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AGENDA
Commission on Homelessness
Monday, August 2, 2021 at 4:00 pm
Oxnard City Council Chambers
305 West Third Street, Oxnard CA 93030

Please click the link below to join the meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81837675002?pwd=aWlXMlRVNld3SDBLYjRFUEdTYTNZdz09

This meeting is held pursuant to the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration, and Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 to allow members of the Commission on Homelessness, or staff to participate via teleconference.

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The City has filed pre-election and post-election lawsuits regarding the validity of Measure M. The City has not yet received a final ruling on the legal sufficiency of Measure M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** 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. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during public comments on items not on the agenda. Such items may only be referred to the Commission Secretary for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion. Persons wishing to speak on items on the agenda should do so during public comments for that agenda item.

3. **INFORMATION/CONSENT ITEMS**

    a. **SUBJECT:** Minutes of Meeting of July 12, 2021

    RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes of meeting of July 12, 2021.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **SUBJECT:** Lighthouse Program Guest Presentation – Dee Frighetti

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File

b. **SUBJECT:** Director's Update

The Housing Director shall report on items of interest to the Commission on Homelessness occurring since the last meeting. The Commission on Homelessness cannot enter into detailed discussion or act on any item presented during this report. Such items may only be referred to the Secretary for the Commission on Homelessness for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File

c. **SUBJECT:** Foul Weather Shelter Sub Committee Update
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive a report from the Foul-Weather Shelter Subcommittee, and provide direction to that Subcommittee.

Please click the following link to view the required Measure M pre-recorded presentation: https://youtu.be/JV_lifzdp4Y

d. **SUBJECT:** Safe Parking Sub Committee Update
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive a report from the Safe Parking Subcommittee, and provide direction to that subcommittee.

Please click the following link to view the required Measure M pre-recorded presentation: https://youtu.be/BKYu78zKph0

e. **SUBJECT:** Housing First Sub Committee Update
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission on Homelessness receive a report from the Housing First Subcommittee and provide direction to that Subcommittee.

Please click the following link to view the required Measure M pre-recorded presentation: https://youtu.be/DxTmpqS9Sro

f. **SUBJECT:** Signature Event Sub Committee Update
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission on Homelessness receive a report from the Signature Event Subcommittee and provide direction to that Subcommittee.

Please click the following link to view the required Measure M pre-recorded presentation: https://youtu.be/R5cB1niYRyE

g. **SUBJECT:** Long Night of the Year Sub Committee Update

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive a report from the Longest Night of the Year Subcommittee, and provide direction to that subcommittee.

Please click the following link to view the required Measure M pre-recorded presentation: https://youtu.be/lLgaFKrd-N4

h. **SUBJECT:** Proposed Day Drop In Center
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission on Homelessness receive a report and provide input regarding the proposed Day Drop-In Center.

Please click the following link to view the required Measure M pre-recorded presentation: https://youtu.be/bY0A3yNltzk

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

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COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

July 12 2021

On Monday, July 12, at 4:00pm the Meeting of the Commission on Homelessness convened remotely via Zoom. Vice-Chair Yukio Okano called the meeting to order at 4:10pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Present: Vice-Chair Yukio Okano, Commissioners, Ruby Durias, Rene Camper-Stewart, Alejandro Fregoso, David Littell, Jack Villa. Chair Peggy Rivera joined during agenda item 4.

Staff members present: Jessica Petrillo, Homeless Assistance Program Coordinator, and Karl Lawson, Compliance Services Manager.

Also in attendance is Susana Lopez, Executive Director of Community Action Ventura County.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

3. INFORMATION/CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes of May 17, 2021 Meeting. Minutes were not reviewed or approved at this meeting. To be reviewed at the August meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a) Community Action Guest Presentation

Susana Lopez, Executive Director of Community Action Ventura County (CAVC) provided a presentation on the services offered by CAVC.

- CAVC shut down in March due to funding limitations and the COVID-19 pandemic
- They are now operating again.
- Services include: Community Market (food pantry), LIHEAP Program (utility assistance), Mental Wellness Workshops, Showers/Laundry/Restrooms, Sack Lunches, Mail Services, Referrals, Haircuts, & Community Market.

