



AGENDA

CITY OF SEASIDE
HOMELESS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
440 HARCOURT AVE (COUNCIL CHAMBER)
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
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
Kathy Hughes	Commissioner
Joseph Ruffin	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).

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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5. PRESENTATIONS

A. RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM ARNOLD WESTPHAL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BREAKTHROUGH FOR MEN

RECOMMENDATION:

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 5, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes as presented in agenda packet.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. DISCUSS CREATION OF HOMELESS COMMISSION AGENDIZED ITEMS HOUSEKEEPING LIST FOR PURPOSE OF TRACKING TABLED MOTIONS

RECOMMENDATION: Commissioners will engage in discussion led by Chair

Strickland pertaining to tracking and accountability of motions and participation in related meetings, activities, subcommittees, etc. in support of the Seaside Homeless Commission.

B. DISCUSS FEASIBILITY OF CHANGING THE NAME OF THE SEASIDE HOMELESS COMMISSION

RECOMMENDATION: Commissioners will contemplate changing the name of the Seaside Homeless Commission for clarification of identity and purpose.

C. DISCUSS PROCESS OF DESIGNING, APPROVING, AND COMMISSIONING NAME TAGS FOR COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF AND FOR THE CREATION OF A CHALLENGE COIN TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

RECOMMENDATION: Commissioners will explore designs for creating name tags to help identify members while interacting in the community and the design of a challenge coin to encourage/reinforce efforts from partners and stakeholders to actively engage in addressing the needs of homeless individuals and families in the Seaside community.

D. DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH CITY OF SEASIDE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF SEEKING FUNDING SUPPORT OF FUTURE SEASIDE HOMELESS COMMISSION WORK PLAN PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION: Commissioners will contemplate engaging with the Seaside Neighborhood Improvement Commission in a dual, collaborative meeting to explore building a partnership to work together in the future in service of the needs of Seaside's most vulnerable community members. Additionally, commissioners will review and finalize submitted proposal to NIC seeking funding to help complete work plan project.

E. DISCUSS ADVOCACY PLAN FOR CITY OF SEASIDE HOMELESS COMMISSION TO DETERMINE AND EXPRESS NEEDS FOR SUPPORT REGARDING IMPACT OF HOMELESSNESS AND RELATED CHALLENGES ON COMMUNITY HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND SAFETY

RECOMMENDATION: The commission will identify challenges related to homelessness previously communicated as well as, develop a plan for engaging with community members, people with lived experience, business owners, and stakeholders to identify needs for supports, resources, and solutions that can be advocated for to City Council and Community and County Partners.

F. REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 HOMELESS COMMISSION WORK PLAN AND IDENTIFY CHANGES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 HOMELESS COMMISSION WORK PLAN

RECOMMENDATION: Commissioners will review the mission, goals, and accomplishments in relation to their 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Work Plan to identify revisions to be made for the development and adoption of their 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Work Plan.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

9. 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:
Wednesday, May 7, 2025
5:30 PM

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FINAL MINUTES
CITY OF SEASIDE
HOMELESS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
Council Chamber
Wednesday, March 5, 2025
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, Cunningham, Hughes

ABSENT: Mugan, Ruffin

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Strickland and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to approve the minutes for the February 5, 2025 Regular meeting.

RESULT: 3-0-0-2

AYES: Strickland, Cunningham, Hughes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mugan, Ruffin

ACTION: Passed

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. DISCUSS FEASIBILITY OF CHANGING THE NAME OF THE SEASIDE HOMELESS COMMISSION

The commission discussed the potential name change and the approval process. They decided to table the agenda item until the April meeting to ensure all commissioners could attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Hughes and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to table the agenda item for April regular meeting with all commissioners to be present.

RESULT: 3-0-0-2

AYES: Strickland, Cunningham, Hughes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Mugan, Ruffin

ACTION: Passed

B. DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH CITY OF SEASIDE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

The commission discussed a potential collaboration with the NIC, reviewing previous discussions on the topic. They decided to table the agenda item until April regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

On motion by Commissioner Hughes and second by Commissioner Cunningham and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to table the agenda item for the April regular meeting.

