

Internal Homelessness Group Teleconference Meeting Notes

An Internal Homelessness Group meeting was held on June 24, 2021, from 2pm – 3pm virtually via Teams.

The following members joined the meeting:

- City Manager's Office: Kaitlyn Elliott-Norgrove
- Economic Development: Kevin Ham
- City Attorney: Walter C. Chung
- Fire: Bret Davidson
- Community Development: Michael Ressler
- Housing: Sylvia Solis Daniels, Sergio Saucedo
- Public Works: Aldo Hernandez
- Stormwater: Jennifer Nowaczewski
- Vista Sheriff's Department: Sgt. Al Gathings, Deputy Jordan Botz, Deputy Gott, Lt. David Buether
- Exodus Recovery: Noelani Dizon, Tamara Stark, Ivette Serrano

I. Department Updates

Fire: Discussed the following:

- Collecting statistics on medical and fires calls regarding the unsheltered community. This includes providing medical aid and ambulance transports.

Exodus: Discussed the following:

- Coordination of client data between case management and EMS transits. Fire can contact social workers if a homeless individual wishes to receive housing resources.

Public Works: Discussed the following:

- Encampment clean ups with Vista Sheriffs. Aztec contract will end no current contractor identified; Public Works will be doing clean ups in Aztec's place.

Stormwater: Discussed the following:

- Carlsbad Water Quality Improvement Plan needs to address encampments. Regional Board is requesting additional information.

City Attorney's Office: Discussed the following:

- Provided CDC Encampment Removal Update.

Housing: Discussed the following:

- Communication of homeless outreach activity. Direct calls to Housing if additional assistance is needed.

Planning: Discussed the following:

- The 2021-2029 Housing Element was approved by Council.

Economic Development:

- Land use was discussed as an option to address nuisance properties.

II. Overview of Strategic Plan Activities in Progress

- **Internal Homelessness Group**
 - Housing staff is researching shelter costs.

- **Homeshare Coordination Services**
 - Elderhelp will begin outreach for the Homeshare Program at the Vista farmer's market.

- **Encampment Clean up**
 - Public Works has set up weekly clean up schedule for the Park and Ride encampment on Emerald. A 72 hour notice is posted before cleanup. Social worker conducts outreach multiple times a week at the site.

 - Sheriff's Department visits the Park and Ride encampment multiple times a week to assist code and Public Works with clean up. More people are parking vehicles at the park and ride on emerald.

- **Education and Outreach Program**
 - A brochure for the business community addressing homelessness is in production.
 - A postcard for the public is in production and will be mailed out to residents to inform them what we are doing to address homelessness.

- **Governmental and Legislative Advocacy**
 - Waiting for the state budget to be agreed upon, significant amount of funding for homelessness has been allocated, including CalTrans resources to support encampment clean up.

III. Next Meeting

July 29, 2021