The Commissioners discussed this presentation and Ms Lopez answered the following questions:

Q) Are you back to the funding amounts you need to be at?

A) We are somewhat back. Due to COVID, the need for showers, restrooms and mail became a priority. We did not have the staff to distribute the mail which was especially

important when many were receiving stimulus checks by mail. We hope within the next year we will secure the funding needed to hire back those case managers.

Q) The One Stop used to be at CAVC. Are there more thoughts on this?

A) We felt horrible we had to shut down the One Stop and I think there is still the need to have more than one One Stop in Oxnard. Our biggest worry was not having enough staff for it, but now that we have staff and security I will be talking to them if there is a day of the week that we can begin this again. We used to host on Wednesdays but that day is now outside of the Rescue Mission. CAVC still has showers and laundry and Mondays and Fridays.

Q) Where is the food pantry location?

A) At our office location on Richmond. Clients can come from any place in Ventura County

Q) Do you have a brochure or something that can be handed out? I run into homeless people daily and would like to give information.

A) We should have one available soon.

Q) Do you have an estimate of the amount of people who CAVC has to turn away due to service availability? How much would it cost for you to open 7 days a week from 8-4 for all services?

A) We try to stick to services between Monday and Friday because that is when we have staff available. So far we have not had to turn anybody down for services. We average 20 people every Monday and Friday. The biggest cost is the salaries which are important and needed. I will have to do some research on a specific number of what it would cost to be open additional hours.

Q) Within Oxnard we have people that do not speak or read English, many speak Spanish or Mixtec. Do you have brochures in any other languages?

A) Yes. English and Spanish is always available in all of our programs. We have been working with MICOP (Mixteco Indígena Community Organization Project) for Mixteco languages.

b) Emergency Rental Assistance Program Guest Presentation

Karl Lawson presented on the Emergency Rental Assistance Program that Oxnard is participating in. The funds were distributed to 50 states and cities with a population over 100,000. The purpose of the funds is for people who lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This can help pay for delinquent rent and utilities. For those who did not have delinquencies but lost income due to the pandemic it can help with rent coming up in the future. Oxnard was allocated $12M in funds administered by the state. What the City of Oxnard has done is opted to provide assistance to our residents to apply for those funds. There are strict protocols, and requirements from the state of who is eligible and how to apply. Anyone who would like to apply can apply directly at housingiskey.ca/gov. If someone needs assistance to complete their application we can provide that assistance. Mr Lawson also shared some information from a recent report on the program from California Dept of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

The Commissioners discussed this presentation and staff answered the following questions:

Q) Is this just for people who have lost their jobs? If someone was unemployed at the beginning of the pandemic, but did not have job opportunities to return to, would they qualify?

A) Yes you do not need to have lost your job to qualify. You just need to have lost income.

Q) Will this program continue until the money runs out?

A) No. It will continue until September 30th 2021.

Q) If someone has applied and they are being evicted - will they pay the rent to catch them up before the moratorium is lifted?

A) Yes. This is part of the overall eviction mitigation strategy. It is certainly easier if the landlord is willing to participate in the verification process.

c) Director's Update

Jessica Petrillo shared information provided by Housing Director Emilio Ramirez. Including a summary of the status of the Oxnard Navigation Center, Street Outreach, Vagabond Conversion, Second and B shelter development, Oxnard Housing Authority, Vocational Program, and Proposed Development of a Housing First Plan.

Staff answered the following questions from the Commissioners:

Q) Regarding the Housing First Plan. The Commission has not approved the plan yet. How is it already going to committee?

A) The plan has not yet been developed. The proposal going to committee is requesting support to have staff commit to the process of developing the plan.

Q) Regarding the Vagabond - How does the healthcare program work through the National Health Foundation. How many people are actually taking advantage of those beds right now?

A) It is a 20 bed capacity and I'm not sure how many of those beds are full at the moment. Last time I checked with the manager of the program said that they had a couple available. This program is for people who are homeless and most often in the hospital to get treatment for a health issue. They don't quite need the level of care provided at a hospital but they still have healthcare needs and need onsite nursing support etc and the hospital does not want to discharge them into unsheltered homelessness. NHF provides a mid level of support to those folks.