RESULT: 3-0-0-2

AYES: Strickland, Cunningham, Hughes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mugan, Ruffin

ACTION: Passed

C. REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 HOMELESS COMMISSION WORK PLAN AND IDENTIFY CHANGES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 HOMELESS COMMISSION WORK PLAN

The commission discussed reviewing its general duties to ensure they align with its current activities and capabilities. They discussed the desire to focus on achievable goals and ensure the commission work is effective. The commission aims to improve communication and collaboration with the city and county regarding homelessness initiatives. They want to better understand existing programs, ordinances, and policies related to homelessness.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Hughes and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to accepting the changes made and would like to review it in the April regular meeting.

RESULT: 3-0-0-2

AYES: Strickland, Cunningham, Hughes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mugan, Ruffin

ACTION: Passed

7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners provided reports.

Commissioner Cunningham: It was made clear that strengthening the relationship between Seaside and the county is a priority, no matter what decision is reached on the 'Lead Me Home' project

Commissioner Strickland: Reminded commissioners the deadline for submitting Form 700 is approaching. Submissions can be completed online or can be sent to Derrick. I will initiate contact with 'Breakthrough for Men,' a local organization, to explore collaborative opportunities, particularly regarding the single homeless male population. Furthermore, I propose including a high school student on the commission to enhance youth engagement. Finally, I recommend the book 'Getting Things Done: The Art of Stress-Free Productivity' by Dr. David Allen for the commission's consideration

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Staff provided report.

Derrick: Commissioners were reminded of the Form 700 and the mandatory two-hour ethics training. For virtual participation and voting eligibility in meeting where a commissioner is absent, the commissioner must provide their physical address in advance and ensure the meeting agenda is publicly accessible at that location during the meeting. The Family and Community Support Program will host a resource fair on Saturday, May 17th, from 12PM to 3PM at Laguna Grand park. The Commission should consider an invite to Echo Housing, which provides mediation and advocacy services for eviction and landlord-tenant disputes, to help prevent housing loss. Additionally, the commission should also invite CRLA, which offers free legal assistance to individuals facing eviction, particularly those unable to afford private counsel.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Mejia, Commission Clerk

Ben Strickland, Commission Chair

Seaside Homeless Commission Proposal to NIC

To the members of the NIC,

The Seaside Homeless Commission is putting forth the following: our project proposal is the purchase of lockers for storage of personal items and vital records, and, the purchase of device charging stations. We anticipate a range of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

We seek to collaborate with Art & History Commission to support decoration of the lockers. We believe our project will beautify the City of Seaside and encourage compliance with various city codes.

Thank you for this opportunity.

***Details: More research will be conducted if project is approved to locate options for different model designs and pricing.**

Lockers – Homeless Commission will Develop Contract

-Potential Locations (near Seaside Library, Social Services building, Oldemeyer Center) (Homeless Commission is open to other suggestions)

