
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, MARCH 28, 2023

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

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

CALL TO ORDER – 3:04 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. [Approval of Committee Minutes for February 28, 2023, Special Meeting](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes for the February 28, 2023, special meeting.

Public Speakers: None.

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

Vote: All Ayes

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

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the HOPE & Solutions Sub-Committee support the Request for Proposal (RFP) process and receive recommendations for potential subrecipients at the next meeting scheduled for April 25, 2023.

Public Speakers: None.

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

Vote: All Ayes

3. [5818 Valentine Road Project – Permanent Supportive Housing](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the HOPE & Solutions Sub-Committee support the PSH project at 5818 Valentine Road which will assist individuals at-risk of experiencing homelessness and experiencing homelessness by providing them with a permanent housing opportunity.

Public Speakers: Kyler Carlson, Elizabeth Stone.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

4. **Encampment Resolution Funding-Round 2 (ERF-2) Program**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the HOPE & Solutions Sub-Committee support the Housing Services Division's application for ERF-2 funding which will be used to support street outreach programs in the City of Ventura managed by Downtown Ventura Partners and the County Human Services Agency, as well as funding the expansion of the ARCH Shelter run by Mercy House. Funding will also support non-congregate sheltering options for priority populations and the provision of permanent supportive housing through the 5818 Valentine project being brought online by the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura.

Public Speakers: Judy Alexandre.

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

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.*

5. **Patrol Task Force Update**

RECOMMENDATION

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

This item was continued. No presentation.

6. **Mercy House Update**

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file an update on programs and services offered by Mercy House from their staff.

Mercy House staff provided an update.

Public Speakers: Elizabeth Stone.

Action: Information only. No action.

7. **Turning Point Foundation Update**

RECOMMENDATION

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

Turning Point Foundation staff provided an update.

Public Speakers: None.

Action: Information only. No action.

8. **Project Understanding Update**

RECOMMENDATION

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

This item was continued. No presentation.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Judy Alexandre made a general public comment.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Chair Halter allowed the public to provide suggestions on future agenda items.

Judy Alexandre said she would like the subcommittee to research providing improved weather shelters.

Cathy Paulson said she would like the subcommittee to research providing permanent dump stations.

Elizabeth Stone made a public comment.

Matt Capritto provided a public comment.

HOPE & SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Housing Services Manager Leona Rollins provided staff update information.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

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



Gail Davis
Assistant City Clerk,