Q) How many outreach staff are there now on the whole team?

A) The whole team is 3 people.

Q) Is it possible to call the outreach team directly? Or do they have a schedule that they strictly follow?

A) They have a weekly schedule but they are quite flexible. If there is someone that has immediate concerns or a pressing need for the street outreach team they can most often attend. You can either reach out to me or to the street outreach team directly.

Q) You said individuals will be turned away if they are not vaccinated. Do you know how many people are turned away because of this? If they cannot go into the shelter, where do you send them?

A) COVID vaccines are not mandatory for entrance into the shelter. However, if someone has not been vaccinated they do need to first go through a quarantine in a separated room. Vaccines have been offered at the shelter, and at the One Stop, through backpack medicine and the street outreach team have been able to assist people getting vaccinated at other clinics. And yes, we have a greater need for shelter space than we have space available. When someone is not able to go into the shelter, the street outreach team works with them to help connect them to other shelters.

Q) Are there any active outbreaks in the shelter right now?

A) As far as we know there are not any folks with COVID-19 in the shelter right now.

d. Proposed Encampment Response Project

A staff report and presentation was uploaded to YouTube for review in advance of this meeting. The presentation outlined the proposed encampment response project including the recommendation for extending the timeline of providing outreach services at the site until November. Staff are also recommending the City enter an agreement with Ventura County Health Care Agency to provide an outreach program, and a case management and motel voucher program in order to offer people living in encampments non-congregate shelter options.

Staff answered the following questions from the Commissioners:

Q) Is VCHCA run by the City of Ventura or the County of Ventura?

A) The County of Ventura. They operate the Whole Person Care Program and have been working with us at the Halaco site.

Q) Was there an RFP posted for VCHCA?

A) An RFP was posted in late May and was open until Mid-June. The application period has now closed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm.

DATE: August 2, 2021

TO: Commission on Homelessness

FROM: Karl Lawson, Housing Department

SUBJECT: Foul-Weather Sheltering Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission receive a report from the Foul-Weather Shelter Subcommittee, and provide direction to that Subcommittee.

DISCUSSION

At its May 2021 meeting, the Commission established several subcommittees, including a Foul Weather Shelter Subcommittee, composed of Commissioners Okano, Fregoso, and Littel. That Subcommittee met on June 14, 2021. The key points covered in that meeting can be summarized as follows:

Definition of a Foul-Weather Shelter: a facility or sheltering system that is triggered by pre-defined climatic conditions (temperature, humidity, precipitation, etc.) that is brought into operation to provide temporary shelter.

History of the Previous Winter Warming Shelter: The winter warming shelter was operated jointly by the cities of Oxnard and Ventura for 17 years. The winter warming shelter operation differed from a foul weather shelter in that the government-operated and government-funded winter warming shelter was open for a defined time period regardless of weather conditions (December to March). It operated during night time only, seven days a week, and provided shelter for an average of 93 persons per night. For staff and security plus two meals, the cost ranged around $93,000 to $97,000 per month.

What problem is a Foul Weather Shelter designed to address? The number of homeless persons in the City is in the range of 500 to 600. The Mercy House-operated shelter provides space for up to 110, so at least 400 persons on any night are without shelter. The foul weather shelter is designed to provide temporary night-time shelter to those folks when weather conditions require it; also, possibly a meal. The assumption is that there is a need for this (based on raw numbers) and a demand for it (that those individuals who are not availing themselves of the existing shelter operation would be willing to go to a foul weather shelter or system).

Different Types of Foul-Weather Sheltering systems: The Subcommittee identified two basic types or models for a foul weather shelter:

> **Model 1: Shelter Facility**: An existing building at a fixed location
>
> **Model 2: Sheltering System:** an operational system which provides vouchers or other resources to be provided to homeless individuals.

Model 1 can either be a fixed building, or a temporary structure (such as a large walled tent) set up on City or other land (for example, land around the PAL and former Oxnard High School campus). The key feature of this model is that there is a building or facility that is contractually maintained or reserved ahead of time, with beds and supplies on hand, and permits and insurance in place, which can be made available on very short notice to provide shelter. In addition, the staff required to operate such a facility are also hired or identified in advance, and available on very short notice to report for mobilization and operate the facility at night (and possibly during the day, depending on the set-up and budget).

