
HOPE & SOLUTIONS

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY, PROACTIVE ENGAGEMENT & SOLUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Doug Halter, Chair
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Jim Duran, Councilmember

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Gail Davis, Assistant City Clerk

MINUTES

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023
REGULAR MEETING – 3:00 P.M.**

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

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CALL TO ORDER: 3:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Campos, Halter, Duran

Absent: None

Chair Halter presiding.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Judy Alexandre, Kappy Paulson, Irene Johnson

FORMAL ITEMS: *The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for Formal Items as the item is taken up. Formal Items may be reordered at the discretion of the Chair. The public may speak up to three (3) minutes on each agenda item. If there are more than ten (10) Public Communications speakers, each speaker's time shall be reduced from three (3) minutes so that all speakers have an equal time to speak.*

1. [Approval of Committee Minutes for September 26, 2023, Regular Meeting](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes for the September 26, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Action: No Speakers. M/S/C (Campos/Halter) to approve the minutes.

Vote: All Ayes

2. [2023-2024 Foul Weather Shelter Program](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending that the HOPE & Solutions Sub-Committee either:

- Reconsider the direction from the September 26, 2023 meeting regarding the Foul Weather Shelter Program and change the activation requirements to 40 degrees and below and ½ inch of rain or more. (Staff recommendation)

OR:

- Reconsider the direction from the September 26, 2023 meeting regarding the Foul Weather Shelter Program and change the activation requirements to 45 degrees and below and ¼ inch of rain or more. Recommend City Council:
 - Allocate \$25,000 funding for seasonal temporary staffing to manage the Foul Weather Shelter Program.

OR:

- Continue with the direction from the September 26, 2023 meeting regarding the Foul Weather Shelter Program activation requirements at 45 degrees and below, ¼ inch of rain or more and/or a 15 mph windchill projected overnight. Recommend City Council:
 - Allocate an additional \$60,000 of funding for motel vouchers, program administration, security, and transportation.
 - Allocate \$25,000 funding for seasonal temporary staffing to manage the Foul Weather Shelter Program.

FORMAL ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Public Speaker: Judy Alexandre

Action: M/S/C (Duran/Halter) to approve the staff recommendation, and to grant staff flexibility to activate the shelter when staff determines activation is warranted.

Vote: Ayes: Halter, Duran; Noes: Campos; Abstain: None; Absent: None

3. Requested Program Updates and 2024 Program Initiatives and Projects

RECOMMENDATION

- Receive and file this report.
- Provide direction on what programs or work items are to be delayed or paused to accommodate the remaining updates and reports requested by the Hopes and Solutions Subcommittee at the September 26, 2023 meeting.

Action: Staff provided an update. No action taken.

4. Date Change for December 2023 Meeting and 2024 Calendar Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

- Adjust the December 2023 meeting date from December 26, 2023, to December 19, 2023, at 3:00pm in the Community Meeting Room.
- Provide direction for the 2023-2024 meeting calendar. Staff recommends adjusting the meeting frequency to once a quarter.

Public Speaker: Kappy Paulson, Elizabeth R. Stone

Action: M/S/C (Duran/Campos) to approve both staff recommendations, and to include the option of calling for additional meetings, if needed.

Vote: All Ayes

FORMAL ITEMS (CONTINUED)

5. Homeless Gaps and Needs Assessment

RECOMMENDATION

- Receive and file this report.
- Engage in a discussion on what initiative(s) the Subcommittee would like to support and recommend for funding.

Public Speaker: Judy Alexandre

Action: Staff provided an update. No action taken.

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. If there are more than ten (10) Public Communications speakers, each speaker's time shall be reduced from three (3) minutes so that all speakers have an equal time to speak. No formal action will be taken on Information Items.*

6. Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura (HACSB) Update

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file an update.

Action: Presentation by a representative of the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura (HACSB). No action taken.

7. Mercy House Update

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file an update.

Action: Presentation by a representative of Mercy House. No action taken.

8. Patrol Task Force Update

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file an update.

Action: This item was continued.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- None

HOPE & SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the HOPES & Solutions subcommittee meeting held on October 24, 2023.



Gail Davis
Assistant City Clerk