



# CITY OF MILPITAS HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE

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## MINUTES

5:00 PM – 6:15 PM

Thursday, October 14, 2021

Virtual Meeting/Teleconference

1. **Welcome/Call to Order** – Chair William Lam called the meeting to order at 5:01 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, Ferdie Centeno, Jeremy Bevington, Norma Morales, Barbara Jo Navarro, Tingna Xu.

**Task Force Members Absent:** Rick Davis, Martha Lamdin, Lisa Moreno

**Staff Present:** Building Safety and Housing Director Sharon Goei, Housing Manager Adam Marcus

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve October 14, 2021 agenda

Motion/Second: Member Xu / Member Centeno

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve September 9, 2021 minutes

Motion/Second: Vice Chair Alexander / Member Morales

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

6. **Public Forum**

The following spoke during Public Forum: Allysson McDonald.

7. **Business Items**

a) **Staff update (Adam Marcus)**

- Sharon Goei noted that the mid-year report for unhoused services will be presented to the City Council on 10/19/2021. The report will provide an update on the Homekey program at Hillview Court and a progress report on the City's street outreach, assessment and case management program that is administered by the County's Homeless Engagement and Access Team (HEAT).
- Adam Marcus noted there will be two community meetings for the City-owned property on South Main Street.
- Adam Marcus mentioned the County's new Heading Home campaign to end family homelessness in one year.

**b) Review, edit, and approve slides to be presented to City Council in November 2021.**

- Member Navarro noted issues with some of the goals on slide 8 (Homelessness Task Force Goals).
- **Motion to remove bullets 1 and 5 from slide 8.**  
Motion/Second: Vice Chair Alexander / Member Navarro  
Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 5 Noes: 1 Abstain: 1
- Member Centeno commented that the City should apply SB 2 and identify safe haven zones for encampments where shelter is allowed without discretionary permit.
- Member Xu asked to add back the first bullet to connect individuals to resources, restore dignity and plan for prevention through our youth. The motion did not receive a second.
- **Motion to edit bullet 4 on slide 8 to read, “Find cost effective solutions for the unhoused to create a safer community”**  
Motion/Second: Vice Chair Alexander / Member Bevington  
Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0
- **Motion to edit bullet 3 on slide 8 to read, “Provide resources, support, restore dignity and plan for prevention through our unhoused services.”**  
Motion/Second: Vice Chair Alexander / Member Centeno  
Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0
- Member Navarro commented that she did not agree with content in the diagram on slide 11 (Homelessness Plan Overview Draft).
- Vice Chair Alexander noted that the accountability section was misleading and that it is the City’s responsibility to make sure programs are effective.
- Chair Lam explained that he wanted to include a snapshot overview to show how the parts fit together.
- **Motion to delete slide 11 overview diagram.**  
Motion/Second: Member Morales / Member Centeno  
Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 3 Noes: 1 Abstain: 3
- Member Centeno asked if slide 12 (Public Policies) was in the purview of the task force.
- Chair Lam stated that there should be a policy to provide priority for local unhoused residents to live at Hillview Court and asked that the Mayor work with the County to make this happen.
- Member Navarro asked to remove slide 12 because it is focused on enforcement and enforcement should come after assistance.
- Chair Lam wants to have public safety increased as well.
- Vice Chair Alexander suggested that the City review SB 2 and make sure it is in compliance with it.
- **Motion to delete slide 12 on public policies.**  
Motion/Second: Member Navarro / Member Morales  
Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 4 Noes: 3 Abstain: 0

**Public Comment:**

The following spoke during Public Comment: Yolie Garcia.

**c) Select task force representatives to deliver the City Council presentation.**

- This item was deferred.

**d) Business items for next meeting and discuss rescheduling next meeting since November 11, 2021 is a City holiday. (Chair Lam)**

- The task force agreed to continue the discussion on the slide presentation.
- City staff will work with task force members to schedule an alternate date for the next meeting since there is a holiday on November 11, 2021.

**8. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.