
HOPE & SOLUTIONS

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY, PROACTIVE ENGAGEMENT & SOLUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Liz Campos, Councilmember
Doug Halter, Councilmember
Jim Duran, Councilmember

Leona Rollins, Housing Services Manager
Gail Davis, Assistant City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM – CITY HALL
501 POLI STREET, ROOM 223, VENTURA, CA 93001

A recording of the meeting will be available on the City's website at:
<https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/718/Videos>.

CALL TO ORDER – 3:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Campos, Duran and Halter

Absent: None

Staff Present: Gail Davis, Leona Rollins, Lee Sherman and Rachel Bacerra

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Judy Alexandre

FORMAL ITEMS

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

RECOMMENDATION

Elect a Committee Chair and Vice Chair for 2023.

Action: M/S/C (Duran/Campos) to appoint Councilmember Halter to the position of Chair.

Vote: All Ayes

Action: M/S/C (Duran/Halter) to appoint Councilmember Campos to the position of Vice Chair.

Vote: All Ayes

2. Approval of Committee Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Action Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Action: M/S/C (Campos/Duran) to approve the Action Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2022.

Vote: All Ayes

3. Approval of Revised 2023 Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the new 2023 meeting schedule for the HOPE & Solutions Subcommittee, revised to reflect availability of the 2023 committee members.

Action: M/S/C (Duran/Campos) to approve the new 2023 meeting schedule for the HOPE & Solutions Subcommittee, revised to reflect availability of the 2023 committee members with the exception that the meeting for the month of November 2023 will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023.

Vote: All Ayes

4. [Consideration of Committee Procedures](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and approve Committee procedures.

Action: M/S/C (Duran/Campos) to approve the proposed Committee procedures.

Vote: All Ayes

5. [Encampment Resolution Funding Program-Round 2 \(ERF-2\)](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Subcommittee recommend that the City Council amend the resolution which currently limits the number of beds at the ARCH Shelter to 55, and to increase that number to 110 in order to comply with the intention of the grant to provide housing options for those being displaced by the encampment cleanup.

Public Speakers: Judy Alexandre

Action: M/S/C (Campos/Duran) to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote: All Ayes

6. [Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Grant-Round 4 \(HHAP-4\)](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Subcommittee inform City Council of the Housing Services Division's intent to sub-grant the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention-Round 4 (HHAP-4) funding to Project Understanding to manage the newly created Homeless Diversion and Prevention Program. This ties to item 17.1 of our submitted 6th cycle Housing Element to "expand resources allocated to advocate and support the recommendations in the 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness."

Action: Continued

Vote: All Ayes

INFORMATION ITEMS: *The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for Information Items as the item is taken up. Information Items may be reordered at the discretion of the Chair. The public may speak up to three (3) minutes on each agenda item. No formal action will be taken on Information Items.*

7. The ARCH Shelter Update

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file an update on the ARCH shelter from Mercy House staff.

Public Speakers: Chris Russell

Action: Information only. No action.

8. Patrol Task Force Update

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file an update on homelessness, vagrancy, and enforcement from Commissioner Matt Cain and/or Sergeant Michael Anselmo.

Public Speakers: Trevor Gotsman

Action: Information only. No action.

9. Project Understanding Update

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file an update on programs and services offered by Project Understanding from their staff.

Action: Information only. No action.

10. Turning Point Foundation Update

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file an update on programs and services offered by Turning Point Foundation from their staff.

Action: Information only. No action.

HOPE & SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

In response to a question from Councilmember Campos about the temporary lack of outdoor showers at the One-Stop in Ventura, community member Judy Alexandre reported that the County of Ventura is in the process of repairing the showers.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the HOPES & Solutions subcommittee meeting held on February 28, 2023.



Gail Davis
Assistant City Clerk,