

October 10, 2023

City Commissioners, City Manager, and City Attorney City of Bozeman 121 N. Rouse Ave Bozeman, MT 59715

At its regularly scheduled meeting The Bozeman District of the Gallatin Valley Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) discussed the current state of Urban Camping and Homelessness in the City Limits of Bozeman.

Bozeman TBID has supported the efforts in addressing the City of Bozeman's lack of having a warming shelter that would be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, and committed \$1,000,000.00 (one-million dollars) towards the matching funds needed by the County towards the building of the Homeward Point, which is a 24/7/365 warming shelter.

The board voted the following position:

The City of Bozeman currently has the laws in place to address the current parking and camping related issues and opposes any new ordinance to be created to address Public Safety and Public Health Issues.

Enforcement of our current laws is aimed at all the illegal activity in our community such as:

- drug use in public
- public intoxication
- public urination
- theft of electricity and water from private businesses
- littering
- disorderly conduct
- trespassing on private property
- etc. There is more that goes on than what is listed.

The Board has also recommended that if the City Commission, City Manager and City Attorney refuse to enforce the current laws that address the public health and safety issues of Bozeman, the members of the Commission, the City Manager and City Attorney should step down from their positions for failing to protect the Public Health and Public Safety of Bozeman.

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