-Use of Lockers would be First Come, First Serve

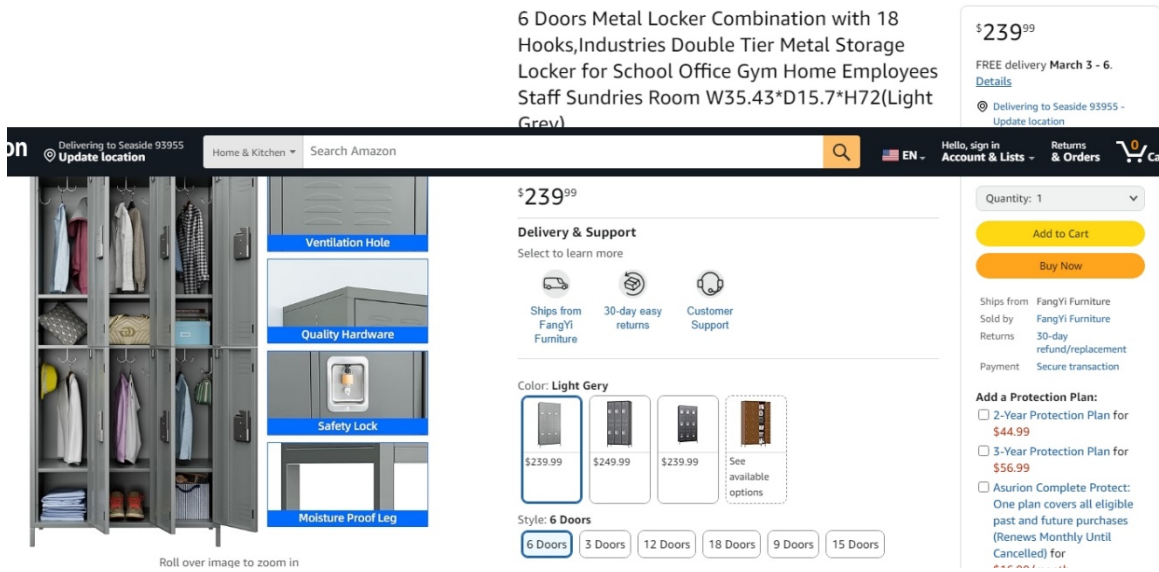
-No Charge to Use Them

-Time Limit for Use of Lockers (Available for Single Day Use or Longer Term Up to 30 Days)

-Combination Locks (Code would be Requested & Safely Stored In Case Forgotten)

-Examples with Pricing (Considering double-tiered, 6 doors/slots – total of 4 to 6 sets depending on pricing)

Example #1 (\$240 plus tax for 1 set of 6 lockers)



Example #2 (\$934.61 total for 1 set of 6 lockers)

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Device Charging Station

-Potential Locations (Parks in Seaside, near Seaside Library, Social Services building, Oldemeyer Center) (Homeless Commission is open to other suggestions)

-Examples with Pricing

A photograph of the Sunbolt Velocity charging station. It features a large, rectangular solar panel mounted on a tall, dark metal pole. The pole is attached to a concrete base that also serves as a table. The table has a dark, recycled plastic top and is surrounded by four concrete benches. The Sunbolt logo is visible on the solar panel.

Velocity

Specifications

CHARGING. FORWARD.

With a 3/16" structural steel package, a concrete base, a recycled plastic lumber table top, and a 700W DC solar array, the Velocity delivers a value driven charging station without sacrificing any of the quality, durability, and the high power that have become synonymous with the Sunbolt brand. **The Velocity comes in two different options: Velocity (left), and VelocityLT.**

OVERVIEW

- True off-grid solar power design that delivers dependable year-round charging power, even in worst case weather conditions
- Charges 75-100 mobile devices per day (typical use)
- Supports charging for tablets, laptops, cameras, and other electronic devices
- Brilliant, non-glare LED lighting system for nighttime use
- Hardened for public use and low maintenance
- Architectural design with a fully engineered commercial grade structure
- Wind-speed rating 170 mph, self ballasted
- Optimized system design includes high-quality UL listed solar power components for safe and trouble-free performance
- The structure has a minimum service life of 30 years
- ADA Accessible — seats four (4) to eight (8) comfortably

	Price
Velocity Unit	\$12,450
VelocityLT Unit	\$8,650



BRING SOLAR TO THE STREETS

The Dash combines high power and durability with the convenience of a compact design. With a structural steel frame and a marine grade polymer table top, the Dash is perfect for campuses, parks, outdoor seating at restaurants, trails, and train stations.

OVERVIEW

- A highly reliable, long endurance solar powered charging station
- True off-grid solar power design that delivers dependable year-round charging power, even in worst case weather conditions
- Supports up to 50-75 hand held mobile device charges/day (typical use)
- Supports charging for smartphones, tablets, and other portable devices
- Attractive non-glare LED table top lighting system for nighttime use
- Includes six (6) USB charging ports and one (1) Wireless Qi Charging Pad
- A powerful 200W DC solar array and 75 amp-hour AGM battery
- Architectural design with a fully engineered commercial grade structure
- Optimized system design includes high quality UL listed solar power components for safe and trouble-free performance
- Low maintenance with a ten to twenty year expected service life
- Fully-anchored, storm-resilient structure

	Price
Dash Unit	\$4,950



SMART CHARGER PRICING CALCULATOR

Base model is powder coated silver and includes a 300-350 watt solar panel and 4 white LED lights, a 300 Watt Sinewave inverter, 4 AC and 8 USB outlets, and one 12V deep cycle 85 Ah battery.

Select optional features below to customize your Smart Charger:

Quantity *

1

Please enter a number from 1 to 99.

Powder Coated Colors (we can match RAL or Pantone nos.)

