

Minutes 1/16/18

## Housing and Shelter sub-committee of VSSTF

Present: Ron Mulvilhill, chair; Karol Shulkin, Kate Mills, Jerry Breiner, Steven Karnazes, Sandra Troxell, Lauri Kail, Judy Alexandre

**Information** item reported. Thurs. at 4 pm HSA/COC will be having its 3<sup>rd</sup> post Thomas fire housing meeting. **Sandra Troxell**, Salvation Army, has been invited to attend and will gather appropriate information. Those attending are the Red Cross, County and City of Ventura, COC, FEMA, HSA and Salvation Army. The Ventura **Chamber** of Commerce is very supportive of any action to develop housing. They need to be an active partner and we need to seek their support.

Steven Karnazes reported on the **Winter Warming Shelter**. Numbers are lower and the outreach team reported that the primary reason is the lack of storage for peoples belongings and the weather to date has not been cold enough and no place for pets. Numbers are likely to increase with the closing of the Oxnard Haloco site tonight.

The question of the **job description** for the designated homeless city staff person was raised. We need to find out what it will include...service only/service and policy or service and admin...safe and clean or????

Discussed the list of **housing and shelter action items approved by VSSTF** and began to prioritize action/strategy. The need for a year round shelter facility to be sited and acquired by the city/county is number one. Second is the development of very affordable, extremely affordable and affordable housing. We looked over the information that was supplied to VSSTF via Sonja Flores, Ventura Housing Authority and had several questions that need answers.

1. We need to know immediately when the **inclusionary housing plan** is to be submitted to council. When there will be public input and when the plan will be available to the public. **Judy** to check with Jeff Lambert/Dave Ward
2. Can **FEMA trailers** be made available to for supportive housing and placed on a designated site for housing some of our homeless population? **Judy** to ask COC to bring up at the housing meeting. (done on 1/18/18 to Jennifer Harkey) Also can permits for the placement of trailers be relaxed?
3. Questions:
  - A. For what reason is another NEXUS study needed?
  - B. Can there be a variance to allow for the joining of properties so that they are larger than .75 acres and then available for housing?
  - C. What is the reason for reducing the number of residential zones?
  - D. What can be residential inside a commercial zone?
  - E. If the city of Ventura owns adjoining parcels will the city ask to make them 1 lot?
4. With the increased emergency housing needs will the city allow for expanded safe sleep parking and appropriate funding to support an expanded program? Will permitting be allowed for the

use of trailers? Designated camping areas? The establishment on designated property for tiny home? Container homes? This is now being developed in LA County. **(Who will check on this?)**

5. What is necessary to make use of state property...fairgrounds, camping sites etc. for long term housing? We need to contact with the offices of Monique Limon, Das Williams, Hannah Beth Jackson. **(Who is doing this)?**