

Internal Homelessness Group Teleconference Meeting Notes

An Internal Homelessness Group meeting was held on May 27, 2021 at 2pm – 3pm virtually via Teams.

The following members joined the meeting:

- City Manager's Office: Amanda Lee, Kaitlyn Elliott-Norgrove
- Code Enforcement: Danielle Sorahan, Clarence Rich
- Fire: Mike Easterling
- Housing: Sylvia Solis Daniels, Sergio Saucedo
- Public Works: Chris Arce, Cirilo Mariscal
- Stormwater: Jennifer Nowaczewski
- Engineering: Kim Cruz
- Vista Sheriff's Department: Lt. Al Gathings, Deputy Jordan Botz, Deputy Gott, David Buether
- Exodus Recovery: Noelani Dizon, Tamara Stark, Ivette Serrano

I. Updates from departments represented at the meeting

Public Works: Discussed the following:

- Public Works has cleaned homeless encampments at Brengle Terrace Park and on La Mirada trail. Items recovered are held by the city for 90 days, after 90 days items are discarded.
- ROW shopping cart retrieval event.

Stormwater: Discussed the following:

- Recent State and Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) has focused on homelessness impacts on water quality. State and Regional boards identify encampments are a source of pollution and will be included in RWQCB permitting efforts.

Sherriff's: Discussed the following:

- Citations and stay away orders.
- Trespass orders.

Code Enforcement: Discussed the following:

- Breeze Hill encampment and clean up.
- New encampment by the Smart and Final on W. Vista Way.
- 825 S. Santa Fe Walgreens
- 1729 N. Santa Fe property

Exodus: Discussed the following:

- Encampments on Hacienda.
- Shelter utilization.

I. Overview of Strategic Plan Activities in Progress

- a. Housing: Strategic plan went to council on 4/27. Research to be conducted to identify motel conversion and shelter operation costs.
- b. City Manager's Office: Continues to monitor legislation on homelessness, 200 bills were stopped in the Legislature. The Governor has released the revised budget with 7 billion in funding to address housing and homelessness crisis.

II. Next meeting
June 24, 2021 via Teams