

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. Feeding the Homeless/Moore Square

The Committee recommends not enforcing the rules and regulations relating to feeding the homeless in Moore Square until administration develops a possible solution to the issues for consideration at the November 26, 2013 Law and Public Safety Committee meeting. It is understood the stay of enforcement only relates to feeding the homeless at Moore Square.

- In the interim, do not change policy regarding Moore Square
- No enforcement/arrests for any food distribution activity - same as current policy
- Continue to educate food providers about restrictions in the park and sidewalks
- Once alternative sites are identified. offer alternatives to groups who arrive to serve food
- Ask food distribution operations to move only when a permitted activity is to be held in the park
- In the interim, look for alternative sites to allow groups to provide food
- Concentrate on sites near where those in need already congregate
- Explore Wake County facilities that are already set up for services to the needy
- Explore sites at churches/organizations that have facilities that can accommodate outside groups safely
- Work with our existing partners to identify alternative sites
- Re-engage the Community Oriented Government (COG) team
- Widen the circle to include other agencies including Wake County
- Reach out to all community groups and faith-based organizations to participate
- Ask the team to develop specific action steps related to the priorities they have already developed