

CITY OF OXNARD
COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS
MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - a. Present: David Littell, Ruby Durias, Peggy Rivera, Yukio Okano
 - b. Excused: Rene-Camper Stewart
 - c. Late: Mayra Plascencia 4:33pm
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. PW ROBINSON – 35 million dollars for Navigation Center.
 - b. Susana Lopez Garcia - Exec Director at CAVC. Issues with funding at 621 Richmond Ave. Closing down homeless services beginning March 27th. Services for referrals, mailing, showers, phones and computers. Continue to look for funding and just wanted to pass on the info to the population, the commission and the public in general. Utility payment assistance programs, weatherization of home will continue.
3. INFO/CONSENT
 - a. Meeting minutes table to next month's meeting.
4. REPORTS FROM STAFF
 - a. Report from Housing Director
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Oxnard Navigation Center- Community presentation shared with the commissioners. Definition of the Navigation Center, identified the location of the current site for the Homeless shelter (corner of 2nd and K St) which is operated by Mercy House. Current site located at the runway protection zone and because of that we are forced to move. Proposed development new construction located at the corner of 2nd and B Street. Ground operation, with the shelter, transitional housing. The final objective is to continue to provide housing and stability. Trying to acquire a private parcel to be able to make this project happen. Community meeting on the 7th, low turnout. 40-50 attended meeting at All Saints on the 27th. Mercy House to operate the new Navigation Center. The developer partner is Community Development Partners. Will operate as the landlord and Mercy House will operate the shelter. County of Ventura and the Human Services Agency are committed to fund the Navigation Center (half of the cost to build and operate). Elsa Brown working on the build out. Financing mechanism will not be different funding structure, total will be just over 34 million dollars. Allocation of low-income housing credits 14 mill, permanent loan 9 million, grant funding nplh ½ mill, developer fee 600 thousand dollars. City land 3.5 million dollars (1/2 paid by the county of Ventura). Development is a mixed-use development to include the "Navigation Center" to include office space, recuperative care beds (homeless recovering from a health condition), 54 units of permanent housing (supportive housing).
 - b. Oxnard Navigation Center Committee of the Commission on Homelessness-seeking formation of a subcommittee of the COH to continue to engage with the Housing Department to pursue this proposal.

Peggy made a motion to have the subcommittee, second by Yukio Okano. All in favor.

Volunteers for the committee: Mayra Plascencia, Yukio Okano, and Peggy Rivera.

After 5pm or weekends.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Proposed Vocational Training Program- For the homeless or previous homeless. City Core, Oxnard Community College, couple employers. Meeting of new group starting May 18th. Invitation to the Commission to participate. Grant application to the County for a workforce grant. Brainstorm and formation of this idea. \$150,000 grant application. Vocational training is already offered for the general public. The idea is specifically focused on the homeless population.
Peggy Rivera motions to support the concept, Ruby Durias seconds the motion. All in favor and the motion passes.
 - b. Safe Sleep Program – Committee has been re-established but we haven't selected the subcommittee members. Security and services would cost \$60,000. Three churches were identified for a six-month pilot. Police involvement in this program?
Volunteers; Yukio Okano, Ruby Durias and David Littell.
 - c. Signature Annual Event and Fundraiser – July 25th or August 8th at the PACC, 4th floor of parking structure of parking structure behind Casa Lopez. Black and White formal Dinner Dance. David Littell objects as the Commission's mission is to advise the City Council on issues of homelessness. The crisis doesn't need publicity and does not support this effort. Peggy Rivera made it clear that funding would not go to the City and would help efforts such as the safe sleep program. Past cost vs. raised funding \$20,000 after all expenses. \$50 tickets held at Casa Lopez and at the PACC. Mayra Plascencia uncomfortable with the formality vs the issue of homelessness. David Littell made a motion to table the discussion to the next meeting, second by Mayra Plascencia. Yukio Okano understands and agrees with both David Littell and Mayra Plascencia. Peggy Rivera clarified it wouldn't be a City function. It would be done by a non-profit agency. All in favor and the item was tabled.
 - d. Longest Night Event – proposal to host an event on December 21, 2020, celebration of life. One already exists in the county, but not in Oxnard. Headed by staff and with COH engagement. Ruby Durias motions to table it, second by David Littell. All in favor and motion passed. Faith based community group put together by Chief Whitney is very strong.
7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS due on Thursday, March 19th and must be posted by Friday, March 27th
- a. Mission statement
 - b. Black & White Dinner Dance
 - c. Longest Night Ever
 - d. Various methods of development. County site identified, not within the City of Oxnard.
 - i. Tiny homes subcommittee? DL Request
 - ii. Shipping Container Homes PR Request
 - iii. Travel trailers by the governor RD Request

8. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. Next meeting is April 6, 2020 at 4PM.

9. ADJOURNMENT

5:33PM