

Ventura Social Service Task Force – Minutes

Feb. 5, 2025 (Wed.) 3:15pm

- I. Call to order and introductions (Judy Alexandre) No meeting on 1/1/2025. Thank you, Sue Brinkmeyer for the Feb minutes. No changes to the Agenda & Minutes – No objections
- II. Financial update – No changes from December
- III. Introduction Mike Johnson, John Sanders Jones, Deborah Schriber, Kappy Paulson. Kyler Carlson, Miguel Marquez, Anna Varela, Dr Thomas Taylor VCBH Forensics Div Mgr, Kristian Nunez, Melanie Shanker, Lavana Adato Care Act Team Lead, Edwin Martines, Kevin Clerisi, Javier Villa, Lee Sherman/for L Rollins, Jen Harkey, Judy Alexandre, Jeff Lambert (later)
- IV. Review the mission and basic principles of VTSSTF
 - a) Mission change – Add “*prevent and end homelessness*” Motion – Harkey; Second – Jones
 - b) Mission changes - Add “best practices to end *and prevent Homelessness* Motion – Johnson; Harkey-2nd
 - c) Values – change to *limited* farmworker housing
- V. Presentation by Lavana Adato about the now implemented **Care Act** with Q&A slides in Attachment 1.
 - a. Covered: Who can petition, must be 18, psychotic or schizophrenic. Homelessness alone is not an indicator; Difference between voluntary care agreement and involuntary care plan. Both have 4 components: Mental health care, education housing and case management. Info is on <https://www.ventura.courts.ca.gov/care.html> and <https://www.ventura.org/care-act/> Petitions MUST be in person Vta Hall of Justice or Juvenile Site.
 - i. We can share the slides – with interested agencies
 - ii. One Stop mentally ill clients. What to do? Maybe connect with RISE to start. One stop employees can initiate
 - iii. Program success – 12/2/2024 started - 6 clients; current capacity for clients – unknown
 - iv. Process STARTS with the Courts
- VI. Goal setting and VSSTF priorities discussion and decision (Judy Alexandre)
Previous goals:
 - Foul Weather Shelter expansion (Judy) - now 40 beds; Rain (1/2”) & temp (<45) some LA fire displaced families are using hotel rooms. River Community does a great job with the first 20 beds; next 20 rooms is TBD
 - Laundry of Love (John Jones) \$500/month; 2 sites now; 2-2.5 hours, free laundry washes & dry. Don’t have to prove homelessness. Miguel will look for a new site.

Looking for a midweek weekday across town. Oxnard has four days seems to be limited to Farm Workers

- RV dumping station (Kappy Paulson) – probably no go for station; but maybe 1-2 pump truck; Consider going legislative route Via county Envi Services – Jen mentioned VC county is doing more of an enforcement approach and not a service. CoC and grants don't allow THAT use of \$. Can we get Talk with Assembly person to get info Mike – no relationship with Monique or Steve. Brian Brennan & Surfriders, Mike will contact. PIT 2024 - 21 RV in Ventura w no hookups and PIT 22025 – 25 RVs Many commented RV count is probably a LOW number. Council needs Data i.e Numbers of how many RVs are here
- Plan for RV parking day and eve with case management- Like an RV park that caters to talking with Community Development. Maybe similar to River Haven
- Storage (John Jones and Leona Rollins) – Leona – checking Harrison donating bins. Need Data about who would use service, John wants 250 barrels. Where can we store? & Capacity of the storage area. Hours? Manage access?
 - had reached out to her regarding who may be ideal person at EJ Harrison to connect with. E.J. Harrison & Sons began replacing trash, recycling, and yard waste containers in Ventura, California in early 2021 to comply with Senate Bill 1383:
Trash: Black carts replaced green ones; Yard and food waste: Green carts replaced tan ones; Recycling: Blue carts remained blue
The new carts are slightly shorter but wider and heavier than the previous ones, making them more stable in windy conditions. Customers were notified when it was their turn to receive the new carts, which came with instructions on how to use them. The state requires all carts to be replaced by 2036, but E.J. Harrison expects to complete the transition within a few years.
- Portland Loos (Leona Rollins)
 - last CC - consent item; Authorization to Purchase a Portland Loo Restroom, and to Advertise Project and Receive Bids for the Install Downtown Portland Loo Restroom (PM23-1224)
Portland Loos going to council Parks & Rec has responsibility 2/18/2025; It's a consent item.
 - Milestone Date/Timeframe
Issue Purchasing Order February 2025
Open Construction Bids March 2025
Equipment Delivery – Portland Loo April 2025
Begin construction April 2025
Project completion June 2025

- Need for bus passes (Judy Alexandre) - Need a grant for Bus passes. Gold Coat transit has a short fare button, driver can waive fee. Consider a grant from AAA Miguel. VC Transport Commission probably won't help.
 - New items, changes, updates, keep, eliminate?
 - Give up on dump station & advocate for a for dumping system
 - Add work with H4All re Housing Advocacy. H4A is lead for housing support & partner w H4 All in the area of affordable housing. See Sheetz decision See below
 - Legal challenges to Sheetz decision. <https://bbklaw.com/resources/la-041624-scotus-moves-on-sheetz-development-impact-fees-imposed-by-legislation>
 - Sheetz v El Dorado case puts a much higher legal threshold for development fees. California is particularly affected because our state threshold was much lower. Moreover, Sheetz means plaintiffs can challenge state/local fees in federal court as unconstitutional.
 - Inclusionary zoning fees were challenged in Oakland and Healdsburg, but before it went to court the cities settled or backed down
 - <https://oaklandside.org/2025/01/24/supreme-court-sheetz-impact-fees-oakland/>
 - [https://pacificlegal.org/healdsburgs-inclusionary-housing-keeps-homes-unaffordable/Healdsburg's 'inclusionary housing' keeps homes unaffordable](https://pacificlegal.org/healdsburgs-inclusionary-housing-keeps-homes-unaffordable/Healdsburg's%20'inclusionary%20housing'%20keeps%20homes%20unaffordable)
 - Encampments – trash bag service in the past; can we restart? Two residents Mikey & Irene, who lived there lead the effort. Lee will encourage Pickup 2 times per month. Talk to Sgt Anselmo and Meridith Hart for Hx perspective. Safe & Clean ran it but City doesn't have that anymore. Woods Services, via Measure O, might do it.
 - Motion to Approve Goals – Mike; Second – Kappy; Vote - yes Lee & Jenn can't vote
- VII. Tenant Protections Update (Leona Rollins, Kyler Carlson, Kristian Nunez)
- a) Where are we now.
- [Several New Tenant Protections Went into Effect for Renters in California this Month | National Low Income Housing Coalition](#)
 - AB2801 – Security Deposit protections LL can only up to move out date & not any damages after move out. LLs 4/1/2025 must take photos after m/o & B4 repairs are dne 7/1/2025 share w tenants and receipts
 - SB 611 – Allowable Rental fees & limit fees charged & strengthen security Deposit Laws. IF more than 1 month, LL must report reason
 - AB – 2747 – Positive Credit Hx for rent reporting at start & once a year existing tenants also included.

- AB2493 – Screening fee \$30/applicant w adjustments for CPI, Only IF intend to rent unit. Tenant can access screening report in 7 days
- AB 2347 Unlawful Retainer allows 10 days to respond vs 5 days.
- SB1051 - DV Survivors – 24 hr lock change, Tennent must provide confirmation documentation. LL covers cost of lock.
- <https://nlihc.org/resource/several-new-tenant-protections-went-effect-renters-california-month>
- Strengthen Enforcement is tricky
- Will there be LL Training by the City? Lee reported – Extensive staff report in works. Planning will get 2/26 for recommendations, Kristian need to get talking points. Coordinate with Kyler, Leona and Rachel. H&H will get 3/19, Council gets 3/25/25. VSSTF needs to raise training issue at council.
- 2/22/2025 Several of VSSTF will meet with new member Alex. Trying to contact Rynn
- **NEED TO HAVE MORE SPEAKERS OTHER THAN JSJ & JA**
 - i.* 3/18/25 Portland Loo goes to council
 - ii.* 2/26/25 – tenant rights go to Planning
 - iii.* 3/19/2025 – tenant to H&H
 - iv.* 3/26/20025 – Tenant to Council
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- a) Housing updates:
- b) Valentine Road permanent supportive housing project- No report
- c) College housing – no report
- d) Ventura Springs for veterans housing – no report
- e) Farm worker housing – No Report
- f) Other – COC HAP Round V – Invested into Housing & Prevention; HAP Round 6 anticipated from State – Fed Grants are at risk. CoC is getting all \$ under congressional approval for Housing & Rapid rehousing in place.
- g) Comment after fire by Mike - Rush to build housing will challenge inclusionary housing regs

VIII. Updates:

- a) Faith subcommittee (John Jones) – no report
- b) Council’s Housing and Homeless Committee (Leona Rollins, John Jones, Judy Alexandre)
- c) Ventura County Continuum of Care (Grants, annual Point in Time count, meetings, program updates, other) Jenn Harkey
- d) City of Ventura (Lee Sherman) – H&H cancelled meeting in Feb next meeting 19 Mar.
- e) CAUSE (Maria Navarro, Kristian Nunez) – No new info hoping to connect with PC.
- f) Mercy House (The ARCH, Anna Varela) – No info on Safe Sleep contact w city
- g) Faith subcommittee (John Jones) – no report

h) Agencies, organizations??

IX. Motion to adjourn until 3/5/25 3:15 via zoom

Meetings:

Council's Homeless and Housing Subcommittee, 3rd Wed of each month 3pm Community Room, City Hall

Ventura County Tenants Housing Rights Workshops will be held by the Housing Rights Center on 2/20 and 3/18. Virtual options are available. See more info here:

<https://www.housingrightscenter.org/workshops> Continuum of Care Alliance

Faith Subcommittee, 3rd Friday of each month, via zoom (Johnsandersjones@gmail.com)

Important Planning commission of 2/26: tenant Protections