Powder coated silver (included)

Additional Options:

- ☐ Add LED On/Off Switch +\$50.00
- ☐ Add Outlet Below Table 1-GFCI AC and 2-GFCI USB +\$110.00

TOTAL AMOUNT:

\$4,950.00

SUN Solar Powered Cell Phone Charging Station

\$936.00 USD



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Giving Hope Today

The Salvation Army – Monterey Peninsula Corps

Good Samaritan Center

800 Scott Street ~Sand City, CA 93955

Phone: (831) 899-4988

Locker Agreement

Locker # _____

In order to receive access to a locker at the Good Samaritan Center, please read and agree to the following program terms outlined below:

- I agree to use the locker assigned to me by program staff and will not share the locker with any other individual.
- I understand that access to my locker at the Good Samaritan Center will be available from Monday through Friday between 8:30am--12pm and 1pm--4pm.
- I agree to use my locker appropriately and not in any way that causes damage to the locker, including overfilling.
- I understand that I am not allowed to keep perishable items, alcohol, drugs, paraphernalia, weapons, or any other illegal items in my locker and that doing so will forfeit my locker privileges.
- I understand that my locker agreement will expire in 6 months from the date of signature and that it is my responsibility to request an extension prior to that date. An extension may be issued only if space is available, and the terms of this agreement have been followed.
- I understand that once my agreement has expired, I am immediately responsible for removing all personal items. Any items remaining in my locker will be held for 30 days before being donated or disposed of appropriately.
- I understand and agree that I am solely responsible for keeping my locker secure at all times. Good Samaritan program staff are not responsible for any lost or stolen items due to an unsecured locker.

By signing, I agree to participate in the locker service program as specified above and will comply with the rules set forth in this agreement.

Program Participant Name Printed

Phone #

Program Participant Signature

Date

Email

Good Samaritan Staff Signature

Date

Case #

Homeless Commission – Listening Session 2.8.24

Monterey county free libraries:

- 6 days a week
- Anyone can go in.
- Open to everyone
- Can bring issues – sometimes doesn't have the resources to help.
- Tough spot - want to help folks, but sometimes just cannot
- Happy they are there – as an emergency resource. During the storms
 - o Blankets flashlights, food, water
- Want to be valued member of the community.
- Always looking for making connection
- Direct link to the family support services

Questions:

- Have you noticed more youth coming in?
 - o No real spike in youth – but more folks coming in during the winter.
 - o Do get young folks – but they are older than 18
 - Gets support from Community Human Services
- Saw nearly 600 folks this past week –
- Should there be resource tables in the library
 - o Always looking for partners – hand out information.
 - An hour a day/hour a week – whatever they can.
 - o Provide free resume help, free printing

Central Alliance for Health

- Community supports in housing
 - o Getting folks housed and keeping them housed
- Medical recipients
 - o Just need to call and get connected with a case manager
 - To support them in finding housing/staying housed

Questions:

- To apply for Medical - they have an application
- You can apply through department of health and social services
 - o For many things at once.

Examples of what they do to support housing needs

- Grant of up to \$5,000
- Deposit
- First and last month's rent

- Housing and sustaining services
- Keeping them housed after they get the house
- Call member services if you are a medical recipient – and they can assist you from there.

Does there need to be a referral to receive the housing services? How are you connected to the coalition?

- Self-referral – do not need one from a doctor

Immigration status – does that matter?

- New program started January 1st.

I-Help – for both women and men

- Set up by churches
- Radical hospitality
- 24 churches and one synagogue. House people overnight.
- NPS and near the Y.
- Call I-Help to get the services
- Can send people there – and know that they are going to be safe.
- Clear rules
- Can stay until you get housing and can manage the housing
- Work to get you the services you need

Questions:

- Needs to be upgraded?
- Referral number?
- Food is prepared in people's kitchens
 - o Breakfast to go.
 - o Women can get additional services at Gathering for Women.
- If men are able to work – can participate in physical labor/jobs
- Do not have case managers
 - o Would need to have them at night time.
- Sometimes have programs at night. Depends on the location/church
- Can tell people of other services/agencies – but those folks can't be there – because they provide services at night.
- No other services for men. There are other services for women.
- Is I-Help connected with the coalition – and at what capacity?
 - o They are not because of the cost there is to join.
 - o Cannot have an audit – because of the cost for the audit.

