

Minutes 9/19/17

VSSTF Housing and Shelter sub Committee

Present: Kate Mills, Karol Schulkin, Gane Brooking, Steven Karnazes, Sandra Troxell, Lauri Kail, and Judy Alexandre Absent: Ron Mulvillhill, Jerry Breiner

1. Discussed the winter Warming shelter. No one is aware of any specific plans. Steven wondered if VSSTF/Faith community would be doing something. It had been requested that Steven provide the list of his employees from last year's shelter to city staff. Judy will request that this item be agenized by city council. Note: request to the Mayor Nasarenko was made. Note: since our meeting the cities of Ventura, Oxnard and the COC put out a request for proposals for the shelter.
2. Discussion of Measure O and our desired next step action. We agreed to a) support the recommendation of 300,000 dollars for the '17-18 budget. b) that these monies be put in a "lock box" so that they cannot be used for anything else or taken from the shelter if not used this year c) that we push for 5% of each years budget thereafter to be used for shelter development/operation and for the development of very affordable and extremely affordable housing (permits, in lieu fees etc.) d) Judy to speak at the Measure O hearing.
3. Since the hearing on 9/21/ a letter was drafted and signed that highlighted our requests. Thank you Kevin Clerici for taking the lead for VSSTF. At the Measure O Committee meeting the committee approved the new staff recommendations and 300,000 was included. The committee has very mixed feelings regarding the issues of homelessness and it will be important to make a presentation in the future. The recommendations are now ready to go to council.
4. We had 2 questions about the Winter Shelter...may be mute now: Is the work and money talked about for shelter and services linked funding for this years seasonal shelter? And what is the plan for the seasonal shelter?
5. Next meeting is Tues. Oct. 17, 3 pm, Orchard Community Church Library

Submitted by

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