

My name Michael James I'm here to speak in regards to the homeless in Greeley. I certainly understand you all are aware of the homeless. I hope speaking at this time helps the community of Greeley tonight understand the homeless. I am not here to pass judgment or find blame on anyone. Only to offer some suggestions. I've had the opportunity to visit several locations over the last couple weekends. Fifth Street bridge eighth Street bridge, 85 highway bridge and Navigation Center. I visited all the sites early in the day left the water, doughnuts and announcing myself. I wanted to see firsthand of this situation, the locations at fifth Street and eighth Street have a substantial amount of people there. The encampments somewhat organized and there is debris every from the past and currently growing. I can only predict that these camps will increase in size as the weather turns better. This debris and trash all over the place from old camps to new camps. There a large amount white 5gallon containers. Many of the homeless are quite resourceful in coming up with ways to exist.

Containers are used as seating and also for human waste biological hazard. Many are skewed along the river, empty, and some still with their lids on. I would definitely offer concern and caution to anybody coming near these containers. If possible the city could place porta potties near these encampments. The 5th and 8th Street locations there are telephone poles possibility lighting could be attached to them. It would offer safety to the homeless, assist fire and police that are often called to these locations at night. Often there are

small fires burning that people are staying warm with and many of the residents have propane heaters within their tents or structures.

Some of the homeless inform me that the assistant city manager has been out there visiting and addressing concerns. I like to offer her a compliment of going in to this situations can be dangerous and obstacles of the terrain. Lighting should be put into place and porta potty's would certainly help address the bio hazards along the embankments. I do have concerns of campfires getting out-of-control causing field fires.

Saying it takes a village to grow a child. I would like to extend that thought to our community in assisting the city with this homeless problem.

When visiting the Navigation-Center they are doing their best. The parking lot has become an encampment of its own. Over the last two weeks I've noticed more vehicles motorized RVs and a camper trailer and several vehicles with the homeless, occupying them. The shelter comes out every morning and clean up the parking lot. I am not passing judgment. It's a terrible situation that is ongoing.

The **Well** County food bank offers hot meals every day. There are other food opportunities throughout the city at several locations every day of the week. People are trying to assist this homeless problem and we are not alone.

I would meet with anybody to hear of their thoughts and share mine. Thank you all for allowing me to talk of this ongoing growing situation.

I have with me three flash drives with current pictures over the last two weekends. If I may present him to the city Council, the assistant city manager and the police chief.

When getting doughnuts I met an EMS crew, I mentioned of what I was doing and they said thank you! Especially about perhaps finding a way to light up these areas. I understand to light up 85 highway bridge location would almost be impossible with the rules of C DOT. But we have many good engineers at the city that may come up with ways to light up 5th and 8th Street bridges ground area without interfering with road traffic.

Thank you again for your time

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