- To apply for funding – but you need to have an audit
- The program director is African American.
- Is there a referral process?
 - Call and some quick questions.

There is landlord greed

Homeless folks are at the bottom

Just want to be in a safe place

Department of Social Services

- Multiple ways to apply for Medical
 - Benefits.cal.com
- Many different services that you can apply for at once.
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County Homeless Director

- More comprehensive solutions
 - CAL ICH
 - Holds meetings with all the departments
 - At the systems level
 - How agencies report
 - How they pursue money

Fort Ord is an interesting place

- Not using it because it is a dangerous place
- Remediate the land because of the toxins – causes the housing to be so expensive.
- Rules on the money 0 drives what we can do locally.

Need programs to support men.

Coalition – Hub

- Case managers
- Unaware of the process – once a case is submitted to the coalition

- Coalition is not filtering the information to the clients

Coordinated Entry

- Assessed with an assessment – provides the collation with a vulnerability score
- Helps the coalition determine what intervention is most appropriate for you
- Transitional housing – 12-18 months.
- Trying to move transitional housing into longer supportive housing – no more 18-24 month block on them
- If you went to transitional housing – and failed out – then you were blocked out
- Institutional knowledge gets lost all the time –

Federal and State funded

- Gives an assessment and feels like it goes nowhere.
- Every program has its own eligibility requirements

People lose their phone, numbers change

People are not telling the coalition their updates. Communication. Agencies are not communicating to the people.

Coalition:

Drafting a governance chart

Grievance committee

Downtown Streets Team

- Have housed over 70 individuals
- Comprehensive case management
- Volunteer support services

Veterans Transition

- VA Homeless activities
- 172 on the street in Monterey County
- 106 in the homeless program

- Case management and support services
- Food pantry, paying bills, meet with case management team weekly
- Also work with the incarcerated community
- Funding is a problem
 - o Easier ways to apply for grants
 - o Opps for some organizations and not for all.
 - o Figure out a way to fix the glaring need with funding.
- Call for assistance

What's Missing:

- Help with housing
- Rental help
- Help with rent to get on their feet without worrying about them affording housing at the time
- Services targeted for older adults unable to work
- Need money and people who can translate multiple languages
- Housing opportunities on vacant land
- Tiny homes
- 2nd, 3rd, and 4th homes for non-residents

What's working:

- Rental help
- Paying rent
- Securing housing
- Helping for a year or more
- Need rent control
- One to one help
- Overnight shelter

Not working:

- Criminalizing the homeless people
- Treating them like prisoners
- No rent control; high rent
- Funding on county level tied into agencies that have expensive audits.

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CPY

- Dropped off a flyer.

Village Project:

- AL Farley
- “Welcome Home” Prison re-entry program
- Cases through the courts
- Started out as a mental health provider
- Services go beyond the welcome home program
- Now they have an after school program
- Equine project
 - o Therapy and riding lessons
 - o Teach the kids how to lasso
- Housing matters, domestic violence, criminal violence
- Bilingual therapists
- Work with the county health team – no charge for services.

Homeless Services- Community Human Services

- Safe place Monterey
 - o For youth
 - o Overnight shelter
 - o 12 youth able to stay the night
 - o Groceries and can cook a meal
 - o Washer and dryer
 - o No shower for them
 - o Shower
- Safe passage
 - o Transitional housing for youth – 18-24
 - o 6 beds
 - o Co ed
 - o Only program that requires they go through CARS assessment
- Casa de noche Buena
 - o 35 individuals
 - o Depends on family size
 - o Commercial kitchen – partner with gathering for women
 - o Staff 24/7
 - o They can self refer

- Shuman Heart House
 - o Mirrors casa de noche 7uena
 - o Can hold up to four families
 - o Washer and dryer
 - o Commercial kitchen
 - o Chef
 - o Case managers
 - o Don't accept pets
 - o They can self refer
- Street outreach program
 - o 8 counselors
 - o Housing navigator
 - o Work with youth; 18-25
 - o Supports the completion of CARS assessment
- Salinas center
 - o Coming
 - o Community space
 - o Kitchen
 - o Computers
- 6 months to a year for families - wait list
- 3 months for single women-

Youth emergency shelter

Transitional housing – up to 2 years.

