

# ***Internal Task Force on Homelessness Teleconference Meeting Agenda***

September 24, 2020  
2:00 p.m.- 3:00pm

## **The following members of the committee joined the call:**

- City Manager's Office: Kaitlyn Elliott-Norgrove: Management Analyst – Grants Writer, Amanda Lee: Assistant to the City Manager,
- Housing Division: Jessica Boensch: Staff Assistant, Sylvia Solis Daniels: Housing Programs Manager
- Code Enforcement Division: Jessica Farrell: Code Enforcement Manager
- Community Development: Michael Ressler: Principal Planner
- Economic Development: Delilah Langan: Economic Development Specialist
- Engineering: Kim Cruz: Right of Way Agent
- Stormwater Division: Leila Sadrieh: Environmental Specialist
- City Attorney: Walter Chung: Assistant City Attorney
- Fire: Michael Easterling: Deputy Chief
- Recreation: Robert Anderson: Recreation Manager
- Public Works: Chris Arce: Public Works Supervisor
- Exodus Recovery: Nina Carreri, Noelani Dizon, Tamara Stark

### **I. Welcome & Purpose**

A brief hello and introduction from each participant. Each member introduced themselves and stated their role in the task force.

### **II. Updates from each department represented at the meeting**

Each task force member to provide an overview of any homeless activities or interactions within your department/division, share resources, pose questions, identify opportunities, etc.

#### Jessica Farrell: Code Enforcement Manager, City Manager – Code Enforcement:

There are 11 encampment locations with cases of homelessness activity. Staying in touch with Exodus. Sending a list of locations to the group. Biggest cases are behind Operation Hope and at Buena Vista Park (public places that have been brought to the attention of council and city manager). The number of reported homelessness cases is a little higher than usual for this time of the year.

#### Chris Arce: Public Works Supervisor, Public Works:

Last month Public Works picked up 146 shopping carts. Work with Sheriff's once a month and handed out bags to carry belongings when shopping carts were confiscated. Cleaned up three abandoned encampments. Cost about \$2,300.

#### Leila Sadrieh: Environmental Specialist, Engineering – Stormwater:

The division is preparing a stormwater annual report: narrative about city efforts to address homeless. Draft of the report will go to City Manager's Office for input. Report timeline: Send to consultant by the end of September.

#### Robert Anderson: Recreation Manager, Recreation and Community Services:

There is a new encampment at the Buena Vista baseball field. Unsure if they are still at the location. If so, will follow up with Exodus. Homeless woman who was dropped off at the Jim Porter Recreation Center using substances. Sheriffs and Exodus have come by, and the situation is being monitored. Exodus: They did visit the woman at JPRC and she declined discussion of treatment or shelter. Not an immediate threat to self or others – Exodus hasn't seen her since.

Kaitlyn Elliott-Norgrove: Management Analyst – Grants Writer, City Manager:

In January, Gov. Newsom proposed a \$750 million California Access to Housing and Services Fund; however, due to Covid-19, direction shifted to using CARES Act funding for states to offer Homekey--which used \$600 million+ to help municipalities/agencies acquire and develop permanent housing solutions as an expansion on the Roomkey concept.

Spring: revised budget proposal from Gov. Newsom. Reduced homelessness budget due to Covid-19. FY20/21 state budget published. Work with LOCC to support legislation. Reaching out to like-minded Cities and seek to leverage resources to pursue funding for homelessness.

Nina Carreri, Noelani Dizon, and Tamara Stark: Exodus

Exodus reached out to a homeless family several times, but was ultimately unable to get ahold of them. Potential in-person visit in the future. Request for outreach from Code: Will go out tomorrow to the Vale Terrace Drive case. Looking at mid-October start date for the Social Worker

Sylvia Solis Daniels: Housing Programs Manager, City Manager – Housing:

We submitted a grant request for local housing allocation fund. Currently awaiting review and resubmission of materials for application.

### **III. Brief Overview of Current Strategic Plan Activities in Progress**

- a. Internal Homelessness Task Force
- b. Homeless Prevention Pilot Program
  - i. Selected provider: North County Lifeline, program began August 31, 2020. Vista rental assistance and emergency payments to prevent people from becoming homeless. Currently screening applicants – 150 applicants total as of September 18, 2020. Homeless Prevention money came from one-time state budget allocation.
  - ii. Challenges in screening process: Nature of the applicant is that they don't have all of the required materials, so there are a lot of incomplete applications.
- c. Homeshare Coordination Services
  - i. Contract submitted to City Attorney's Office for review. Hoping to execute contract and begin services in the coming months: Advertising through social media and targeted communication with the Senior Center. The City will potentially give ElderHelp office space for walk-ins at the Senior Center.
- d. Encampment Clean Up
  - i. *Chris Arce provided update in Department Updates.*
- e. Education and Outreach Program
  - i. Internal deadline to create education materials both internally for staff and externally for the public. What resources are we providing and how do residents access them?
- f. Governmental and Legislative Advocacy
  - i. *Kaitlyn Elliott Norgrove provided update in Department Updates.*
- g. Secure Shelter Beds
  - i. Contract was executed in August with the Alliance for Regional Solutions. This resource will be provided to Exodus in their outreach.
- h. FT Social Worker with Flex Funds
  - i. *Exodus provided updated in Department Updates.*

### **IV. Next meeting –10/29/20 at 2pm**