



FINAL MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
HOMELESS COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
Thursday, July 25, 2019
6:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Call to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Present: Murray, Hare, Allen, Cunningham and Mancini

Absent: Fittro

3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

No change

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steven Cry, resident of Monterey: has been attending meetings in both Monterey and Seaside about Laguna Grande Park, understands there is a JPA between Park District, Seaside and Monterey but is unable to get much information about the governance. Encourages Seaside City Council and City of Monterey to form a JPA to share the responsibility of the park between the two agencies. Rich Cadigan, Parks and Recreation Committee Member: recommended City Hall lawn as well as Steven Ross Park as an area for homeless to sleep. Lives across from Trinity Park and has experienced some homeless individuals camping in the park the last few days, contacted Police, did not seem to change the situation, he personally has been cleaning up what has been left behind by those spending time in the park. Seaside needs to partner with other Peninsula Cities as Seaside does not have the financial resources to do it alone. Sherry Roel: stated she is homeless and agrees with many things the previous speaker stated, stated that she does cleanup after herself. Mental illness and drug abuse are large problems in the homeless community. Stated she feels victimized by this community, tried to be an activist, however, was not taken seriously. Chair Hare responded to public comment, followed by Committee Member Cunningham.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Read letter from the City of Seaside Environmental Committee regarding their actions pertaining to potential ordinance as it relates to sleeping on public property.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 27, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

Motion: Murray, Second: Allen, Unanimous

7. **DISCUSSION**

A. DISCUSSION OF THE MONTEREY COUNTY CENSUS

Figures not available.

B. DISCUSS INCREASE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IN REGARDS TO COMMITTEE BUDGET

FY 19/20 funds available for Homeless activities is \$50,000. Murray would like to support programs that feed the homeless as well as connect with Montage Mobile Health Clinic – suggested the possibility that the committee make up food bags and hygiene kits to be delivered to those in need. Mancini shared a list of items needed for clients of Gathering for Women, will share similar list from Community Human Services at the next meeting. Also spoke about SAFE Place and SAFE Passage. Allen agreed with Murray, partnering with Montage as well as providing food and hygiene kits, also Gathering and at-risk youth identified by Seaside PD. Cunningham agreed with all ideas and thought it may be less expensive to help keep people in their homes through a rental assistance program, also those that are un-housed likely need some sort of personal protection. Hare: Appreciates the committees work and input, suggested we look at list of previous presenters and break down by services provided and align with annual work plan. It was decided that each member will select a service or project and be prepared to offer suggestions for funding at the next meeting.

C. DISCUSS REQUESTING CITY MANAGER APPROVAL OF HOMELESS COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES UP TO \$5,000.00

Dempsey will prepare staff report and present to City Council at the August 15th CC Meeting.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A. UPDATES REGARDING "SAFE PARKING" PROGRAM

Update on SAFE Parking Program, moved to the August 15th CC Meeting. Murray asked how we plan to replace vacancies. Cunningham asked to look into JPA

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

7:55 p.m. Motion: Allen, Second: Mancini

Respectfully submitted,


Brian Dempsey, Committee Clerk


Jessica Hare, Chair