

Internal Homelessness Group Teleconference Meeting Notes

An Internal Collaborative on Homelessness meeting was held on April 22, 2021 at 2pm – 3pm via Teams.

The following members joined the call:

- City Manager's Office: Amanda Lee
- City Attorney's Office: Walter Chung
- Code Enforcement: Danielle Sorahan
- Fire: Mike Easterling
- Housing: Sylvia Solis Daniels, Emily Wilcox
- Public Works: Chris Arce, Cirilo Mariscal
- Stormwater: Jennifer Nowaczewski
- Vista Sheriff's Department: Lt. Al Gathings, Deputy Jordan Botz, Deputy Gott
- Economic Development: Delilah Langan
- Exodus Recovery: Noelani Dizon, Tamara Stark

I. Updates from departments represented at the meeting

- a. Public Works: Continue monitoring BPO area where there was a concentration of homeless encampments. Walkthrough on 4/21 at BPO near BMW Vista, another encampment near Hacienda was removed 4/21.
- b. Stormwater: Stormwater has issued an Notice Of Violation for the Breeze Hill homeless encampment.
- c. Sherriff's Dept, COPPS Unit: Ongoing challenges enforcing trespassing and encampments on private property. Hours of operations for COPPS unit is Tues.-Thurs. 5:30 am-4pm. Businesses can reach out to Moon Road station directly for general assistance with homelessness resources. Trespass Arrest Authorization forms are posted to an e-bulletin board that is accessed by all Sherriff's deputies and enforced 24/7. Businesses can email or fax Trespass Authorization Arrest Form to Moon Road office and must turn in new form every 30 days to remain active.
- d. Code Enforcement: Breeze Hill encampment - working with property owner who is responsive and preparing for clean-up. Walgreen's encampment - site is still active. Stater Brothers encampment - site still active. Additional small encampment sites- near McDonald's off of Civic Center and off of East Vista Way.
- e. City Manager: Palomar and East Vista Way, Jim's Lounge parking lot, has a lot of people living in their cars. Requested Sheriff's department to continue patrolling area. Code will continue to enforce VMC for allowable uses at this business.

- f. Fire: Fire Department responded to 102 calls in April for homeless individuals; 10 were not admitted to hospital, 10 were released per policy and 71 were admitted to hospital.
- g. City Attorney: Boise v. Martin court case proves to make enforcing illegal camping difficult.

II. Overview of Strategic Plan Activities in Progress

- a. Housing: Social Worker, Emily from Exodus is currently out of the office. We will provide contact information for temp Social Worker coming via email. An update on the Implementation of the Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness is going to City Council on 4/27/21. The Homeless Prevention Program still has funds available due to County of San Diego ERAP funding. Homeshare coordination activities are underway with focus on outreach. Education and Outreach – we are working on improving our communications about our homeless activities on our social media and website. An article was published in recent Our Vista magazine addressing encampment clean up. An infographic report will be published on our website giving snapshot of citywide activities addressing homelessness. Shelter tours are being coordinated for Council members. We continue to receive shelter bed updates at Council meetings.

III. Next meeting

May 27, 2021 via Teams