

Internal Task Force on Homelessness Teleconference Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2020
2:00 p.m.

The following members of the committee joined the call:

- City Manager's Office: Amanda Lee, Sylvia Solis Daniels, Jessica Boensch
- Code Enforcement: Jess Ferrell, Derek Clemente, Clarence Rich
- Planning: Mike Ressler
- Public Works: Chris Arce
- Recreation: Rob Anderson
- Stormwater: John Nottage
- Vista Sheriff's Department: Deputy Scroggins
- City Attorney's Office: Walter Chung
- Economic Development: Delilah Langan

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

I. Code Enforcement

Numerous Encampments: unable to address during COVID, locations are being tracked and monitored until restrictions are lifted. The only current cleanup is on Hacienda.

II. Public Works

Public Works is currently unable to give notice to remove encampments, but they are cleaning up trash from Vista Village to Costco that is from encampments that are no longer active. Today (June 25) is their last day working with Urban Corps, but they plan to continue to work with Urban Corps again next fiscal year. Their next goal is to clean all debris from BMW to Vista Village. There are new gates in by the BMW access road.

III. Sherriff's Department

The Sherriff's Department found trip ropes and pointed sticks in the ground around the encampment in the Biological Preserve. Most of their calls regarding homelessness are coming from Code Enforcement and the public. Sergeant Al Gathings will be replacing Deputy Scroggins for the backup Task Force's point-person for the Sherriff's Department in addition to Lt. Nancy Blanco.

IV. Economic Development

Economic Development is developing an Economic Development Strategic Plan. The first meeting for the Strategic Plan was on June 8 with the Planning Committee. The department will use an industry cluster report and a retail demand analysis to incorporate a real estate demand analysis in the Strategic Plan.

V. Recreation and Community Services

There were two campers at Wildwood that ran away when they saw staff and moved to a different location. There is no indication of when playgrounds will open, but everything else in parks is open to the public. There is not a significant increase in encampments in parks.

VI. Stormwater

No updates.

VII. Planning

Planning is in the initial stages of collecting data for the updated Housing Element.

VIII. Housing

- *CDC Interim guidance remains the same since our last meeting, any updates in CDC guidance will be shared with the committee.*
- *The 2020 Census Homeless Count was initially going to be a one-night count in March, but now it is going to take place from September 22 to September 24. Hopefully this extended timeline will produce a more thorough count now that the Census Bureau will have more time to go into encampments. Housing is requesting that everyone sends the known locations of current encampments so that information can be passed along to the Census Bureau to use in the count.*
- *Exodus was able to reach out to the individuals at the Hwy 78 encampment to offer them shelter, and/or assistance. Nine people are located at the encampment. Many are TAY, so Exodus will be going back out soon with McCallister.*
- *The SB2 allocation went to Council, and totals \$408,882 for this year. The Division anticipates that we will receive \$2.4 million in the next five years from the PLHA fund to support the Strategic Plan activities.*
- *The Division is in the process of putting together a spreadsheet that will materialize each department's work to report on tangible measures.*
- *The Homelessness Prevention Program RFP will close on July 18 (combines SB2 and CDBG funding). The downtown outreach program is on hold until we hire and discuss with a social worker.*
- *The Division is in contact with ElderHelp for the Homeshare program. ElderHelp does not feel safe starting their program yet because it means going into a Senior's home to conduct an interview. They do not currently have an alternative to face-to-face, in-home interviews.*
- *The Division is attending a League meeting on July 1 that will cover legislation, which may include relevant housing or homelessness legislation, we will keep you updated.*
- *The contract with the Alliance for Regional Solutions for shelter beds will go to the August 11 Council meeting.*
- *We received two applications for the full-time social worker RFP. Staff is currently reviewing these applications and will take the recommendation to Council on August 11.*

IX. Next Meeting – Proposed to change to July 30 at 2pm.