

Minutes 10/18/17

VSSTF Housing and Shelter Sub Committee

Present: Jerry Breiner, Ron Mulvilhill, Kate Mills, Sandra Troxell, Miguel Marquez, Steven Karnazes, Judy Alexandre

1. Kate reported on the City Council meeting and the Measure O discussion. There was some concern about supervisors Bennet's comments and their impact. Council seemed to not like ongoing funding, and preferred 1 time funding for specific projects. They did not like that there was a 5 year plan, and they did not see it...only voted on the recommendations, that had been modified for the 17-18 fiscal year. We will need to "work" to push for the 5% we desire for shelter and housing. All agreed that we will need to work with city staff (assist mgr., financial dir.; Measure O committee and council. Each will take a different strategy.
2. Discussed options for the year round shelter. We need a strategy to have the land/building secured. We need to develop a strategy for getting city, county and state support. Muddled several ideas. Will be finalized in a plan hopefully next month. We need to be clearer in our ask before making contact with officials. All agree that we might request that the county and or state donate land/facility in some way. We recognize that despite current efforts there does not seem to be anything available in the approved zone area at this time. The county/city has not identified appropriate space. Operators are available, maybe the Salvation Army, maybe Mercy House etc. if the site is secured and there is a city/county commitment to the project. Housing must be a part of the plan.
3. Discussed the plans for this winter...no plan that has yet been approved. (I have since sent out the latest update and will attach)Time or the faith community to act?
4. Sheltering is on the BOS agenda for the next 2 Tues. Will send information.
5. Agreed to a) begin to mobilize the faith community for future action (faith subcommittee of VSSTF) b) work with Christy Madden to get county agreement(JA) c)make contact with the state reps.
6. All recognize that Measure O will not be sufficient. We will need over a mil for purchase, and over 1 mil for operations. Will attach Mercy's operation plan.