Model 2 refers to something akin to the City of Ventura system, under which motel vouchers are provided for individuals to use under the triggering weather conditions. This system can be augmented by negotiating agreements with a network of churches in advance, so that the churches commit to provide food and other resources on the days and nights that the vouchers are in use.

Under both Model 1 and Model 2, staff resources are required to implement the program; and because weather conditions are variable, staff must be available seven days and nights every week during the period when the shelter or system is in operation.

The Foul Weather Shelter Sub-Committee's Next Steps: The members of the Sub-committee agreed on several follow-up tasks:

1. **Analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the City of Ventura's Sheltering system**. Commissioner Okano will reach out to Meredith Hart in the City of Ventura to set up a meeting. It was agreed that at least two subcommittee members should participate in that meeting.

2. **Analyze other cities' approaches.** Task: Housing Department to provide subcommittee with contact persons for homeless services at other cities to examine what those cities are doing and to evaluate their pros and cons. Specific cities mentioned (in addition to Ventura) include Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Santa Paula, Santa Barbara (city and County), San Diego, and Los Angeles. Those contacts were provided to the Sub-Committee on June 17, 2021.

3. **Timeline:** Subcommittee seeks to complete its analysis and return to the full Commission with its recommendations by this fall.

4. **Future Meetings:** Since the Subcommittee is not governed by the Brown Act, the members can meet at any time and any place that the Subcommittee members agree upon. If the subcommittee wishes to utilize a Housing Department conference room for such a meeting, they will contact Housing Department staff to reserve a meeting room.

RECOMMENDATION

That the full Commission on Homelessness receive a report from the members of the Subcommittee, and provide direction to the Subcommittee as the full Commission deems appropriate.

FOUL WEATHER SHELTER SUB-COMMITTEE

Commission on Homelessness

For Commission meeting
of August 2, 2021

FWS Sub-Committee at a Glance

- Members: Commissioners Okano, Fregoso, Littel; held initial meeting 6/14/21
- Sub-committee discussed history of Winter Warming Shelter and FWS, defined terms and distinct approaches to sheltering, and agreed on next steps
- Goal: by fall of 2021, Sub-committee to present its recommendations to the full Commission

Definition of Foul-Weather Shelter

A facility or sheltering system that is triggered by pre-defined weather conditions (temperature, humidity, precipitation, etc.) that is brought into operation to provide temporary shelter to provide protection from the elements to individuals who are homeless.

What Problem is the FWS designed to address?

- More than 500 persons without shelter
- Existing shelters house 110–200 persons/night
- Conclusion: there is a need for temporary night-time shelter when weather conditions require it for health and safety
- Assumption: a demand exists – i.e., there are enough individuals who are not in existing shelters who are willing to enter an FWS system

Winter Warming Shelter History

- WWS was operated jointly by Oxnard and Ventura from 2002-2018 at National Guard Armory; provided safe place to sleep and two meals
- Government-operated and government-funded; staff, security, supplies, meals: $93K-$97K/mo.
- Night-time only, 7 days per week, usually from December to March/April
- Average: 93 persons per night
- Not a FWS: operated nightly regardless of weather

Two Basic Types of FWS Systems

Model 1: Shelter Facility: an existing building or structure at a fixed location, which is opened for operation when triggering thresholds are met

Model 2: Sheltering System: an operational system which provides vouchers or other resources to homeless individuals for use when triggering thresholds are met

Model 1: FWS Facility

- Facility is contractually established and maintained in advance, with required permits and insurance in place
- Stocked with all necessary supplies in advance
- Staff hired in advance, knowing that they may be called in to provide intake and to work that night on very short notice, 7 days/week
- Ability/system to provide meals on short notice
- Costs incurred even when not in use

TO: **Commission on Homelessness**
FROM: **Jessica Petrillo, Housing Department**
DATE: **July 26 2021**
SUBJECT: **Safe Parking SubCommittee**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission receive a report from the Safe Parking Subcommittee, and provide direction to that subcommittee.

