



AGENDA

CITY OF SEASIDE
HOMELESS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING
440 HARCOURT AVE (CONFERENCE ROOM)
Monday, November 18, 2024
5:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL - HOMELESS COMMISSION

Benjamin Strickland	Chair
Leslie Mugan	Vice Chair
Lynda Cunningham	Commissioner

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required).

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 24, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes as presented in the agenda packet.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. DISCUSS ALLOCATION OF \$5,000 FROM HOMELESS COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET TO DONATE TO LOCAL HOMELESS ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS AND NON PROFITS FOR HOLIDAY NEEDS

RECOMMENDATION: Commissioners will identify local homeless advocacy organizations and non-profits to donate up to \$5,000 in funds as listed in their fiscal year 2024/2025 work plan and available in their annual budget to support organizations serving homeless individuals and families to meet their needs during the holidays.

B. RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM COMMISSIONER CUNNINGHAM ATTENDANCE AT NOVEMBER 6, 2024 NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION MEETING REGARDING EFFORTS TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE JOINT SESSION

RECOMMENDATION: Commissioners will receive an update from Commissioner Cunningham regarding her attendance at the November 6, 2024 NIC meeting to advocate on behalf of the Homeless Commission in a request to hold a future joint meeting to become informed about and identify opportunities to collaborate on projects that support the beauty, health, and wellness of Seaside.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF

This is a time specifically set aside for the Staff Liaison to provide updates on non-agendized requests from the Commission, and to provide brief information on topics under the purview of the Commission.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: TBD

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FINAL MINUTES
CITY OF SEASIDE
HOMELESS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
Council Chamber
Thursday, October 24, 2024
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Strickland called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL - HOMELESS COMMISSION

PRESENT: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham

ABSENT: None

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Kaiser

5. PRESENTATIONS

None

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JULY 31, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING

On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Mugan and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to approve the minutes for the July 31st 2024 special meeting.

RESULT: 3-0-0-0

AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ACTION: Approved

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. DISCUSS HOMELESS COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP SIZE FOR CLARITY

REGARDING BROWN ACT AND ENGAGEMENT IN COMMISSION WORK/ACTIVITIES

The commission discussed how to comply with the Brown Act and how it applies to the commission with only three members. If commissioners are invited to make a presentation on a different commission that was added to the agenda the commission must also put an agenda for a special meeting stating they would be at the meeting and what they are presenting on.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

B. DEBRIEF REGARDING EFFORTS TO PARTNER WITH NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION AND REFRESH START TO DETERMINE NEXT STEPS FOR SEEKING FUNDING TO BRING MOBILE HYGIENE SERVICES TO COMMUNITY

The commission discussed the efforts they been making to collaborate with the NIC for the past two years to receive funding for a pilot program that would bring a mobile hygiene unit and how there's still community members who are oppose to it. The commission also discussed educating community members on the unhoused. Many of the unhoused are regular people who just need to shower and clean up. The commission would like to invite the NIC and have them explain their criteria.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Peter Kaiser, Sara Tortorelli, Joe Cabbage

On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Muga and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to ask for a joint meeting with the NIC commission.

RESULT: 3-0-0-0

AYES: Strickland, Muga, Cunningham,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ACTION: Passed

C. EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR PROCESS OF ALLOCATING UP TO \$15,000 OF HOMELESS COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET TO AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING FOOD INSECURITY PROGRAMS SERVING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN SEASIDE

The commission discussed opening a RFP to have agencies apply for the food insecurity funds. The Commission would like the RFP to open Nov 18, 2024 and closing January 15, 2025. The commission would let the agencies who apply and receive funding that they would like to have them back within 90 days of receiving funds to come to a meeting and let the commission know how the money helped.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Peter Kaiser

On motion by Commissioner Muga and second by Commissioner Cunningham and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to approved the RFP as it was discussed.

RESULT: 3-0-0-0

AYES: Strickland, Muga, Cunningham,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ACTION: Passed

D. DISCUSS ALLOCATION OF \$5,000 FROM HOMELESS COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET TO DONATE TO LOCAL HOMELESS ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS AND NON PROFITS FOR HOLIDAY NEEDS

The commission discussed previous agencies/organizations they donated to in the past. The commission would like to reach out to the previous organizations, come back, and make a decision in a special meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Peter Kaiser

On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Muga and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to tabling the agenda for next month special meeting.