Permanent – case managers to support

Share Center

- Accepts pets in their shelter
- Have a dog run plus kennels

Pass the word Ministry

- Hot breakfast on Saturday
- Feed about 75 or so folks each week
- Also provide sandwiches for them to take
- On the third Saturday – brings clothing, blankets partners with organizations
 - o Folks are looking for sleeping bags and tarps/tents
- Collaborating with Refresh Start
 - o Three showers and a toilet
- Mostly volunteers
- Donations from people

What is the city doing based on these engagements?

- Listening, getting feedback
- All about strategies at this point
- Are you conferring with Salinas?
 - o We do want to work with other cities to collaborate and learn.

help

- Many of the folks being served, more than half are elderly
- Hoping to get support from Derrick and team to help folks transition
- Partner with churches on the peninsula to house men and women nightly.
 - o About 20 churches throughout
 - o Called sites
 - o They also host a meal – mostly
- Also work with local business to get meals and support
- Meet up point for the men and women
- Cannot accept everyone
- Work with many organizations across the peninsula
- Many folks are not trusting
- Need to make a connection within minutes
- Takes a whole community to serve a person
- They are an emergency shelter
- Need to be able to follow directions
- Often the last opportunity people have before they die
- Cannot reach other agencies at night.
- Do the best they can to make connections
- Not a member of the homeless coalition
- Struggling for money
- Don't have an audit – CPA?
 - o Will follow up with the city attorney
- With an audit they can apply for the funds

Salvation Army

- Transitional housing program
 - o 15 units
 - Folks staying for a few months and moving on
 - Own kitchen
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- Good Samaritan
 - o Homeless day center
 - o Showers, meals, laundry, case management
 - o Partner with lhelp
 - o Senior gas cards

Gathering for Women

- Housing insecure
- Showers
- Main focus – their immediate needs
- Clothes
- Hot meals
- M-F, also on Saturday mornings to show a movie
- Case management
- Housing navigator – support in finding homes

Can they help folks get vouchers?

- They can help them get in touch with the org that offers the vouchers

County voucher program has a wait list – and it is closed. The regular voucher program is closed.

- If you are a vet – different program
- Foster youth incentive voucher – they are currently available.

Project based housing – certain agencies work with the housing authority.

- The voucher doesn't move with them.

What is the city of seaside doing as it relates to housing from the state requirements?

- We can look into it and get back to lhelp.

Need to have a meeting that discusses the city's plan for housing.

- Folks attending are interested in knowing
- Bring the housing director to an upcoming meeting to share the plan
- Invite folks that have attended the listening sessions.

Not Working:

- Being told "You cannot be here."

Missing:

- People having an address where they can be 24/7/365

Weekly Free Meal with Clothing

Days	Time	Location	Organization	Notes
M T W T H	11:15 AM	NPS parking lot off Del Monte	The Salvation Army	
Thursday	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Window on the Bay Parking Lot	Crissy	Misc clothing brought in by Robert Pacelli and IOC organization
Friday	10 AM	Window on the Bay Parking Lot	Anna from San Carlos Church	Misc clothing brought in by Robert Pacelli and IOC organization
Saturday	9 AM	El Estero Lake BBQ picnic area	Pass the Word Ministry	
		3 rd Saturday – Misc donated items	Pass the Word Ministry	Misc items donated by Braxton Stuntz Foundation
		4 th Saturday – Toiletries underwear and socks	Pass the Word Ministry	Toiletries underwear/socks brought in by Carmel Presby Church Outreach
Sunday	8:15 AM	Window on the Bay Parking Lot	AI & Friends Sunday breakfast	

Sunday	12:00 PM	El Estero Lake BBQ picnic area	San Carlos Church teams	
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City of Seaside Homeless Commission

Annual Work Plan FY 2024-2025

**Adopted by the Commission
April 3, 2024**

Commission Members

Benjamin Strickland – Chair

Leslie Mugan– Vice Chair

Lynda Cunningham

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Staff Liaison – Derrick Elder, Family & Community Support Practitioner

**Liaison Assistant – Denise Mejia, Family & Community Support
Technician**

Mission Statement

To plan, advocate, support and collaborate with those affected by homelessness and the organizations that serve them.