DISCUSSION

At its May 2021 meeting, the Commission established several subcommittees, including a Longest Night of the Year planning sub committee composed of Commissioners Okano, Littell, and Durias. That subcommittee has met twice in that time, on Monday June 21, 2021 and Monday July 26, 2021.

The key points covered in those meetings can be summarized as follows:

Overview of Safe Parking:

- Provide vehicle dwellers a safe and legal place to park and sleep.
- May operate in collaboration with social services, non-profits, and religious organizations.
- Often involve partnerships with law enforcement who can identify viable parking lots that comply with parking regulations.
- Benefits of safe parking include: addresses community concerns, prevent dumping, provide basic needs, provide security, designated areas for service delivery, assist with linking persons to permanent housing resources
- Oxnard has a sizeable population of people who are homeless and living in RVs - estimated at 100 RVs

History:

- The CoH explored a safe parking program in 2018. The CoH and Housing Dept designed a pilot program that included plans to contract a non-profit organization to administer the program and protocols
- The main hurdles that prevented the pilot from coming to fruition were liability, security, and sanitation.
- Churches had agreed to participate.

Previous Research:

- Reviewed some nearby programs including New Beginnings, and Salvation Army in Ventura
- The Commissioners asked Jessica to review programs in Simi and Thousand Oaks as well

Best Practices:

- Ventura County formed a meeting with community partners and service providers and drafted the following best practices that were presented to the Board of Supervisors
- Low barrier; onsite staff; security available 24/7; additional amenities (food, financial assistance, electrical hookups for RVs, WiFi and electricity); include unhoused persons in planning; balance short and long term goals.

Outreach to Churches:

- The Commissioners each reached out to churches/faith leaders to ask if they were still interested in a Safe Parking Program.
- Pastor Melissa is still interested but noted that her parking lot is City owned
- Pastor Thomas expressed interest and asked for more information

Discussion:

- May need to start small - a pilot program. If the pilot is successful it may allow us to apply for funding opportunities for longer term programming
- Need to review best practices and see what is possible in a smaller pilot program (eg. may not be able to offer 24 hour security, may not be able to have cars on site 24 hours a day, may need to explore liability insurance options; consider asking PD to patrol rather than private security; etc.)
- There may be opportunities to line this up with the new shelter at 2nd and B. Perhaps we could use parking space available for this program at night for a safe parking program. Use the already existing resources there for case management and security etc.

Next Steps:

- Inviting representatives from New Beginnings and Salvation Army to August meeting to discuss their programs and what they have learned/advice they have
- Will review a cost matrix
- Jessica will research Thousand Oaks and Simi parking program

RECOMMENDATION

That the full Commission on Homelessness receive a report from the members of the Subcommittee, and provide direction to the subcommittee as the full Commission deems appropriate.

(*end of report*)

Commission on Homelessness

Safe Parking Sub-Committee

August 2 2021

Jessica Petrillo - Homeless Assistance Program Coordinator

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Safe Parking Sub-Committee Update

Mission:

To review safe parking programs, make recommendations to the city on safe parking programs, and explore partnership opportunities.

Commissioners:

David Littell; Ruby Durias; Yukio Okano

Covered to Date:

- Overview of safe parking programs
- History of the CoH work on Safe Parking
- Reviewed best practices
- Conducted outreach to church partners

Next Steps:

- Inviting representatives from New Beginnings and Salvation Army to August meeting
- Reviewing costs associated with safe parking programs
- Continuing research into already existing programs (both successes and failures)

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Questions

DATE: August 2, 2021

TO: Commission on Homelessness

FROM: Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director, (805)385-8094, emilio.ramirez@oxnard.org

SUBJECT: Housing First Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission on Homelessness receive a report from the Housing First Subcommittee and provide direction to that Subcommittee.

BACKGROUND

At its May 2021 meeting, the Commission on Homelessness established several subcommittees, including a Housing First Subcommittee composed of Commissioners Camper-Stewart, Villa and Rivera. The Housing First Subcommittee met on 29 June 2021 and discussed a basic primer on a housing first model.

