

CITY OF OXNARD
COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS
Special Meeting
September 8, 2014
3:30 PM

At 3:31 p.m. the special meeting of the Commission on Homelessness convened in the Council Chambers at 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, CA 93030. Chair Peggy Rivera presided and called the meeting to order. Carrie Sabatini, Interim Housing Director was present.

A. ROLL CALL

Carrie Sabatini conducts roll call. The following persons were present:

Darlene Miller, David Courtland, Francine Castanon, Jacob Jundeff, Peggy Rivera and Felipe Flores.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Francine Castanon made the motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2014, second by David Courtland. The motion passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Steve Nash- was disappointed that the commission held the special meeting without adding a discussion from the HUD letter sent to the Housing Department. He said that CAG's are advisory groups and Council could use their advice.

D. HOMELESS SERVICES UPDATE

1. **Subject:** Public Comments on Homeless Services Update
None

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Subject:** Public Comment on Old Business
None

2. **Subject:** Year Round Shelter Discussion

Discussion: David Courtland is holding discussion with pastors and Community Action of Ventura County. They've reached consensus to begin lobbying at City Council meetings.

3. **Subject:** City Planning Department Update on Housing Projects and Press Courier Building.

Discussion: (Moved to next month's agenda)

4. **Subject:** Status of Community Action of Ventura County's Shelter Project

Discussion: Tim Hawkins regrettably informed the commission that they will not be having the shelter program in the winter. The City has not been active in making the changes it needs to make in order for their building to be in compliance. Tim Hawkins reported that CAVC hadn't submitted their application for planning review; they will wait for the plan update to take place to begin taking necessary steps.

5. **Subject:** Subcommittee Report on the Review of Commission Bylaws

Discussion: The subcommittee did not meet, item moved to next month's agenda.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Subject:** Public comment on New Business

None

2. **Subject:** Introduction of New Staff, Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Discussion: Lawrence Hurst, Director of Social Services along with Amanda Herrera, Social Worker will be operating the Winter Warming Shelter. They reminded the commission that this will be the last year they will be running the shelter. They will be arranging meetings with several service providers in the near future to see what they can provide on-site.

G. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Peggy Rivera asked Carrie Sabatini for clarification in regard to staffing. As a result of the HUD letter, the Housing Department is required to review the current staffing situation. Ruth Johnson-Hopkins will temporarily be involved with Homeless Services.
2. Francine Castanon attended a meeting in Colonia where with Housing Staff: Carrie Sabatini, Interim Housing Director Jesus Andrade, Programs Supervisor and Juan Jimenez, Asset Manager were discussing rent policies and an update on the development projects. The concerns had previously been brought up to Ms. Castanon. As a result of the meeting and interaction with staff, she sees there are a lot of misconceptions arising from the fear of the unknown. Many tenants have been on the program for several years and are reluctant to change.

H. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.