Historic Background

The Seaside City Council created the Homeless Commission on November 2, 2017. The Commission will have completed its sixth full year as of November 2, 2023.

General duties of the Homeless Commission

The Commission on the Status of Homelessness shall have the power, and it shall be the duty of the commission to make recommendations to the City Council and to advise the Council in the following matters:

- Review and comment on City ordinances, programs and policies and state mandates related to housing, CDBG grants and programs, and other poverty mitigation programs;
- Monitor and assist the City's progress in implementing needed homeless services and facilities;
- Develop policy recommendations and processes to measure the effectiveness of new and existing policies in ending and preventing homelessness and coordinate with the CDAC for their required reporting in the HUD mandated Annual Action Report;
- Identify strategic goals for the City and estimate resources needed to accomplish these goals; investigate funding to implement programs to benefit the homeless community.
- Identify partnerships with County, City and other community programs that achieve the goals of ending or preventing homelessness in the City of Seaside.

Responsibilities

The commission on the status of homelessness shall:

- Hold public meetings on matters related to homelessness;
- Investigate best and contemporary practices with regard to eliminating and preventing homelessness;
- Serve in advisory capacity to the City Council, commissions, committees, and boards on related issues;
- Prepare an annual report to the City Council on progress and effectiveness of various programs and policies.
- Ensure regular maintenance of homeless commission resources on the City website.

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Work Plan

A. Cultivate a “Housing First” culture which includes bold and innovative ideas and activities:

- Identify additional City properties to utilize as transitional housing
- Advocate for rental assistance programs
- Advocate for viable emergency housing programs and emergency temporary housing
- In the event of a vacancy, ensure a member of the City Staff is appointed as the Homeless Commission Liaison
- Collaborate with the City of Seaside Family and Community Support Program Staff whose job duties include address housing and homelessness

B. Engage, amplify and collaborate with organizations that work with our Seaside community members who are at risk of homelessness:

- Identify, participate and collaborate with food programs that serve the community
- Amplify support and improve current safe parking programs in the community through partnerships
- Engage, collaborate and participate with Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD) programs that serve at risk and homeless youth
- Identify and collaborate with agencies that provide supportive services for young children
- Identify, participate and collaborate with organizations that service pets of the unhoused
- Increase awareness of homelessness solutions and outreach by participating in a public outreach campaign. Examples include:
 - Speak at School Assemblies
 - Neighboring City Council Meetings
 - School Board Meetings

C. Invite all voices to the table and in our conversations; especially our Seaside community members who are at risk of homelessness:

- ☐ Receive regular updates from local organizations that serve those at risk of homelessness to include but not limited to:
 - Casa De Noche Buena Family Center
 - Gathering for Women
 - Salvation Army
 - I-Help for Women and Men

- Coalition of Homeless Service Providers

☐ Partner with the City of Seaside Family and Community Support Program to host community forums where neighbors can share their ideas for addressing housing and homelessness

☐ Partner with City of Seaside staff and commissions to collaborate on endeavors to assist the unhoused

D. Investigate options to provide additional services to the unhoused to include but not limited to:

- Lockers for storage of personal items
- Phone charging station/Portable Battery
- Mobile hygiene station

E. Investigate options to secure funding through the City of Seaside Boards and Commissions, and any appropriate channels to satisfy needs of the work plan to include but not limited to:

- Explore possibility of City allocating a percentage of Transient Occupancy Tax and Short-term Rentals Revenue to Homeless Commission Budget
- Explore possibility of Homeless Commission applying for grants to supplement funding
- Submit proposal(s) to Neighborhood Improvement Commission to seek funding for specific projects and programs

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Homeless Commission Accomplishments:

- **Held First in a Series of Listening Sessions on the State of Homelessness on September 19, 2023**
- **Provided \$1,750 in funds to "Casa De Noche Buena Family Shelter" to support the needs of their residents during the holidays**
- **Provided \$1,750 in funds to "Outreach Unlimited (I-HELP)" to support their efforts to transport and shelter unhoused women and men during the holidays**
- **Held Second in a Series of Listening Sessions on the State of Homelessness on February 8, 2024**
- **Held Third in a Series of Listening Sessions on the State of Homelessness on February 22, 2024**
- **Presented proposal to Neighborhood Improvement Commission on September 5, 2024 to seek funding for mobile hygiene services project**
- **Received presentation from Refresh Start Mobile Hygiene Program operating in Monterey County on January 11, 2024**

