

Internal Task Force Meeting Notes 3.26.20

An Internal Homeless Task Force teleconference call was held on Thursday March 26, 2020 at 2pm – 2:30pm.

The following members of the committee joined the call:

- City Manager's Office: Aly Zimmermann, Amanda Lee, Sylvia Solis Daniels
- Code Enforcement: Jessica Farrell, Derek Clemente
- Engineering: Mike Ressler
- Fire: Mike Easterling
- Public Works: Chris Arce
- Recreation: Rob Anderson
- Stormwater: John Nottage
- Vista Sheriff's Department Participants: Lt. Nancy Blanco, Deputy Jason Scroggins

Check-in with all divisions to get updates of current activities with homeless services.

Public Works – Encampment clean-up is currently on hold due to CDC COVID-19 recommendations to refrain from encampment clean up. Sites are being noted and recorded for future clean-ups, when it is safe.

Code Enforcement – There are currently seven sites in progress of clean-up but have been put on hold due to CDC recommendation. These are being tracked in Cityworks. Code is prepared to go to Harbor Glen HOA with a biologist to address the encampment site once the Stay-At-Home orders are lifted.

Fire – Department has updated their data collection tools to identify COVID related calls. The Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) is not currently going out. This service is done voluntarily by Fire staff who self-select to participate in this outreach program. There are no dedicated employees just working in this capacity and there are several fire staff who are injured and not working.

Stormwater – Department has State Water Board regulations to maintain and are still monitoring Encampment activities and continuing their monitoring and cleanup activities.

Sheriff's Department – The department is responding to urgent matters during the pandemic. There was recently a lot of clean-up and outreach activity completed on private property. The property owner adjacent to Albertsons (E. Vista Way/Foothill Blvd) made public comments on social media regarding homelessness activity at the shopping center. Sheriff's COPPS unit went to meet with storeowner to address concerns.

Recreation & Engineering – No new updates.

City Manager's Office - Provided an update on the approved Strategic Plan activities.

- A) Internal Homelessness Task Force - Ongoing, will begin drafting meeting minutes following each meeting
- B) Homeless Prevention Pilot Program – Funds received from HCD. In communication with public service provider to develop contract for services.
- C) Historic Downtown Daytime Outreach Program - Activity on HOLD per City Council.
- D) Homeshare Coordination Services - Initial contact made with Elderhelp, COVID may impact start date.
- E) Encampment Clean Up - Hold due to COVID
- F) Education and Outreach Program – To begin brainstorming tracking and education following meeting.
- G) Governmental and Legislative Advocacy – No new activity
- H) Secure Shelter Beds – In Progress, in communication with the Regional Alliance, contract to start up.

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- 1) FT Social Worker with Flex Funds – In Progress currently reviewing other local agencies contracts/RFP process for Social Worker.

Next Meeting: April 23rd at 2pm. Teleconference if not in person.