DISCUSSION

Housing First

Housing First is a low barrier approach to ending homelessness. It centers on quickly moving people from homelessness into housing and then providing additional supports and services as needed. Housing First does not mean housing *only* but recognizes that people are better able to move forward with their lives if they first have housing. Many studies have demonstrated that a Housing First approach can rapidly end homelessness, increase housing stability, and is cost effective by reducing costs of other publicly funded systems.

5 Key Principles of Housing First:

1. Immediate access to housing with no readiness requirements
    a. Assisting clients to find housing as quickly as possible
    b. Opposite of 'treatment first' and other 'housing ready' requirements
2. Self Determination
    a. Clients have some choice in the types of housing within limitations of what is available
    b. Choice of what services they receive

3. Recovery Orientation

    a. Supports are focused on client well-being

4. Individualized client driven supports

    a. Individuals are unique and so are their needs

    b. Once housed, some people need minimal support to maintain their housing and others need support for the rest of their lives

    c. Supports may address housing stability, health and mental health needs, and life skills

5. Social and Community Integration

    a. People need social supports and opportunities to engage in their communities

State Level Trends

Addressing homelessness at the local municipal level is in line with current trends on housing and homelessness at a state level. On February 16th 2021, Assembly Bill 816 was introduced, which if passed, would require cities to identify gaps, and resources needed to tackle homelessness and submit detailed plans on how they plan to reduce homelessness by 90% over the next decade. Housing California, which cosponsored AB816, launched 'Roadmap HOME 2030', in March 2021. It will consist of a comprehensive framework on how California can address housing and homelessness over the next decade with a housing first model.

The Community Services, Public Safety, Housing & Development City Council Committee received an update on 13 July 2021.

Housing First Subcommittee

Commission on Homelessness

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Homelessness in Oxnard

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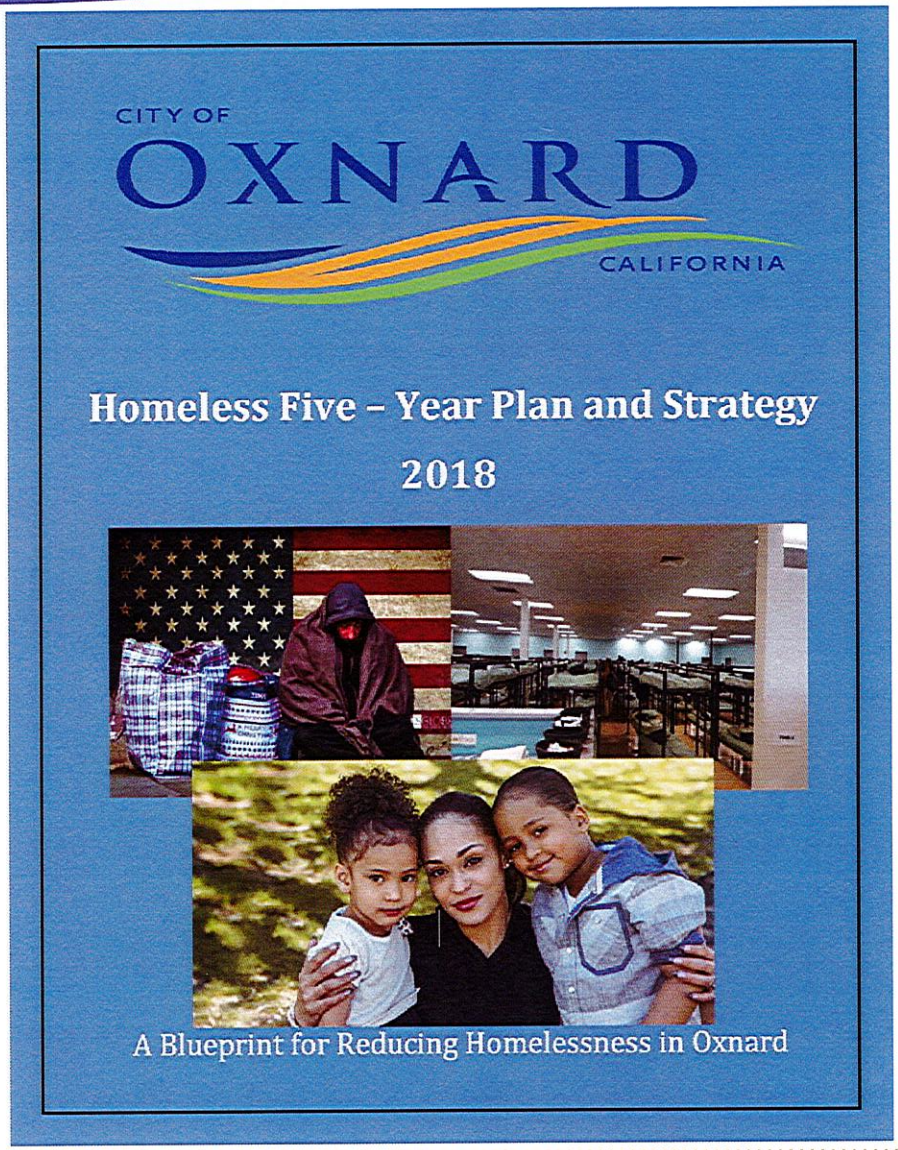

