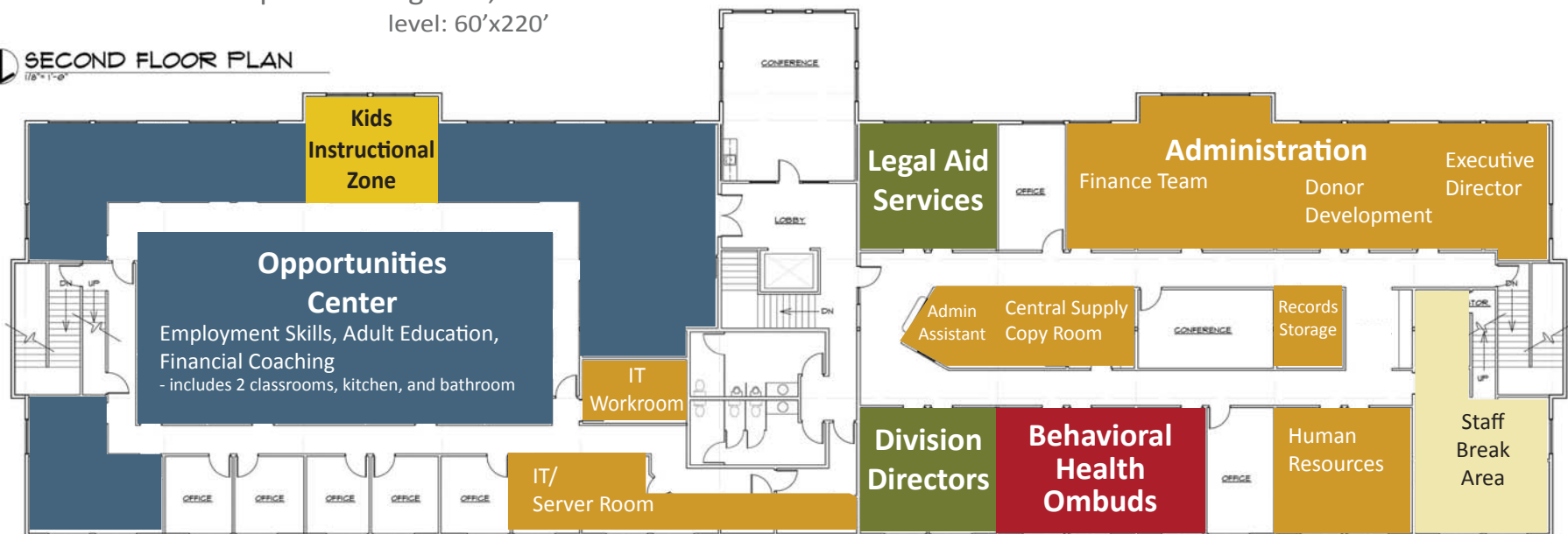
Site Location: 160 Cascade Place, Burlington



FIRST FLOOR PLAN
1/8"=1'-0"

Total Square Footage: 26,988
level: 60'x220'

SECOND FLOOR PLAN
1/8"=1'-0"



Community Action Services Center
Serving all of Skagit County

Here for you, your family, our community—Community Action’s new Services Center includes:



- ▶ **Opportunity Center:** This new center is designed around our belief that every member of our community should have the opportunity to achieve a personal vision of success, whether through education, a living wage job, or financial education and security. While these services have been scattered in our current facility and throughout the community for years, this new location allows us to co-locate education, employment, financial capacity and embedded community partners, such as financial institutions, onsite and in one location. The center also includes classrooms, technology, and a children’s instructional area, so that parents and their children can both be working on their future.



- ▶ **Housing and Resource Center:** Community Action is the designated location in our county where families and individuals needing housing go to for services and assistance. Our vision is a welcoming service center that provides a safe, secure, short-term childcare area so that parents can have confidential conversations to find solutions to homelessness or other crisis.



- ▶ **Skagit Vets Connect:** In addition to our own Veterans assistance team, we host several full-time employees from partner Veteran’s organizations. Through our work and partners, we know it is vital for Veterans to have a safe place to connect so that they can re-integrate into the community and connect to resources. These men, women and family members would be able to build healthy networks, secure stability through a weave of integrated support, and work on life goals when the moment is right for them. They would also be able to connect onsite to volunteer opportunities (recent conflict Vets say this can be especially helpful to their re-integration).

Some other services in this new center include:

- Space for key partner organizations, such as behavioral health providers and financial institutions, to provide the most impactful “first stop” for Skagit families in need.
- Onsite storage to sort and dispense community donations of essential items such as coats, diapers, socks and toiletries.
- Space to host community meetings, and support team building and professional development.
- A larger Skagit Volunteer Center that allows us to directly engage skilled volunteers onsite and in the moment, substantially increasing our capacity to support individual goal-setting around educational, financial and employment pathways, and coaching families for success.



The mission of Community Action is to foster and advocate for self-sufficiency among low-income people in Skagit County.

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