RESULT: 3-0-0-0

AYES: Strickland, Muga, Cunningham,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ACTION: Passed

E. EXPLORE IDEAS FOR INCREASING HOMELESS COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP AND PARTNERS/STAKEHOLDERS PARTICIPATION

The commission discussed possible ways to let community members know there are openings in the commission. Suggestions were talking to the community pass the word, invite stakeholders to come to the meetings, do a media blast on the City of Seaside website/social media. Making an advertisement to be played during announcements in council meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners provided reports.

Commissioner Cunningham: On her trip to Washington D.C for the first time she spoke with some from Tunnels to Tower Foundation who was having a meeting there they build houses for veterans and reached out to see if they would like to build houses here for veterans. Seen a story from San Francisco chronicles about San Rafael homeless get a sanctioned camp, they have little tents that they have cost \$40,000 a year for each tent, they got caseworkers electricity, security, and hygiene facility. San Rafael allocated 2.2 million or about 44,000 per tent to operate the new sanctioned camp with a maximum of 18 months. Read in the weekly about a ribbon cutting ceremony for affordable housing called Revision west. Heard an interview with Bill Nye used the word BANANA (Build Anything not Any Where Near Anyone).

Commissioner Strickland: Called a special meeting.

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Staff provided report.

Derrick: Mention being part of a Commission for the County The Community Action Commission mention they have a survey out and wanted to share it with the commission to share with other community members to fill out the survey. They are looking for a feedback for the needs of low-income individuals and families from the County of Monterey.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Mejia, Commission Clerk

Ben Strickland, Commission Chair

To: The Homeless Commission

From: Leslie Muga

Re: Recommendations regarding holiday funds

Date: November 18, 2024

My recommendation is that in order to be perceived as providing funds in an equitable way, we consider the following criteria:

- The organization:
 - Has not been provided funds during FY2025 by the Homeless Commissions
 - Supports Seaside residents, but does not need to be located in Seaside
 - Has not been provided funds by the city in FY25 budget
 - Is considered active in Homeless commission activities; attended at least one event in last 12 months.
 - Does not meet criteria for food insecurity RFP

The organizations that were provided funds from the commission in FY25 included:

- Salvation Army (Fredericksen House)
- Community Human Services (Safe Place)
- Community Human Services (Casa De Noche Buena)
- All In
- The Epicenter

Organizations provided money through the City Budget in FY25 included:

- Legal Services for Seniors
- Girls Inc.
- Greater Victory Temple
- Echo Housing
- Meals on Wheels
- Boys and Girls Club
- Community Human Services
- Gathering for Women

Based on the criteria above, I recommend we consider the following organizations for holiday funds:

- Veteran's Transition Center
- Ihelp
- Pass the Word Ministry
- Bethel Ministry
- Refresh Start
- World Outreach Services
- Community Partnership for Youth
- Village Project

Note that some of these organizations may be eligible to apply for funds through the RFP so this list could possibly be pared down. I further recommend that the total amount available would then be divided by the number of organizations on the final list.

***Commissioner Cunningham's Notes from November 6th NIC Meeting**

You will be receiving an email from the NIC's new liaison outlining what the NIC wants for project proposals. They said it would be out this week, but it's already Thursday.

- They will be asking for written proposals via a request for proposal.
- It sounded like they will later be asking for in person presentations for the ones that make the cut (my words).

Their 2025-2026 work plan (and ours) is due April 1. Working backward from the date they set these meetings. They will be looking at the proposals they receive at these meetings.

- Jan 7 - Regular meeting
- Jan 11 (Sat) - Work plan/retreat 8am-noon

- They also said they would leave the proposal deadline open till Feb but they are doing their work plan in Jan. I'm sure this will be clear in the RPF/letter from their liaison.

They will be inviting us to Joint Meeting on Sat Jan 11th noon-1pm after their work plan meeting.

- They didn't understand why we would a joint a meeting. One person was very open to that, at least 2 others were against that.
 - o I suggest we have a very clear agenda of what we want to get out of this meeting with them.

NIC will be participating with the Red Cross & Seaside Fire on Sat Jan 25th to install smoke detectors around Seaside.

- The Red Cross has a list of people and some of it is door knocking.
- NIC said they would be inviting City Council. I suggested they invite the other commissions.
 - o Not sure if more than 1 of us could attend this event. Can we clarify with the city attorney