

Ventura Social Service Task Force

3/3/21 3:15pm via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88503050348>

Attendees: Denise Adams, Judy Alexandre, Mike Anselmo, Brian Brennan, Emily Bridges, Kyler Carlson, Kevin Clerici, Officer Deets (phone), Rev Jim Duran, Jaydon Gaines, Doug Halter, Meredith Hart, Mike Johnson, Pam Kelly, Kelly Kivlahan, Jacob Lesner-Buxton, Pam Marshall, Sandra Meyer, Kathy Nye, Kappy Paulson, Debora Schneider, Jan Schmutte, Rev Dana Warsnop

- I. Welcome and introductions (Judy Alexandre)
- II. Approval of or changes to the Agenda for 4/7/21 (Move Brian Brennan & Sgt Anselmo forward, also James Boyd)
- III. Approval of Minutes of 3/3/21 Approve: Johnson; Second – Schmutte
- IV. Financial update (Jan Schmutte) - No changes - \$2,316.46
- V. Update from City Council (Mike Johnson)
 - a. Considering a Subcommittee name change. Forward ideas to Lorrie Brown. May require rebranding. Safe and Clean will still remain as an entity of the Subcommittee name.
 - b. New members are getting briefed on the work of community groups. (LUVV was 4/26)
- VI. Update from General Plan Advisory Committee (Carlson & Warsnop)
 - a. Kyler - Starting engagement strategy – How Vta changed since last Plan, Need staff to reach out to people who are: low income, youth, disabled, senior, Hispanic and Latinex; Joint workshop for the housing element will be in JUNE;
 - b. Dana – Her issues are Envi sustainability, Public Transport, Sustainable Housing, Notices answers to What about VTA do we want to hang onto question? Paradise but it's not paradise for everyone & We are responsible for each other; Find the common ground between YIMBY and NIMBY
 - c. Judy asked them to (1) encourage city staff to include VSSTF in Community meetings (2) Identify who is representing the east end.
- VII. Report from Sgt Anselmo – Feel like they are making progress with Meredith & Team; Example – they got a 20-year river bottom resident into a hotel. Sgt Anselmo & Team is attending to see what different teams are doing.
- VIII. Report from Healthcare for the Homeless and One Stop (James Boyd – detained; Judy reported – Administering J&J COVID Shots at VCMC and Ventura Avenue sites; Regearing up to provide services that will be different; Looking for Volunteers
- IX. Information and discussion regarding youth homelessness including youth LGBTQIA youth (Myra Tamayo {Interface Children and Family services} with Venessa Cortez {Pacific Clinics} and Tess Allen {Diversity Collective} – Postponed Vanessa is ill
- X. Legislation updates: (YIMBY/absent) - Pam Marshall offered to do legislative update working with Karen Flock and Sonja Flores, Homes 4 All; Johnson mentioned that maybe the city needs to look more closely at CA League of Cities recommended legislation which tends not to advocate affordable housing; Judy mentioned LUVV generally doesn't advocate for legislation. Rather we inform & encourage individuals and entities.

- XI. Faith Subcommittee/workshop information/update (Pam Kelley) – Planning meetings will be 4th Wednesday @3:00 (April 28 changed to 2:00 on 4/27), Date is late Sept or Early Oct; Theme is Housing; Topics: Info, Population, Support Services; Doug Halter will give Hx of & Housing Rules that created discrimination in Ventura
- a) Workshop in ~~November~~ – Strategies to reach Goals (Note: copied from March Minutes)
 - a. History & Background in Ventura – What happened in the past and discussion of exclusionary zoning and racial equity issues
 - b. Successes VSSTF and others. We’ve worked this since 2014
 - c. Who qualifies for affordable/ low income and extremely low income housing (Ventura County Median Income & 80/50/30 %) Some info about minimum wage, Pie charts, typical salaries in Vta, etc)
 - d. Showcase innovative examples of affordable housing (tiny homes, Escape, Habitat, containers)
 - e. How we have missed the boat on earlier housing element goals. We want the housing element to be more than lip service.
 - f. Vouchers – Wait lists, getting landlords to accept
 - g. Target Audience - General Public and Faith community.
 - b) Collaboration with Homes for All, VPHAN, CAUSE, CAYIMBY, other?
 - c) Volunteer for the subcommittee – Talk to Pam Kelly
- XII. Report from Safe Sleep North Avenue Pilot RV Permitting Program – (Brian Brennan) 0- Started with 132 vehicles in the area on 11/10/202; 92 opted into the program w case management & 46 remain; 1 family housed; 9 people (family) bought land for a tiny community in SLO; 7 people in 4 vehicles moved to Santa Maria Habitat tiny home community. Safe Harbor got some vehicles repaired & Registered and folks moved to AZ, NM & home to other parts of CA. A few of the remaining 46 will be a bit difficult with hoarding. Parking area reduced to consolidate the remaining 46. Most are from the Ojai & Ventura Area. Tracking licenses for the folks opting out & Don’t seem to be in neighborhoods. No additional drop ins allowed; this is a finite program that sunsets 12/9/3032. Supervisor’s meeting Tuesday 4/13, report @ 3:15 will discuss; Later in the meeting - mentioned 100% offered J&J Covid shot and ~50% accepted. Help of Ojai brought some folks to the Avenue Healthcare for the Homeless Mobile Clinic.
- XIII. Reports from:
- a) City of Ventura Safe and Clean, Homeless and Housing (Meredith Hart) NOTE Committee first Tuesday @ 3; Looking for a new Title – ~3 words & a plus for a catchy acronym. Will permit community comments for 2 mins, if time allows. Success two older long term river bottom women moved out due to collaboration. Looking at HOT Weather options. New council members are interested in hearing from community groups to give a 5 min talk on their work. Recommended Homeless Prevention Fund and Inclusionary Housing;
 - b) Continuum of Care, County of Ventura (Jenn Harkey, Tara Carruth- gone; Judy reported)
 - a. Releases 2021 SHELTERED homeless count, unsheltered not done

