

HOMELESS TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, May 27, 2015
5:00 PM
2000 Main Street
Lower Level Meeting Room B-7

In Attendance:

Council: Mayor Jill Hardy, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Katapodis, Councilmember Barbara Delgleize

Task Force Members: Vicki Boatman, Dave Moses, Ron Kupferstein, Joseph Sullivan, Hector Valdez

City Staff: Chief Robert Handy, Captain Dave Bunetta, Lt. Kelly Rodriguez, Teri Baker, Kellee Fritzal, Joan Flynn, Stephanie Beverage, Chris Slama

Meeting called to order at 5:09 PM.

1. Public Comments -

- Laurie Mitchell – Discussed the homeless animals and the need to take care of them
- Kathleen Nutting – Stated she was impressed with churches/non-profits, consider the homeowners
- Shari Engel – Discussed Central Park East and the homeless issue
- Steve Engel – Discussed Central Park and concern of the homeless impact on the Park

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jill Hardy

2. Welcome and Introductions

- Mayor Jill Hardy – Thanked everyone in attendance, stated she will appoint Council liaisons
- Mayor Pro Tem Jim Katapodis - Thanked everyone for their service
- Councilmember Barbara Delgleize – Spoke about the potential for the County homeless shelter, applauded Police Department
- City Clerk Joan Flynn – Thanked everyone for their service
- Member Joe Sullivan – lives by Central Park, volunteers with St. Bonaventure and the support for the Homeless
- Member Vicki Boatman – lives in the Harbor area, worked for McDonnell Douglas formally in PR, consultant for public relations communications marketing

- Member Ron Kupferstein – On the Board of the Boys & Girls Club, owner/operator hospital industry in Monrovia
- Member Dave Moses – Director of Community Involvement – First Christian Church, homeless outreach

Joan Flynn administered the Oath of Office to the 5 members in attendance.

3. Brown Act - Chief Assistant City Attorney Mike Vigliotta presented a general overview of the Brown Act. The City Attorney's Office provides Brown Act training and one will be set up in the future. CACA Vigliotta will send out a link to a Brown Act Workbook presented by the League of California Cities. All meetings are public and must post agendas 72 hours prior to the meetings. CACA Vigliotta spoke regarding the importance of not creating a quorum and discussing homeless outside posted meetings or through e-mails.

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Appointment of a Chair for the Task Force was discussed: Dave Moses nominated Hector Valdez as Chair and Joseph Sullivan seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Appointment of a Vice-Chair of the Task Force was discussed: Dave Moses nominated Ralph Bauer Vice-Chair and Vicki Boatman seconded. Vote was unanimous

5. Development of Mission for the Homeless Task Force – Muriel Ullman, Costa Mesa Housing consultant discussed how Costa Mesa has developed their Homeless Outreach and how the Homeless Task Force worked (a 1 year process). In general she discussed the following:

- Cannot arrest our way out of the problem
- Task Force started with an education opportunity
 - Best practices
 - Law enforcement
 - Mental Health
 - Collaborative efforts
 - Research other cities – LA County, Santa Monica
 - Action plan was created with 9 goals
 - Carrot-stick approach for homeless
 - Civility ordinances – abandon material ordinances (check-in center for belongings overnight/during day)
 - Community outreach workers – case files
 - Work with Police
 - Mental health
 - Legal
 - Volunteers & faith-based
 - Help to help the people mentor, not just feed
 - No one solution fits all

- Joseph Sullivan asked who oversees the Costa Mesa Homeless Outreach - Muriel Ullman responded that the Costa Mesa group works with the County and social workers to keep case management reports – data driven
- Councilmember Delgleize asked what should Huntington Beach do different upfront. Muriel Ullman said not everything worked that Costa Mesa did, such as the sex offender ordinance. Hiring good outreach coordinators and having a detailed Information Management System (IMS) is critical. She also mentioned the need for Housing and keeping the homeless close to the community they are in – supportive housing is needed, not all transitional. Discussed sobriety programs and the Harm Reduction Housing.
- Councilmember Delgleize asked about the best way to get started. Ullman responded with the development of a mission statement and becoming educated on what has and has not worked. She suggested educational sessions to gain knowledge.
- Member Vicki Boatman asked about what success she saw with the Katrina assistance and the role of the Faith based community is critical. She also asked about the impact of the human trafficking with homeless. Muriel Ullman discussed Costa Mesa provides funding to non-profits so that Costa Mesa residents are first in line when there is an opening. The Homeless needs an advocate so that people do not fall through the cracks.
- Hector Valdez discussed how we could do the research and how we can maybe get Anaheim. Also what are we are doing now, what other cities do for homeless.
- Discussion was discussed on frequency of meetings topics to discuss and visits.

After a poll, the best date for meetings is Wednesday at 5 pm – based on room availability the next meeting will be established. Lt. Rodriguez offered to host Police ride-along for the Task Force members. The task force also asked for information regarding to be sent to them. Information from Ralph Bauer was provided to the Task Force, in addition the City Council action forming the Task Force and attachments were provided to the Task Force Members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.