

CITY OF OXNARD COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2019

On Monday, December 2, 2019, at 4:06 p.m. the Meeting of the Commission on Homelessness convened in the Oxnard City Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, CA 93030. Yukio Okano, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

Roll was called, the following Commissioners were in attendance: Ruby Durias, Yukio Okano, Mayra Plascencia, and David Littell. A quorum was deemed present.

City of Oxnard staff members present were Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director; Mark Alvarado, Homeless Services Program Coordinator and Angelica Navarro, Administrative Secretary III.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. **Sal Gonzalez-** Couple of announcements. First, this coming Friday at 1PM the Spirit of Santa Paula will be conducting the dedication of its new shelter. The address is 1498 E. Harvard Blvd. The building was donated as well as their furniture. Next month the Lyons Club of CA will be conducting a student speaker contest for high school students the topic is homelessness and what is the solution.
2. **Pat Brown-** Attended different meetings where they discuss the homeless shelter you want to put in Saviers Road. The front of the building is full of windows on building don't work for a homeless shelter. Lives in Five Points East Neighborhood and they already have the shelter at the Rescue Mission between Sixth St. and Meta St. They've had lots of problems with this shelter. They're all over the place and when they can't get in the shelter they jump the wall. And the problem is now there's going to be another. It's a problem and that location is not going to work. You might as well close up the whole town.
3. **Darlene Miller Gonzalez-** Regarding the shelter. Delivers food to shelters every day and doesn't see what the previous speaker sees. People there are quiet, they are trying to get warm or get something to eat. Affirmed that the shelter is in fact used for its intended purpose.

3. INFO/CONSENT

- a. **Minutes of November 18, 2019 Special Meeting** – Ruby Durias made a motion to accept the minutes, second by David Littell. The motion was accepted by all and the minutes were approved.

4. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- a. **Report from Director on Community Engagement** - Mr. Ramirez provided an update on the community outreach efforts regarding the Oxnard Navigation Center at 1258 Saviers Road to the Commission and on the outcome of staff's recommendation to City Council.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. **Table discussion of Amendment to By-laws to Commission meeting of January 2020-** David Littell made a motion to table discussion of Amendment to By-laws to Commission meeting of January 2020, second by Ruby Durias. All in favor, none opposed and the motion passed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

1. **2020 Homeless Point in Time Count-** Volunteers needed to conduct the count that HUD uses to provide funding to the different jurisdictions. Training will take place

Wednesday, January 21st at All Saints Episcopal Church at 144 South C Street in Oxnard.

2. **Community Engagement for Proposed Oxnard Navigation Center-** Mr. Ramirez provided an update on the community outreach efforts regarding the Oxnard Navigation Center at 1258 Saviers Road to the Commission and on the outcome of staff's recommendation to City Council.
3. **Consideration of Committee Structure-** Ruby Durias made a motion to table the discussion and the motion was seconded by Mayra Plascencia. All were in favor and the motion passed.

7. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

On December 14, 2019 a memorial service for the homeless neighbors who have passed will take place at Plaza Park in Ventura at 3PM.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Angelica Navarro