- b. RFP for HHAP Round Two \$ awaiting state approval.
 - c. Room Key placements continuing with caseworkers.
 - d. Mobile Clinic – vaccinations at sheltered & unsheltered sites
- c) Homes for All (Sonja Flores, John Jones, Kappy Paulson)
 - a. Advocacy group for low-income housing in VTA; will be at city council meetings supporting 15% when ANY NEW development is brought to Council, Advocate for inclusionary housing, Judy encouraged others to speak at Council
- d) Vulnerable Populations & Homeless Advocacy Network (Judy reported) –
 - a. Oxnard general plan and housing element happening now. Looking at overlay zones plan & housing by right; Don't want developers to NOT Build anything because hurdles are too difficult. Want 15-20% affordable, sliding reduction in in higher lieu fees when some or all of the 15-20% . Also reduced fees make it harder for city to provide services.
 - b. Efficiency housing 10-12 container homes in Oxnard
 - c. SA has land for possibly use for mobile tiny homes. Move mobile homes when SA is ready to use the property
 - d. Loops Motel has parking area. Mr Patel wants a City Center type support program
- e) Salvation Army (Denise Adams and Sandra Meyer) –
 - a. Sandra - never really shut down, 2 open beds, still doing intake, Rapid Rehousing - Used \$50k since January with some left; Interested in permanent supportive housing; Looking for partners for housing opportunities, They have three properties on Ventura Avenue, Petit Avenue and Oak Street
 - b. Denise - Homeless Prevention Fund; Food Pantry is open again; New 80+ Door Dash deliveries in March. Service is for people who cannot leave their home, many in Santa Paula and Fillmore
- f) River Community Church (Jim Duran) – Drive through Food Pantry open Monday 11PM-1PM, 400 people/week served & since March 2020 21,000 people; City Center full; Tender Life has one Bed; Finishing Paperwork to purchase City Center property, one success example - TL grad, Nettie, got HS diploma and full-time job.
- g) Ambassadors (Kevin Clarici) - no report today
- h) Independent Resources Center
 - a. (Kelly K) Transition's advocacy - Focus on moving people from institutions (e.g. rehab & hospital) & Diversion to Community
 - b. Emily (Alzheimer's & related Dementia) – Outreach; Help with keeping people with disabilities in housing e.g. Caregiver Respite w Agency on Aging; They have no “wrong door” policy, i.e. if you call you they will find someone who can help; client self identifies as having a disability
- i) Family to Family (Jan Schmutte) Currently serve sack lunch meals. Looking forward to coming inside, some volunteers are seniors; Some may cook but not serve & cleanup

meals, might put tables outdoors Still serving M-F noon and breakfast on Saturday & Sunday.

- j) Additions Housing Authority (Kyler Carlson)
 - a. Willet Ranch has 49 units; 22 leased, 15 are reserved for formerly homeless
 - b. El Portal Rehab Phase 1 done end of May; 28 units available - 12 residents to return; 4 units for veterans w/ VASH vouchers, 10 mainstream from Continuum of Care, 2 Health services Agency

XIV. Future Meetings

- a. LGBTQIA homelessness, particularly youth were supposed to present but presenting staff was ill
- b. VSSTF 5/5/2021 @ 3:15 Zoom
- c. VSSTF Faith Subcommittee – 4/28 planned for 3:00 PM & actual 2PM Zoom
- d. Safe & Clean Ventura City Subcommittee Tuesday 5/4/2021 @ 3:00PM check city website for link

XV. Adjourn Move: Johnson; Pam K or M seconds.