

MINUTES
Commission on Homelessness
September 11, 2023

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

On Monday, August 7, 2023 at 4:00 p.m., the regular meeting of the Commission on Homelessness convened in-person at the Oxnard City Council Chambers located at 305 W. 3rd Street, Oxnard, CA 93030. Commissioners Alejandro Fregoso, Jack Villa, Vice-Chair Rene Camper Stewart and Chair Ruby Durias were present. Staff members present were Emilio Ramirez, Housing Director; Michael Skinner, Homeless Assistance Program Associate; Christian Lopez, Commission Secretary. Chair Ruby Durias presided and called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of August 7, 2023.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.
ACTION: Commissioner Villa moved approval as recommended. Vice-Chair Camper-Stewart seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments received, in-person or via email.

D. REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Update of homeless related activities from the Housing Director
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive and file an update from the Housing Director on homeless related activities overseen by the Housing Department
DISCUSSION: Housing Director Emilio Ramirez provided a report of the following topics: COVID outbreak response at homeless shelter, Encampment Resolution Grant for encampment at McWane Blvd./Perkins Rd. and 5th Street Harbor Blvd, 2nd and B Homeless Navigation Center, Homeless Assistance Program Coordinator recruitment, encampment outside K Street homeless shelter.
ACTION: Vice-Chair Camper-Stewart made the motion to support the use of Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funding to respond the COVID outbreak at the homeless shelter located on K Street. Commissioner Villa seconded and the motioned carried unanimously.
2. SUBJECT: Proposed Redevelopment of Del Playa Inn into Supportive Housing
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission support the proposed redevelopment of the Del Playa Inn into permanent supportive housing and a homeless services center, an effort proposed by City staff, with Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation (CEDC).
ACTION: If the Commission wishes to support this item, a statement of support may be provided to City staff.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Review of Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) Bylaws
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission review the existing CAG Bylaws and provide any recommendations to the Chairperson in accordance with Article XI, Section A of the Bylaws.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Villa wishes that the Bylaws to clarify how the appointment of Commissioners will go forth: Appointment by Councilmember per District or Appointment by the Mayor.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

No report presented.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

1. Vice-Chair Camper-Stewart: Thanks Commissioner Villa for raising his concerns for the need that City staff clarify the CAG appointment process.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:52 p.m. Commissioner Villa moved the meeting adjourn. Vice-Chair Camper-Stewart seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Christian Lopez, Secretary

Ruby Durias, Chair