

## **Internal Homelessness Group Meeting Notes**

An Internal Homelessness Group meeting was held on July 29, 2021, from 2pm – 3pm.

The following members joined the meeting:

- City Manager's Office: Kaitlyn Elliott-Norgrove
- Code Enforcement: Danielle Sorahan, Clarence Rich
- Economic Development: Kevin Ham
- Community Development: Michael Ressler
- Housing: Sylvia Solis Daniels, Sergio Saucedo
- Public Works: Cirilo Mariscal, Chris Arce
- Stormwater: Jennifer Nowaczewski
- Vista Sheriff's Department: Sgt. Al Gathings, Deputy Jordan Botz, Deputy Gott
- Exodus Recovery: Noelani Dizon, Tamara Stark via telephone

### **II. Economic Development Discussion**

#### **a. New Businesses**

- Best Pizza and Brew opened for business, winery to come, more activity in the downtown area and South Santa Fe which will reduce vacant properties

#### **b. Downtown Business recruitment, Retention, and Customer experiences**

- Economic Development mission of the division works to attract, retain, and expand businesses within the City through support services and programs to strengthen the City's financial base and provide quality jobs for residents.
- There are ongoing opportunities to lease vacant buildings to bring more businesses to Vista.
- Economic Development receives complaints and safety concerns of businesses in the City of Vista and has been working closely with other departments to resolve.

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

**Housing:** Discussed the following:

- Coordination of encampment cleanups
- Outreach Event held at Emerald encampment with Vista Sheriffs, Exodus, Alpha project, VCC, Operation Hope, Interfaith, McCallister House, and City of Vista for encampment on Emerald to provide multiple supportive services.

**Stormwater:** Discussed the following:

- Sycamore encampment is a water quality concern. Stormwater has been working with the private property owner and public works to address the encampment.

**Exodus Recovery:** Discussed the following:

- Contract with Interfaith has been executed for Motel Voucher Program.

**Public Works:** Discussed the following:

- Encampment on Sycamore/Shadowridge moving two full 40-yard dumpsters.
- Contractors to support encampment cleanup.

### **IV. Next Meeting**

- August 26, 2021 in the MBV Community Room