

Minutes 5/17/18

Housing and shelter VSSTF sub committee

Present: Ron Mulvihill, Lauri Kail, Jerry Breiner, Karol Schulkin and Judy Alexandre

1. Reviewed last month's meeting: a) the disappointing report from the COC b) with apparent little response from city council explored new approach to addressing the issue with homelessness. We decided to focus on empowering homeless and previously residents to share their stories. Kate will work with Kathy Powell, Lift Up Your Voice. Judy spoke with Claudia Armann, funds are available to "train the speaker" to tell their story. Jerry, Ron, Judy and Kathy met with Claudia. All agreed that the presenters need to be vented and trained in their story telling. C) Hope to have a march and BBQ. NOTE: the VSSTF sub committee meeting on 4/17 took place before the event at the Aloha steakhouse and the 2 large group presentations to council.
2. Judy provided a follow up to the meeting with Claudia and contact with the Mental Health Association of San Francisco and their community trainer Julian Plumadore. Training would be 1 day from 1-4 including break and lunch and the following day from 9-12. Can train for 3 min and 10 min speeches. Julian will get back with the cost. All agreed to have the presenters vetted, and practiced and continue with the fact that we, VSSTF are not sponsoring the event, and are supporting the event along with others.
3. As follow up to the most recent council meeting would want to identify 1-2 empowered homeless individuals to share with council and one "new" community speaker for the June 4 council meeting. Judy will check with Kathy, Lauri will "look" at One Stop and will be the new advocate speaker. Our consistent request is for 600,000 dollars (measure funds) for acquiring the site for the full service year round transition to housing shelter and on-going operation funds, path to housing.
4. Karol reported on the city Stakeholders meeting...group had a strong message about 600,000 dollars,(measure O funds) acquiring the shelter site before the end of the year and commitment to housing. There was concern about the density and number of units for vet. Housing on the veterans site in E Ventura. Chamber director, Stephanie Caldwell took the lead and a letter was signed by stakeholder members that are not gov. employees requesting an increase in the number of units approved for the site. A second letter was written regarding securing the shelter, measure O funding and housing.
5. Judy reported on the city's housing and shelter sub-committee. Kevin C. and Stephanie Caldwell and Judy spoke for the stakeholders and our unified request for 600,000 from measure O, siting the shelter before the end of the year and the need for housing and qualified experienced operators. Judy asked the council members to take the lead for council and be advocates for this. Council committee members passed a motion re the former. Steven Karnazes provided a report from the WWS to the committee that emphasized the services that were provided and the difference that made.
6. Judy reported on the Measure O advisory committee. Stephanie spoke to the shelter funding and responded to many questions. She was great! Judy spoke and answered additional questions. After considerable discussion, the advisory committee is 100% behind 600,000 dollars

of measure O funds go to the shelter this year. They also acknowledged the need for some on-going funding demonstrating the cities commitment. They requested that the interim city manager (ICM) put the stated amount in the budget that will go to council. The ICM spoke that it was his decision to follow the recommendation, advise council of the view of the committee, or just provide the information. After the meeting the ICM stated that he would probably follow the recommendation and put it in the proposed budget.

7. Discussed next steps:

- a) Ron will check into the proposed RFQ for the shelter and ask the following:
  - 1) Is the RFQ consistent with what was approved by council regarding operations and content at the time zoning was approved
  - 2) Can the draft be looked at
  - 3) What is the timeline
  - 4) What is the budget
  - 5) What is the response date
  - 6) Who is "managing" the process
  - 7) To whom is the proposal being sent
- b) Is it realistic for 1 non- profit to develop 2 sites, raise the funds for 2 sites, hire and train staff for 2 sites at the same time? The cost estimate for operating on site is 1.3 million.
- c) Follow up with empowering homeless and formerly homeless resident
- d) Ron voiced his need to step down when a new chair is identified as he no longer has the "ties" in Ventura and is developing them in the LA area.

8. Remember: How often do we have the chamber of commerce, downtown business associates, Ventura Police Dept. (law enforcement), social service advocates and the faith community all making the same request to council. We are on the same page: full service shelter with transition to housing. This is a large voting block. (Quote from Judy)