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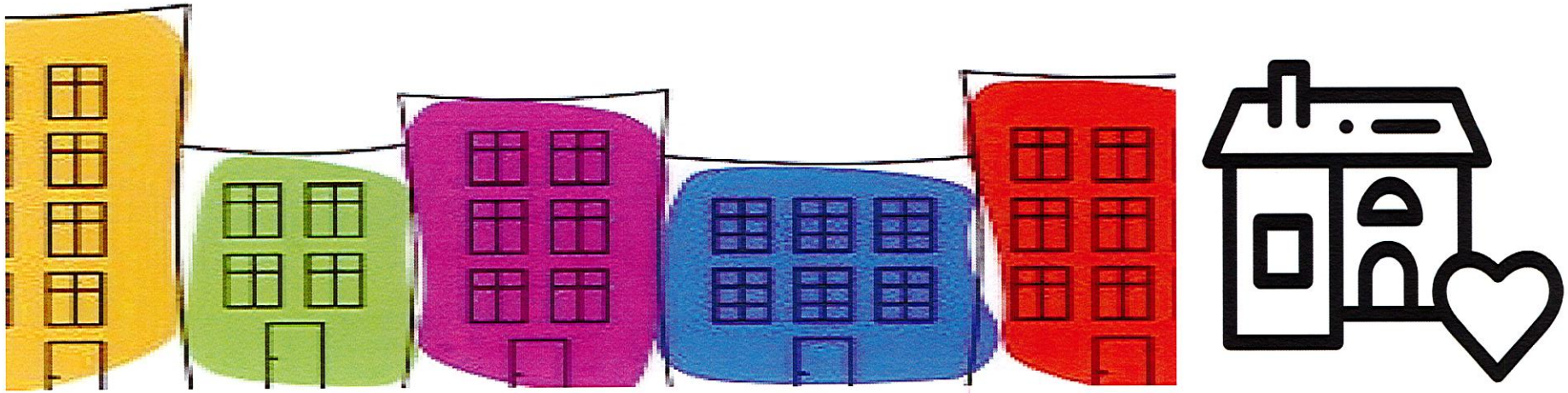

Ten-Year Housing First Plan

Staff proposes to develop a Ten-Year Housing First Plan.

The Ten-Year plan would include:

1. Data and profiles on the homeless population in Oxnard
2. Recommendations on how to meet those needs over the next ten years
3. Funding strategies
4. Creation and development of supportive housing
5. Community consultation throughout the process

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QUESTIONS

DATE: August 2, 2021

TO: Commission on Homelessness

FROM: Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director, (805)385-8094, emilio.ramirez@oxnard.org

SUBJECT: Signature Event Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission on Homelessness receive a report from the Signature Event Subcommittee and provide direction to that Subcommittee.

BACKGROUND

At its May 2021 meeting, the Commission on Homelessness established several subcommittees, including a Signature Event Subcommittee composed of Commissioners Camper-Stewart, Rivera and Fregoso. The Signature Event Subcommittee has not met.

