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City Council Housing Subcommittee

Thursday, April 16, 2020
Virtual Meeting/Teleconference
4:00 PM

- I. **Roll Call: Present:** Councilmember Carmen Montano, Vice Mayor Bob Nuñez, Steve McHarris, Christopher Diaz, Sharon Goei, Robert Musallam, Adam Marcus, Sara Court
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilmember Carmen Montano led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Vice Mayor Bob Nuñez motioned to approve the agenda, Councilmember Carmen Montano seconded. Motion approved.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Vice Mayor Bob Nuñez motioned to approve the February 25, 2020 meeting minutes, Councilmember Carmen Montano seconded. Motion approved.
- V. **Public Forum:**
None.
- VI. **Business Items**
 - a. COVID-19 response efforts
Staff explained the City's COVID-19 response efforts, including collaboration, outreach, and resource sharing.
Staff to continue improving the Housing Resources web page based on Subcommittee feedback.
Staff provided a highlight of programs and policies to further assist tenants/landlords coping with COVID-19 related hardships.
 - b. Rent relief update and approach
Staff explained recent updates to the City's Pilot Rent Relief Program and County rent relief efforts.
Staff to work with the City Attorney on researching program updates to broaden the types of eligible assistance offered.
Due to the eviction moratorium, a temporary approach to the Pilot Rent Relief Program was discussed. When the eviction moratorium is lifted, that is likely when the largest need for rent relief could occur as residents will be vulnerable to being displaced.
Staff to provide the Subcommittee with the eligibility and intake criteria of the Sacred Heart financial assistance program.
Staff to work with the City Attorney on evaluating a rent increase freeze proposal.
Staff read a public comment emphasizing the need for rent suspension.
 - c. Homeless response efforts
Staff provided an update on the City's homeless response efforts in addition to regional efforts. Staff explained the service gaps during the COVID-19 pandemic and where further resources could be used.
Staff to work collaboratively with the Housing Subcommittee, MUSD, and the County to explore alternative sites for a temporary shelter program.
 - d. 355 Sango Court project status update

Staff provided an update on the status of 355 Sango, including the permit process, construction type (modular construction), and final building configuration with the first floor containing community spaces.

VII. Adjournment: To future meeting.