

City of Oxnard
Commission on Homelessness
Summary of Discussion of Commissioners
In lieu of official COH meeting of January 5, 2015

On Monday, January 5, 2015, at 3:31 p.m. the following five members of the COH convened in an unsuccessful attempt to conduct the COH's Noticed Meeting, in the Council Chambers at 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, CA 93030. Chairwoman Peggy Rivera, Vice-Chair France Castañon, Commissioner Darlene Miller, Commissioner Felipe Flores, and Commissioner David Courtland. This was insufficient to have a quorum, as the City Code requires six for a quorum. City staff present were Karl Lawson, Interim Homeless Services Coordinator, Peter Brown, from the City Manager's Office; and Carrie Sabatini, Interim Housing Director. Deputy City Manager Grace Hoffman arrived sometime after 4:15 p.m.

Being unable to hold an official meeting, Chair Rivera led a discussion on various items as they appeared and were number on the posted agenda for the 1/5/15 meeting: The following are highlights from the items discussed.

Item 4(a): Point in Time Count update by Peter Brown. As of today, there were 15 morning signups and 11 afternoon signups for the Point In Time count. A total of 80 volunteers are needed. Suggestion was made to publicize it on City Government Channel, website, City Facebook, Twitter, etc. Question on food for volunteers: Is there any money budgeted? How can donations be solicited? Peter: scheduled meeting for Wednesday with Carrie, Ruth, Karl (1/7/15, 12:00 noon).

Tim Hockett, Community Action of Ventura County, spoke on Continuum of Care update, asked to be on agenda for February meeting. Purpose: to discuss who is going to do what and by when.

Item 4(B): Lawson reported on meeting of Homeless Task Force/Homeless Committee, of Dec. 10, 2014. Informed those present that the City Council meeting of January 13th includes the recommendation to reduce the size of the COH and to reduce the quorum requirement.

Item 5(A): Courts Project: Carrie Sabatini reported that there were now only 3 families left who had not been re-located out of the Courts. All wish to go to public housing and the OHA is hoping to accommodate them in that request.

5(B): Amanda Herrera from the St. Vincent de Paul Society provide an update on the Winter Warming Shelter. In the month of December, there were 2970 overnight stays, with 345 unduplicated individuals. In addition, 20 families, with an aggregate 40 children, were placed on motels; 12 were one-parent households, 8 were two-parent households. One family was successfully permanently housed.

6(A): Lawson reported on the activities and meetings of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee. The Chair Rivera asked the service providers to provide input on the Needs Assessment verbally or by e-mail. The Subcommittee will convene or consult again prior to the January 13, 2015 public hearing, so that the Subcommittee can provide its input in that Hearing process.

Agenda items for next COH meeting, scheduled for February 2, 2015:

1. Presentation on H.M.I.S., with invitee Marissa Mach, County of Ventura
2. Report on the Point In Time Count of January 27, 2015
3. Presentation by Community Action of Ventura County on Continuum of Care
4. Report on Police Department efforts re: vagrancy and assistance-related enforcement

(Session ended at 4:47 p.m.; notes by Karl Lawson)