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AGENDA
Commission on Homelessness
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2013 - 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
305 West Third Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
October 7, 2013 (Attachment 1)

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS
A person may address the Commission only on matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The presiding officer shall limit public comments to three minutes each. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during public comments that is not on the agenda. Such item may only be referred to the Commission Secretary for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion.

D. HOMELESS SERVICES UPDATE
1. Public comment on Homeless Services Update: Members of the public may comment on items listed under Homeless Services Update. Comments shall be limited to three minutes.
2. Election of Vice-Chair: Commissioners

E. OLD BUSINESS
1. Public comment on Old Business: members of the public may comment on items listed under Old Business. Comments shall be limited to three minutes each.
2. Year Round Shelter Discussion: Commissioner Courtland

F. NEW BUSINESS
1. Public comment on New Business: members of the public may comment on items listed under New Business. Comments shall be limited to three minutes each.
2. Emergency Winter Warming Shelter 2013-14 Season Update: Laura Roberts, Society of St. Vincent de Paul

G. COMMISSION BUSINESS
1. Commissioners may relate recent experiences or request that matters be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

H. ADJOURNMENT
The next business meeting of the Commission on Homelessness will be December 2, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, CA, 93030.

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City of Oxnard
Commission on Homelessness
Business Meeting
October 7, 2013
3:30 PM

Commissioner Rivera called to order the business meeting of the Commission on Homelessness at 3:40 PM on August 5, 2013 in the City Council Chambers at 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, CA 93030.

A. ROLL CALL

Will Reed conducts roll call. The following persons were present:

Commissioner Rivera
Commissioner Garcia
Commissioner Miller
Commissioner Castanon
Commissioner Courtland

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Commissioner Rivera made a motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 2013, second by Commissioner Castanon. Motion was approved.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Abel Magaña, Business District Executive Director- the Business District is composed of more than 300 property owners. Issues related to transient population are on the rise in a negative capacity. Incidents have increased by 100% in the past years. Sleeping in public, alcohol related issues, human waste, number of calls to the safety team have doubled, with similar comments from the Carnegie Art Museum and Heritage Square. Would like to offer partnership and collaboration to address these issues so that we can create a better environment for our visitors and our merchants.
- b. Sal Gonzalez, wanted to extend an invitation to the Black & White Dinner Dance taking place November 9th at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center from 6PM to midnight. It is a fundraiser for the Winter Warming Shelter. Tickets are \$50 up until the 31st and will be \$60 after that. Hopefully, the Commission will play the same role that the Ventura Social Task Force is playing. They have elected to participate and they have committed to \$1,000 dollars, we have already received a little over \$700 of that. And hopefully the Commission can do likewise.
- c. Tim Hawkins, Community Action Executive Director - Operates a homeless transition center, they wanted to thank the City in helping them get their contract so that they could get reimbursed for expenses needed to continue running their program. Also appreciates the earlier comment, homelessness requires individual attention and we are overwhelmed with so many, we are trying. We will be working very hard to recalibrate how we serve. Thank you so much for your help so far.

D. HOMELESS SERVICES UPDATE

- a. Public Comment-None
- b. Election of Vice-Chair, *no action taken.*

- c. Continuum of Care Grant Merger, Will Reed: has occurred. But, at this point we are on hold because HUD is currently shut down. We, the City and the County have completed everything that we needed to complete in order to formalize the merger. We will need individuals to form an oversight board.

E. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Public Comments
- b. Year Round Shelter Discussion – Commissioner Rivera: The year 2014-2015 will be St. Vincent's last year involved in the Winter Warming Shelter. Commissioner Rivera asked Cathy to speak on behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's plans moving forward. They have committed to hire a senior case manager to follow participants throughout the year. The downside of not having the 120 day program is that on cold damp days there will be individuals who will suffer death from exposure.
- c. Update on SB2, Will Reed: Everything was passed, the only thing needed would be a service provider and a location.

F. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Public Comment
- b. Oxnard Police Department Update - Officer Martin Meyer: They are applying the method of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) to help minimize homelessness in the community. What is it about the environment that is attracting the population? Once identified you make the change. Changing behavior through the use of resources is another way of making a positive impact. By addressing the needs of the individual, if they have a drug problem they get them treatment. If they have mental health issues they get them care.
- c. Homeless to Home Program for At Risk and Homeless Persons, Karol Schulkin: gave an overview of her knowledge of the program. It began by several of the service providers coming together to better serve the homeless population. They realized outreach workers have different personalities and decided to identify skills that would be compatible with clients. Their attempt is to house people and then address any other needs; you address the homelessness issue first and then you bring services.