



CITY OF MILPITAS HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE

MINUTES

5:00 PM – 6:15 PM

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Virtual Meeting/Teleconference

1. **Welcome/Call to Order** – Chair William Lam called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair William Lam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Roll Call**

Task Force Members Present: Chair William Lam, Vice Chair Sanae Alexander, Jeremy Bevington, Norma Morales, Barbara Jo Navarro, Tingna Xu, Ferdie Centeno (joined at 5:15 pm)

Task Force Members Absent: Ricky Davis, Martha Lamdin, Lisa Moreno

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Ashwini Kantak; Building Safety and Housing Director Sharon Goei, Housing Manager Adam Marcus, Housing Planner Sara Court

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve September 9, 2021 agenda

Motion/Second: Tingna Xu/Sanae Alexander

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve August 12, 2021 minutes

Motion/Second: Barbara Jo Navarro/Jeremy Bevington

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

6. **Public Forum**

No comments.

7. **Business Items**

a. **Staff update**

City staff provided the following updates:

- Member Martha Lamdin has resigned from the Task Force
- The Dignity on Wheels mobile shower and laundry service will continue for 12 additional months
- The Economic Development and Trade Commission will be providing an update on the City's NovaWorks partnership at their next regular meeting

b. Second report out from subcommittees:

Task Force subcommittees presented and provided feedback on the following topics:

Work Program - Encourage self-reliance with gift cards, food vouchers, cash, etc. for cleaning-up outdoor living areas, parks, creeks, graffiti. Partner with local business and the County programs to provide job training, internships, and jobs in exchange for tax-credit or awards (Chair Lam and members Bevington and Xu).

- **Chair Lam** – Provided information about the services offered by Goodwill Industries
- **Member Xu** – Provided information about the services offered by NovaWorks
- **Member Bevington** – Provided an update about correspondence with the Downtown Streets Team

Temporary Housing - Warehouse conversion, prefab units, tiny homes, safe parking for mobile homes, etc. (Vice Chair Alexander and members Davis and Navarro).

- **Vice Chair Alexander** – Reviewed the Subcommittee’s Helping out Families (HOF) project
- **Member Navarro** – Reviewed the Subcommittee’s Safe Parking project, aimed to increase safety and connection to services
- **Member Xu** – Shared information about an existing program, Solutions for Change, located in San Diego and suggested Milpitas consider engaging stakeholders with a similar program

Prevention Program - Identify and assist at-risk residents, at-risk youth, MUSD McKinney-Vento households. (Members Centeno and Morales).

- **Member Morales** – Reviewed the Subcommittee’s Child Care Support project

Chair Lam shared a diagram for a Draft Milpitas Homeless Task Force Plan, which included public policy that discourages homelessness, a help center, outreach, temporary housing, work program, prevention program, public safety, and accountability.

- **Member Navarro** – The Taskforce should identify the top three ideas to present to the City Council
- **Vice Chair Alexander** – It is important to have housing for the unhoused prior to enforcing public policy meant to discourage homelessness.
- **Staff** – Provided information about the City’s progress on affordable housing goals
- **Member Morales** – Shared the link to the Let’s Talk Housing Santa Clara County meeting

c. Take action on the date and format of a Task Force report to City Council (Chair Lam)

Chair Lam – Suggested that staff synthesize the projects into a report and PowerPoint to be presented to the City Council. The Task Force will review the items at the October meeting, and present to Council in November.

Member Alexander- Requested a map of the three City-owned parcels on Main Street that may be up for development or disposition.

Member Morales – Suggested temporary housing, prevention, and work programs be the focus of the presentation to City Council.

Staff – Provided information about typical presentation length and number of presenters for City Council items, as well as the Zoom format of the meeting.

d. Business items for next meeting on October 14, 2021 @ 5 PM. (Chair Lam)

Task force members to review the draft task force plan, agenda report, PowerPoint slides, and discuss the format of the presentation at the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM