Needs Gap Subcommittee Report

5/4/2022

Members: John Sanders Jones, Bryan Brennan, Kappy Paulson, Clyde Reynolds resigned from the group to work on other issues around affordable housing

Needs Addressed

1. **Laundry** – John leads

* There is currently one site. Re-launch was on Saturday, April 9th at 9AM @ Mission Plaza Laundry 110 N Olive St. Ste E Ventura, CA 93001.
* Action: Re-opening one or more of the other sites may be a project the community can take on. This is the primary suggested effort for the Faith Subcommittee
  1. Annual costs $36,400 Weekly cost ~ $700

1. **Phone Charging** – Elizabeth Stone
   * Get Chargers and have a cadre of folks who will hang out and let people charge phones at the same time talk to them about services. Need a lead and what services we’ll feature.
2. **Storage –** Elizabeth Stone
   * Pilot project – Document Storage lockers is in place. Need to consider larger units for stuff at a later date.
   * Storage lockers (like HS lockers) and storage rental space - $5,526 (possibly more for larger lockers also need to fund peer monitors to accompany client)
3. **Showers** – Lead needed
   * The county has mobile showers with Whole Person Health Care. Need to advertise to community. Ventura sites are at River Haven and Ventura One Stop at VCMC. Would like to see one more site located later in the week. Issues: Permission, staffing, water & electricity source & water disposal. Action: Encourage Whole Person Health Care to find another site
     1. Soap Box – was a personal unit built by Keeley Brown & her Dad (Name escapes me). Keely moved to TN. Units are not operating during COVID. Prob won’t restart.
     2. Melissa Gerwie (SP?) a WPHC (?) caseworker, has shower pods as a master’s thesis project. Need to see what she has in mind.
   * Action - Lobby city council members Brown and Sanchez to fund and push a West Ventura site and maybe another at EAST end.
4. **Bath Rooms** – Need a lead

* Plaza & Mission Park BRs - Keep open earlier and later in the day. City & Downtown Partners are reluctant to open due to illegal activity that sometimes happens. We want o consider having the Peers monitor the bathrooms from 0600 to 0800 and 1800 to 2020.
* Action - Find funding to monitor the BRs during that time. Need funding for closer monitoring, cleaning and opening & closing overtime hours. Need person to pursue & write City, County Grants, Downtown Partners, Other grants? Or just get the city to keep them open. Cost is $87,000 (mostly salary).
* East end Bathrooms ?????
* Long Term Alternate - Portland Loo – two in each park open 24/7- $620,000

1. **Dump Stations** – Kappy Paulson
   * Suggestion to pay (who?) for mobile dumping if RVs congregate in one place - $16,400
   * Alternate – Two new free dump stations in the east and west side of the city. Could not get a good cost estimate.
   * Action – VSSTF encourage the City to open new dump stations. Possible Support Partners but probably no funding - Keep Sespe Wild, Envi Coalition, Sierra Club, Surfriders