

Agenda 11/2/21 **Ventura Social Service Task Force**

3:15 pm via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88503050348>

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Attendees Judy Alexandre, Kevin Cleresci, Sonja Flores, Jennifer Harkey, Pam Kelley, Pam Marshall, Sandra Meyer, Ella Moore, Cathi Nye, Kappy Paulson, Jan Schmutte, Elizabeth R. Stone, Summer Ward, Jerry Briner, Kyler Carson, Maria Navaro, Mike Johnson, Rebecca Koffmann, Doug Jensen, Todd Linsky, Mary Haffner, Brian Brennan Jim Duran

Frequent Attendees absent – Rob March, Susan White Wood, John Sanders Jones, Jaydon Gaines

- I. Call to order, Welcome and Introductions (**Judy Alexandre**)
- II. Approval of/changes to agenda for 11/3/21 (Judy Alexandre) Approve: Pam K; Second: Jan S
 - a. Move pro housing forward
 - b. Move HOPES committee report forward
- III. Approval of/changes to Minutes of 10/6/21 (Judy Alexandre) Approve: Pam K; Second: Jenn H
- IV. Financial update (**Jan Schmutte**) \$2316.46
- V. Pro Housing Policy possibility of the city of Vta become a Pro Housing City. Motion: **Judy** Do we want to join with H4All to support the city pursuing a Pro Housing designation? Second: Pam Marshall
Vote is: For: 6 Against: 0 [This may be voe for 9 for. [Judy’s internet lagged & 3 Pros initially interpreted as Against. In the end there were NO nays]
 - a. Maria Navaro , CAUSE created a info sheet that Judy sent separately to members
 - b. City Applies & State approves, gives low-income Developers an economic advantage. When applying for \$, the city gets “extra points” when it carries a pro housing designation. There are funds to support the Housing Element work. A lot of the requirements. Points is the minimum points. Sonja estimates that about 31 is what we can meet with the housing element. Have to SHOW the code or resolution to get the points.
 - i. Sonja showed SAMPLE - Project Scoring Sheet. E.g. [prohousing-application.docx \(live.com\)](#) extra info HCD Power point summery [PowerPoint Presentation \(ca.gov\)](#)
 - ii. We will support the city going for this designation but we need to focus on the housing element and the inclusionary housing ordnance (our primary focus)
 - iii. Staff wants to see the designation and at least 2 council members agree.
 - iv. M Johnson – long way to go between submitted HE and what the city does. Working on the Pro housing designation would be costly. At the January Goal goal setting needs to be hard dated not a “should”. Need a compliant housing element. We can do it but there will need more funding?
 - v. Jenn H. Threshold criteria – Does the city already meet these?
 - vi. Navarro – proposed vs enacted policies. Does proposed policy meet the criteria? No must be codified or by right. SB9 or SB 10 already requires some of the points.
- VI. – Safe & Clean **Rebecca Koffmann**
 - a. Hopes & Solutions meeting was cancelled yesterday due to lack of quorum; Jan 4th is next one

