



AGENDA
CITY OF SEASIDE
HOMELESS COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING
Council Chamber
440 Harcourt Avenue
Thursday, March 28, 2019
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

HOMELESS COMMITTEE

Jessica Hare	Chair
Alessandro Tani	Vice Chair
Kenneth Murray	Committee Member
Molly Fittro	Committee Member
Natalia Molina	Committee Member
Latoya Allen	Committee Member
Merrilyn Mancini	Committee Member

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

Members of the public wishing to address the Committee on matters within the jurisdiction of the City of Seaside, but not on this agenda, may do so during the Public Comment period for up to three minutes. Public Comments on specific agenda items are heard under that item. For the public record, please state your name.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 28, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

6. DISCUSSION

A. FOOD PANTRY DISCUSSION LEAD BY COMMITTEE MEMBER MANCINI

RECOMMENDATION: Engage in a discussion pertaining to food pantries.

7. STUDY SESSION

A. STUDY SESSION TO COMPLETE THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL WORK PLAN

RECOMMENDATION: To discuss and complete the 2019-2020 Annual Work Plan; reviewing, discussing and incorporating ideas from attached draft list.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

A. ADVISE COMMITTEE ON THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO TAKE PLACE AT THE APRIL 25, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: Advise the Committee of upcoming election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair to take place at the April 25, 2019 regular meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:
April 25, 2019
Seaside City Hall
6:30 PM

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DRAFT MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
HOMELESS COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
Thursday, February 28, 2019
7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Murray, Hare, Molina, Tani, Mancini

Absent: Fittro, Allen

3. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Presentation (6-A.) cancelled; presenter was unavailable

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Member Pacheco on behalf of himself and Council Member Wizard wanted to thank the Committee for attending the Town Hall meeting and for the Committee's service to the community.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 24, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

Motion: Murray, Second: Allen, unanimous

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION FROM LILAH HANDLER WITH COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES REGARDING THE "SAFE PLACE" PROGRAM

Presentation cancelled

B. UPDATE ON CITY COUNCIL ACTION AS IT RELATES TO HOMELESS SERVICES

Hare shared Council direction on partnership between Community Human Services and Gathering for Women opening shelter on Broadway. Mancini, very informative Council meeting, great presentation, changed many opinions. Murray, very positive and impactful, looking forward to more, thanked City Council, Gathering for Women and CHS have a great plan. Hare, would like City Council to task Homeless Committee with oversight of shelter project. Molina, thanked CM's Wizard and Pacheco for putting on Town Hall meeting, from a public health perspective would like to add partners to the shelter project, CHOMP, Better Health through Housing, questioned sustainability, maybe CHOMP Foundation. Hare, Montage has endorsed the project. Allen, CC had excellent things to say, tiny homes may allow us to scale to permanent housing partner, scale model to permanent housing maybe partner with Habitat for Humanity.

C. HEAP GRANT UPDATE

Allen and Dempsey updated the Committee on the HEAP application process and the mandatory bidders meeting. CM Malin discussed a brainstorming meeting with the Mayor, education and faith based communities. MPUSD McKinney-Vento 2018-2019 Seaside Schools 534 student homeless. Ideas for grant application: rental assistance, transportation of homeless students, safe parking, providing adult shelter, ordinance for sleeping in public areas, tiny/affordable homes on school district property superintendent support. Discussion by members about special meeting to discuss recommendations to CC for projects, meeting date did not materialize.

7. STUDY SESSION

A. STUDY SESSION TO COMPLETE THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Committee member discussed ideas for annual work plan which will be condensed in a document for the March 28th meeting.

Public Comment: Pastor Lusk, worried about timing of a special meeting, Council Member Wizard, worried about too many meetings leading to indecision, Mr. Mancini, CHS and Gathering are preparing an application, align with those agencies, Council Member Pacheco, have community meeting in June or July to discuss homeless issue, Lisa Sawhney, tent city, portable showers, where is there other land in the City to provide an opportunity for temporary housing, faith-based survey, update resources on County web site, affordable housing, rental assistance, Unidentified Speaker, homeless not a disease, became homeless in Monterey County while bringing an ill friend for medical treatment, Murray, attended meeting this morning representing faith-based community, committee should meet its own mission, port-a-potties, showers and tents.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mancini, great ideas, working with homeless for many years, Committee should be working to bring all non-profits together, Hare, part of Homeless Committee mission is to bring CC recommendations, Molina, we want our collective voice to be part of the process, Murray, most participation by Committee members since formation of committee, appreciate everyone's time.

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Dempsey, Committee Clerk

Jessica Hare, Chair

Draft Ideas for 2019-2020 Annual Work Plan

- Identify additional parcels of land to utilize as transitional housing
- Have discussion with Planning Commission on zoning actions
- Scale any plan to include transitional housing
- Work with Salinas Foodbank and faith-based foodbanks
- A rental assistance program
- Rapid rehousing services
- A safe parking program
- Supportive services for young children
- Services for unaccompanied youth
- Homeless shelter monthly reports
- Consider asking council to adopt a housing first policy to include in the shelter ordinance
- Consider asking council to adopt a barrier elimination policy and prohibit using public funds to support groups that have discriminatory or nonsecular rules, policies, or disqualifying criteria
- Search for and identify appropriate lots of safe parking programs
- Hold a joint meeting with CDAC re: CDBG funding
- Consider asking council for permission to spend up to \$5k of \$30k annual homeless fund without council consent, as approved by the city manager, for emergent needs and unplanned situations, all other expenditures recommended to city council
- Lockers for storage
- Consider asking council to amend planning and zoning codes to allow for small neighborhood food pantries like library branchlets
- Consider asking council to adopt a policy of no fees for recreation department activities if receiving public benefits, i.e., SNAP, WIC, free/reduced-priced lunch, unemployment insurance
- Consider finding opportunities to partner with MPUSD homeless liaison to serve Seaside youth



City of Seaside Homeless Committee

Annual Work Plan

**Looking Ahead to FY 2018-
2019**

**Adopted by the Committee
April 26, 2018**



Members Appointed When Adopted:

**Sasha Allen
Natalia Molina
Kenneth Murray
Alessandro Tani
Dominique Jones
Molly Fittro
VACANT
(7 Committee Positions)**

Mission Statement:

To plan, advocate, support and collaborate with those affected by homelessness.

Historic Background

The Homeless Committee was created by the City Council In November 2, 2017. Staff immediately began the recruitment effort for commissioners and the inaugural meeting of the Committee took place on April 12, 2018.

General duties of the Homeless Committee:

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 can be leveraged to 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.

Inaugural Fiscal Year 2018-19 Work Plan:

- A. Understand the different types of homeless statuses, the different states of homelessness and the different influencing factors of homelessness and prioritize the type of homeless service to target.
- B. Understand the types of organizations that are currently providing services for homelessness in our community and find ways to leverage opportunities. Include service providers and a listing of services that are provided, also identify if there are designated areas for homeless to sleep.
- C. Identify and make a recommendation to the City Council for the expenditure of \$30,000 budgeted for FY 17-18 funds, potentially including identification of services that could be augmented instead of created.
- D. Seek ways to conduct a direct survey of those that are homeless and or collaborate with others that may already have that data.