

Ventura Social Services Task Force

Agenda 4/3/2024

3:15 pm via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81514995979>

- I. Call to order and introductions (Judy Alexandre) (turnout a little low – school break)
 - Sonja Flores – HACSB, Ventura
 - Leona Rollins - Housing Services Manager with the City of Ventura
 - Claire Triplett - Independent Living Resource Center, TO
 - Christina Cabral-HSA Homeless Services Program
 - Juliana Cervantes- Interface Children & Family Services, Youth Outreach
 - Anna Varela, Mercy House Living Centers
 - Morgan Saveliff - Ventura County CoC
 - Miguel Marquez – VCBH
 - John Jones - VSSTF member - Homeless Prevention Board - Monitor
 - Debora Schreiber Board of VHPF, Laundry Love volunteer
 - Leah Coming, Mission Basilica San Buenaventura and faith subcommittee
 - Suzanne Troolines - new housing and supports specialist from ILRC
 - Pam Kelly VSSTF Faith Subcommittee
 - Pia Navarro – Ventura Housing Authority
 - Judy Alexandre – VSSTF
 - Kappy Paulson LUYV/UUCV, VSSTF & one Stop Mail

- II. Approval or and changes to the agenda for 4/3/24 (App: Leona/ Sec: John/Pam)
- III. Approval of or changes to the Minutes of 3/6/24. (App: Miguel/ Sec: Kappy)
- IV. Financial update (Judy Alexandre) - No Changes from last month (or for a while)
 - 501.c.3. \$ Managed by Homeless Prevention fund \$ from a grant 6-7 years ago, ~\$2000
- V. Presentation for the Hemlock/Santa Clara Project (Pia Navarro) – Presentation included as an addendum. Questions after:
 - podium parking is partially underground parking below the building. Case Management is from 4% tax credits, ADA apartments may be designated on first floor & don't know how many. Elevator. Current tenants will be moved to other HA properties, have return rights based on income, Case Mgt – 4 % tax credits require management; Transportation for appts" HA may have some vans.
- VI. Housing updates:
 - a) Valentine Road project (Kyler Carlson) Jeff Lambert, Kevin & Kyler(?) interviewing staff for Valentine Rd Project right NOW. Funding is here
 - College project (PSHH) Leona - expected as early as Feb 2025; Seeking 4% tax HA asking to defer \$1M impact fees 57 units, 1 2 or 3 BR units, AMI is 30-60% ; There is a master lease with College United Methodist Church. Qualify for Church
 - b) Ventura Ranch Project, Farm Workers – (Leona) will need strong support at Council meetings from VSSTF. Developer resubmitted the plans and layout to reduce traffic in the adjacent neighborhoods. There is a strong opposition to the 300+ unit neighborhood for farm workers. Several people mentioned that *some* of the opposition

seems outright racist at meeting last Fall. It is outside the city limits, at the end of the Avenue, in county unincorporated area. H4All meeting w Matt Levere