- b. Rebecca is stepping into Meredith's shoes.
 - c. Cleanup is being done by county w outreach. Both River involved Santa Clara River is a bigger hot spot.
- VII. Follow-up and action plan regarding the Housing Element (Sonja Flores, **Kyler Carlson**) 10-15 min including Q and A
- a) Meeting with Peter Gilli and feedback from HCD. Able to express concerns w /HE. Gilli fairly receptive of our concerns.
 - b) Meeting with City Council members
 - c) Attending Planning Commission meeting on 11/17/21. Watch for agenda.
 - d) Attending City Council meeting on 12/13/21.
 - e) Letter writing – requested to continue to contact Peter Gilli re 11 elements. Want more date certain and “will” commitments instead of “should” or “Try to”
 - f) City-wide Inclusionary housing meeting re: rental and sale with Peter Gilli on 11/12/21. RE: Policy recommended to council. Sizable in lieu fee to build a full unit.
 - g) We want funding for the HE & evaluation and implementation to be expanded into the City Manager. H4All & VSSTF will try and have a presence on Finance Committee.
- VIII. Follow up from the Everyone Needs Housing Workshop (**Pam Kelley**)
- a) Need new chair of the faith sub-committee
 - b) Breeze had an article re the
 - c) 11/19/2021 & starting in January every other (odd) month.
- IX. Report from the Downtown Ventura Partners re new grant and outreach (**Elizabeth Stone, PhD**) 5-10 min including Q and A
- a. Gave her background
 - b. 7/1/2021 – Expanding Ambassadors training in Outreach & “guerilla engagement”
 - c. Peer Support Outreach Services grant 10/1/2021 – 9/30/2023.
 - d. Expanding Peer Organization Capacity grant 9/1/2201 uses academic principles and encourages people making choices over their OWN lives rather than fit into existing boxes. Several interesting slides showing how to refocus. Hope to get copy of presentation for December minutes
 - e. Contact: Elizabeth@downtownventura.org
- X. Winter Shelter Response (**Jim Duran**) –
- a. Approx. 20 motel rooms for first come seniors (65+) & Disabled AND Warming Packs.
 - b. 48 hours before forecast of ½” of rain or cold weather lower than 40 degrees.
 - c. River Community MAY do day shelter if it's raining.
 - d. VSSTF website page 1 has warming pack needs listed. Especially need Jackets
 - e. Bayshore, Mission Bell and Loops will house. Checkout is 10:00 AM. 0900 to 1000 will transport to their basic locations. Will have a security guard roaming between the hotels. Can't share rooms (except partners or families), no drinking or smoking.
 - f. Meal weeks volunteers so far are: TBT, Mission, River Community, UU, Orchard, Foothill? Still need a few weeks to fill. Groups can make or purchase Dinner and breakfast.
- XI. Goals for 2022 (Judy Alexandre) [Judy asked each member to pick top 2] Gap needs was top goal
- a) **Gap needs: hygiene centers, bathrooms, Care Pods/showers, storage & locked bathrooms @ 4:00PM, Safe Sleep Village 2.0**

- a. Note: Jenn Harkey noted that CARES Act county funding only goes through July 2022. It covers safety & sanitation, e.g., water and porta potties. Will need to continue.... somehow
- b) Specific needs of those with mental illness
- c) Continue with housing – implementation of the new HE, supporting developments with services, others
- d) Employment for the unhoused, plan and develop
- e) Input into the new strategic plan to end homelessness – Active in development

X! Reports from:

- a) City of Ventura, HOPES and City homeless involvement (**Rebecca Koffman**) moved to front of meeting
- b) City council – discussed throughout the meeting
- c) Any agency updates? (Mercy house, Salvation Army, Step Up Ventura,
 - a. Tender Life, City Center – 2 City Center rooms available, 2 beds at Tender Life, River Committee have 150 turkey dinner giveaways. Need to request to RiverCommunity.org by 11/18/21
 - b. **Ella & Jacob** - ILRC effective public comments about housing needs
 - c. Turning Point,
 - d. Homes for All, discussed earlier. Kudos to Sonja, Claudia & Kyler for their work
 - e. County of Ventura, - **Jenn** RFP Energy Solutions Grant – examples: annual rapid rehousing, street outreach, non-congregate shelter
- d) Legislation will be hand out only (Pam Marshall)

XII. Election of Chair, Co-chair, Secretary for 2022 today or on 12/1/21

XIII. Adjourn. Next meeting is 12/1/21 at 3:15 via zoom. Motion: Jan Second: Kappy
 May have a report on the new risk assessment scale, HE follow-up, discussion of goal implementation

Upcoming Meetings:

- HOPES Committee 12/7/21, 3pm; Note: This meeting was cancelled, due to no quorum
- Faith Subcommittee Nov.19, 2021 3pm pamjk3@msn.com
- Continuum of Care 1/20/22 10:00 am tara.carruth@ventura.org
- Planning Commission 11/17/21
- City Council 12/13/21
- Homeless Memorial – Saturday, Dec 18, 2021 Ventura Plaza Park 3:30PM pm; Sunday, Dec 19, 2021, Oxnard Plaza Park 3:30PM
- Community Christmas Shoppe (ACTIONVC.org) Dec 11, 2021- Orchard Church