DISCUSSION

The Signature Event Subcommittee was established to consider and plan for an annual event to be hosted by the Commission on Homelessness. After the May meeting of the Commission on Homelessness, Commissioner Rivera notified staff of her withdrawal from the Signature Event Subcommittee and recommended its removal from the committee structure.

As such, staff recommends that the Commission on Homelessness reconsider the Signature Event Subcommittee to remove it from the committee structure.

Signature Event Subcommittee

Commission on Homelessness

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Signature Event Subcommittee

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QUESTIONS

TO: **Commission on Homelessness**
FROM: **Jessica Petrillo, Housing Department**
DATE: **July 26 2021**
SUBJECT: **Longest Night of the Year Sub-Committee**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission receive a report from the Longest Night of the Year Subcommittee, and provide direction to that subcommittee.

DISCUSSION

At its May 2021 meeting, the Commission established several subcommittees, including a Longest Night of the Year planning sub committee composed of Commissioners Okano, Fregoso and Durias. That subcommittee has met twice in that time, on Monday June 28, 2021 and Monday July 26, 2021.

The key points covered in those meetings can be summarized as follows:

History:

- The UU church in partnership with Lift Up Your Voice has planned Homeless Memorials in December for the past 15 years.
- In 2020, there was not an in person event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In place of the in person event, the names of those who had died while homeless in Ventura County were published in multiple newspapers. In Oxnard, a virtual event was held in partnership with faith leaders, community members, PD, and the Oxnard Navigation Center.

Coordination:

- The Commissioners invited members from Lift Up Your Voice to attend our second meeting in order to coordinate planning and discuss potential collaboration.
- Everyone was interested in collaborating in order to have a united homeless memorial across Ventura County - particularly Ventura and Oxnard as the two largest cities.
- Preliminary discussions include to have a template for what the separate events will both have in common and plan for the events to take place on the same day.

Next Steps:

- The sub-committee is meeting again in August with an expanded group in order to continue the brainstorm and plan out the event.
- Sample timeline: August - brainstorm; September - create template and reach out to presenters; October - fine tune; November - gather names and share information about the event to the community; December - finalize names and hold the event.

RECOMMENDATION

That the full Commission on Homelessness receive a report from the members of the Subcommittee, and provide direction to the subcommittee as the full Commission deems appropriate.

(*end of report*)

Commission on Homelessness

Longest Night of the Year Sub-Committee

August 2 2021

Jessica Petrillo - Homeless Assistance Program Coordinator

CITY OF OXNARD CALIFORNIA

Longest Night of the Year Sub-Committee Update

Mission:

To plan a memorial for those who died in Ventura County while homeless over the past year. This memorial is to coincide with the "Longest Night of the Year" in December

Commissioners:

Alejandro Fregoso; Ruby Durias; Yukio Okano

Covered to Date:

- History of the event
- Coordination with organizations who have historically lead the event

Next Steps:

- Meet with larger network of folks
- Plan out the December 2021 event

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DATE: August 2, 2021

TO: Commission on Homelessness

FROM: Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director, (805)385-8094, emilio.ramirez@oxnard.org

SUBJECT: Proposed Day Drop-In Center

RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission on Homelessness receive a report and provide input regarding the proposed Day Drop-In Center.

BACKGROUND

A drop-in center offers homeless support services. Services can include meals, bathing facilities, clothing, counseling, employment and housing guidance, referral services and recreational facilities, such as a lounge and library. Day drop-in center usually does not provide a temporary residence or shelter services.

DISCUSSION

The Oxnard Housing Department staff proposes the development of a mixed-use project that could include a day drop in center and permanent supportive housing serving the homeless population in Oxnard.

Staff has requested an allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the proposed mixed-use development. With this allocation, staff will seek to identify a viable site within South Oxnard for its acquisition and future procurement in development and operation of homeless services. Our concept includes the services center as described above but to also including at least fifty (50) units of housing first based permanent supportive housing. We seek to identify at least two (2) acres for such a development project. We anticipate a total development budget and effort at par with the proposed mixed-use navigation center in downtown with a similar local contribution.

The allocation of funds is pending consideration by the City Council.

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