



FINAL MINUTES
CITY OF SEASIDE
HOMELESS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING
Council Chamber
Thursday, January 23, 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

ABSENT: Mugan

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doris Beckman

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM DISTRICT 4 SUPERVISOR WENDY ROOT ASKEW REGARDING HOMELESS COMMISSION ATTENDANCE AT 2025 LEAD ME HOME SUMMIT ON HOMELESSNESS AND ADVOCACY FOR CITY CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING LEAD ME HOME PLAN

Supervisor Wendy Askew asked Commissions Support to bring the Lead Me Home Plan to the City Council's attention for adoption in Seaside, as many other Cities have already done. There will be a Lead Me Home Summit on Homelessness on April 17, 2025, and all are welcome to attend.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2024, SPECIAL 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 November 18, 2024, Special Meeting.

RESULT: 2-0-0-1
AYES: Strickland, Cunningham,
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mugan

ACTION: Passed

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: NOMINATE AND VOTE FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The commission discussed to table item agenda for next month meeting due to the absence of some commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Strickland and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to postponed the election of office until the next meeting.

RESULT: 2-0-0-1
AYES: Strickland, Cunningham,
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mugan

ACTION: Passed

B. DISCUSS AND APPROVE CITY OF SEASIDE HOMELESS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2025

The commission discussed conflicts with the current schedule. The commission has been meeting every fourth Thursday of the month, and would prefer to hold meetings on the first Wednesday of the month instead.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Strickland and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to change its regular meeting days to the first Wednesday of every month.

RESULT: 2-0-0-1
AYES: Strickland, Cunningham,
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mugan

ACTION: Passed

C. REVIEW PROPOSALS FROM ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING DONATION FUNDS FROM FOOD INSECURITY PROGRAMS RFP BUDGET AND VOTE ON ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$15,000 TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO FEED LOW-INCOME AND UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN SEASIDE

The commission discussed all the proposals that were sent in. After reviewing the proposals from AI and friends, Pass the Word Ministry, World Outreach Services and Stepping Stones Outreach the commission decided to allocate the funds as followed: \$8,000 to Stepping Stones, \$2,500 to World Outreach and Pass the Word Ministry and \$2,000 to AI and Friends.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kemar Davis, John Holt

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Cunningham and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to awarding AI & Friends \$2,000, World outreach and Pass the Word Ministry \$2,500 and \$8,000 to Stepping Stone.

RESULT: 2-0-0-1
AYES: Strickland, Cunningham,
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mugan

ACTION: Passed

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

The commission discussed to table agenda item for next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Cunningham and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to table business item for next meeting.

RESULT: 2-0-0-1
AYES: Strickland, Cunningham,
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mugan

ACTION: Passed

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners provided reports.

Commissioner Cunningham: would like to pick someone next month to attend the lead me home summit and would like to be added to the agenda next month. Would like to talk about changing the homeless commission name and having a meeting to discuss potential names. Would like to add to the agenda item adapting the Lead me home 5-year plan. Going back to the public comment in the beginning there is an organization called Golden Connections, they do home matchmaker.

Commissioner Strickland: Ran into Nick Sarah in Salinas and said she was thankful to the commission for the Holiday Donation. Ran into the Mayor from Monterey and asked if they had a Homeless Commission in Monterey and he said they do not.

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Staff provided report.

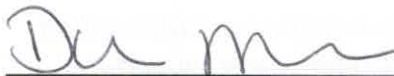
A. PROVIDE UPDATE ON CITY OF SEASIDE HOMELESS COMMISSION VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

Derrick: Interviews were conducted for open positions on the commission. Of the three candidates interviewed, two are potential appointees as the third candidate withdrew from consideration. Our Program will be hosting their annual resource fair in May 17, 2025 from 12pm-3pm at Laguna Grande Park Lawn.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Mejia, Commission Clerk



Ben Strickland, Commission Chair