c) Other housing updates

VII. Homeless Strategies update (Leona Rollins)

a) Result of Planning Commission hearing

- a. Judy frustrated with City Council do not adopting Planning Commission recommendations
- b. Leona City Council – HA took VC Homeless Plan to Planning Commission. They added: adopt tenant protection by end of the year, activation for foul weather loosened, Up # of hotel rooms, ADA Accessible in shelters, time line to meet objectives. Agreed to Plan & Came back with workplans to
 - i. Drafting a workplan in early may
 - ii. Foul weather shelter – look at changing activation criteria at HOPES
 - iii. Accessibility – all shelters and other sites are ADA, except @ ARCH seniors and disabled can't get into to top bunks. Vets has decreased BUT # of seniors increased.
 - iv. Timeline – Accepted VC Homelessness Plan but not Plannings additions
 - v. Quarterly basis report to council
 - vi. John – resistance seems to be: What if difference btwn Oxnard & Ventura shelters. Planning recommendations are local concerns. Leah – under 65s don't have places to go. City need to offer to ALL in need. Willing to let go for temp & rain but increase the beds. What community support do you need? Leona: Council has to be comfortable with temp & rain plus +\$60K, increase # beds +up \$60
 - vii. Miguel – lot of younger clients can't get into shelter because couldn't get into sheltering
 - viii. Leah – Using Measure O committee. Recommending Body @ Measure O first. Haven't had a quorum to meet since November. Last day to apply. Extended to tomorrow.
 - ix. Judy – Council dismissed the Planning Commission. Why don't we take the lead and not wait for other. Amount is \$160K for a foul weather shelter. People don't try to get into shelter because they've been refused. Faith sub Comm will try to support & try to get benevolent groups involved
- c. 2 of 3 Applications to Sen Butler and 1 to Sen Carbajal to house 452 homeless people into no congregate housing
- d. Anna – Homeless Prevention gran – no info ; need info next month

b) Results of City Council meeting on 3/26/24

c) Measure O funding?

d) Projects, grants, next steps

VIII. Point in Time Count [PIT postponed until May meeting] (and Continuum of Care report (COC Representative) Next month report

- i. Fianilizing account, still reviewing the data
- ii. Website link on chat
- iii. Posting report on website

- iv. Grants – HAP V application; \$6.8 M focuses on permanent Housing, rapid rehousing, supportive housing etc RFP soon
 - v. Transitional Housing MESA and Casa Pacifica for TAYs get them connected to case mgr
 - vi. 2 positions for county – Homeless Solutions Director/ Services & Housing Director Position/ Development
 - a) Meetings Thursday April 18 10:30 - 12:00
- IX. Tenant Protections Update (Leonea Rollins,
- a) Community info – rent stabilization. Relocation, free of harassment, up to code housing. Separate focused meetings for tenant and landlords.
 - b) Report from Homes For All – Sonja – Survey done in January by CASUE re tenant protection - 3-4 % rent increase cap, H1All adopted 3% which complies with several other local communities. Dropped 2 %
 - c) IS there another budget Meeting April 23 or May 2nd

Updates:

- a) HOPES Committee, Safe Sleep, meetings (Leona Rollins and those who attended)
 - a. Mon 4/15/3PM Topics meeting frequency. Maybe Safe Sleep, Waiting for Point in Count
 - b. Non agenzied items can't be discussed due to Brown Act.
 - b) Faith Sub Committee / Gaps...Laundry Love, Foul Weather Shelter, Storage (John Jones)
 - a. 19th @ 3 via Zoom –
 - b. Laundry Love attendance low – Extremely high winds & rainy; requesting faith communities to encourage congregations to get involved in this easy way to meet homeless folks especially those queasy about working with homeless. Lots of good Conversation
 - c) General Plan (Kyler Carlson) – not here
 - d) VPHAN Ventura focus only (Clyde Reynolds)-not here
 - e) Ventura County Housing Coalition (Maria Navarro) – Not here but working on getting Supervisors to endorse Bond Measure to fund affordable housing from property tax
 - f) Agency information and updates
 - Interface reapplying for a street outreach grant. Existing grant runs 2 positions with
 - VCHS – hiring for social workers/ continuous recruitment
 - Mercy House - quarterly newsletter for faith community. Anna will connect to Ox communities too
 - Stories – Pam – needs people to feature
 - RV idea...Kappy will lead with NiCole and Natalie. SP had one a while ago to focus on housing, per Suzanne
- X. Motion to adjourn. Motion: John & Second: Miguel
- XI. Next meeting is 5/1/24 3:15 pm via Zoom We NEED a secretary!

Meetings:

HOPES April 15, 2024 3pm, Community Room, City Hall

Faith Subcommittee April 19, 2024 John Jones (johnsandersjones@gmail.com) 3pm via Zoom