Expected Expenditures for Projects and Programs - Budget Request

***Work Plan Part B - Engage, amplify and collaborate with organizations that work with our Seaside community members who are at risk of homelessness**

\$15,000 a year - City of Seaside food insecurity programs

\$5,000 - Holiday Donations to local homeless advocacy organizations and non-profits

\$5,000 – Donations to local youth-focused, homeless advocacy organizations and non-profits

\$5,000 – Funding for one-time and emergency expenses to support local homeless advocacy organizations and non-profits

\$10,000 – Funding to support local homeless advocacy organizations and non-profits in efforts to provide supportive services (minor car/bike repairs, gas, spay/neuter needs for pets, first month's rent/deposit, bus passes, laundry)

***Work Plan Part C - Invite all voices to the table and in our conversations; especially our Seaside community members who are at risk of homelessness:**

\$1,000 Presentations for Homelessness solutions (Travel expenditures for consultants etc.)

\$1,000 - Support / Facilitate a minimum of one community homeless outreach forum (advertising costs etc.)

\$500 - Support misc. needs of Homeless Commission community engagement (challenge coins, nametags, etc.)

***Work Plan Part D - Investigate options to provide additional services to the unhoused to include:**

\$35,000 – Contract Mobile Hygiene Services **Option 1** (Showers, Laundry, Toilets and Handwashing) in cooperation with a local non-profit organization to manage [OFFERED 1 DAY/WEEK FOR A YEAR ON SATURDAYS]

\$191,500 – Contract Mobile Hygiene Services **Option 2** (Showers, Laundry, Toilets and Handwashing) in cooperation with a local non-profit organization to manage [OFFERED 5 DAYS/WEEK FOR A YEAR]

Total: \$77,500 (Mobile Hygiene Option 1)

Total: \$234,000 (Mobile Hygiene Option 2)



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April 2, 2025**

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Lynda Cunningham - Commissioner

Kathy Hughes - Commissioner

Joseph Ruffin - Commissioner

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Mission Statement

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Historic Background

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Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Homeless Commission Accomplishments:

- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to “All-IN” to support their efforts as a Homeless Youth-Focused Advocacy Organization**
- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to “CHS – Safe Place” to support their efforts as a Homeless Youth-Focused Advocacy Organization**
- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to “Casa De Noche Buena Family Shelter” to support their efforts as a Homeless Youth-Focused Advocacy Organization**
- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to “Epicenter” to support their efforts as a Homeless Youth-Focused Advocacy Organization**

- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to "Salvation Army – Fredericksen House" to support their efforts as a Homeless Youth-Focused Advocacy Organization**
- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to "Pass the Word Ministry" to support the needs of their residents during the holidays**
- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to "Outreach Unlimited (I-HELP)" to support their efforts to transport and shelter unhoused women and men during the holidays**
- **Provided \$1,000 in funds to "Refresh Start" to support the needs of their residents during the holidays**
- **Provided \$500 in funds to "Veteran's Transition Center" to support the needs of their residents during the holidays**
- **Provided \$500 in funds to "Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Ministry" to support the needs of their residents during the holidays**
- **Provided \$500 in funds to "World Outreach Services" to support the needs of their residents during the holidays**
- **Provided \$500 in funds to "Al & Friends" to support the needs of their residents during the holidays**
- **Provided \$8,000 in funds to "Stepping Stones Outreach Inc." to support their Food Insecurity Program**
- **Provided \$2,500 in funds to "Pass the Word Ministry" to support their Food Insecurity Program**
- **Provided \$2,500 in funds to "World Outreach Services" to support their Food Insecurity Program**
- **Provided \$2,000 in funds to "Al & Friends" to support their Food Insecurity Program**

Expected Expenditures for Projects and Programs - Budget Request

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***Work Plan Part C - Invite all voices to the table and in our conversations; especially our Seaside community members who are at risk of homelessness:**

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\$1,000 - Support misc. needs of Homeless Commission community engagement (challenge coins, nametags, etc.)

***Work Plan Part D - Investigate options to provide additional services to the unhoused to include:**

Total: \$32,000