



MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
HOMELESS COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING
SEASIDE CREATES
Thursday, June 27, 2019
6:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Call to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

Present: Cunningham, Mancini, Allen, Murray, Hare

Absent: Fittro, Molina

3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

There were no changes made.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Question about title and when the name will be changing from Committee to Commission and the difference between the two. Chair Hare answered the question.
- Dianne Nielson, spoke on recommendation regarding changes to the Ordinance that are going to happen to the no camping ordinance and why it is not enforced like other places.
- Monterey Resident lives by Laguna Grande; calls Seaside PD and Monterey PD, but she is told that is not their jurisdiction. Understands that Seaside PD is understaff and unfunded, but area is a safety hazard. Both cities should work together. Chair Hare responded to the concern and mentioned that the Committee voted not to designate any parks.
- LisaAnne Sawhney, stated the City budget meeting is also tonight, meetings should have been addressed on different nights. The City budget hasn't been looked at enough and unfortunately she could not attend both meetings. Residents are concerned about our current budget, we show a shortfall of \$2.7 M; it would be good for anybody in the community to be at that meeting tonight and question why we are continuing to do double meetings. The City Manager evaluation is not in Spanish, only online and asked how seniors in our community are able to view/access it and how people were notified about it. Stated it should be extended, and asked how residents were informed? That is critical considering what the City has been through. Homelessness is a County issue and not something for Seaside to solve. It is really a state level, Country level and it should be handled at that level. We don't need to be the solution for the regional area of the Monterey Peninsula. Thanked Rev. Murray for opening his church for that once a month. Monterey, Seaside and the Regional Parks District should work together.
- Steven, Laguna Grande Court, stated his backyard looks to Laguna Grande Park where the issue is happening. Has there been any outreach to other cities, particularly Monterey to work together instead of pointing fingers? Maybe forming a Joint Task Force.

- Bobett, Laguna Grande Court, concern about fire, worried about son who is autistic and is home alone during the day.
- Oscar, public showers?

Rev. Murray spoke on understanding the public's concerns and assures them that they are being heard. Committee understands and has empathy. Works with homeless and has been homeless as a Pastor. Understands what it means to depend on other people. Is very compassionate; is very concerned with Cities who say they care but don't work together. Homeowners need to be safe. Supports as much as he can, will support right before supporting wrong. Committee Member Mancini thanked public for their input. Has taken some notes, knows that cities need to work together. Committee Member Cunningham thanked public who spoke. Chair Hare thanked the public; she believes that it is a local problem. Spoke on the number of children who are homeless just in Seaside. Individually we need to step up and go that extra mile. What are the solutions to change that situation and not working together will only harm it.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 23, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Motion: Mancini, Second: Cunningham, Unanimous; once the no and abstain can be identified.

6. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. REQUEST CITY COUNCIL APPROVE PLACEMENT OF SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD PANTRIES ON CERTAIN RIGHT OF WAYS.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Homeless Committee review, discuss and consider authorizing staff to request from City Council approval to place small neighborhood food pantries on certain public right-of-ways.

Public Comment: Mr. Mancini: Concerned with security and safety. LisAnne Sawhney: Concerned with animals coming in, critters; why not ask schools, churches, nonprofits, business, City Hall, Oldemeyer, school districts. Resident: publicizing foster care and homeless kids on tri-county is 12,422 identified homeless kids. It is a good idea to get schools involved. Oscar: is making small pantries; doesn't have the money, space or tools to do more; believes it's an excellent idea. Resident: commended Oscar for his vision and commitment. Resident: asked who would pay for it? The City, donations or City budget?

Motion: Cunningham, Second: Mancini, Unanimous. One year trial, \$1,000 funding from Homeless Committee budget, a selection of 3 right of ways, Seaside Creates, Oldemeyer and another facility and donations to support those three pantries \$200 to help for materials.

B. FORMAL RECOGNITION OF ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES WHO PRESENTED TO THE HOMELESS COMMITTEE.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Homeless Committee review, discuss and consider authorizing staff to provide formal recognition to the organizations and agencies who presented to the Homeless Committee.

Public Comment: LisAnne Sawhney: presentations that have been given to be accessible on the website.

Committee Member Allen would like a certificate of recognition, list of organization on the website.

Motion: Allen, Second: Cunningham

7. DISCUSSION

A. UPDATE ON HEAP GRANT

The Shelter on Olympia has been granted full funding.

B. PROGRESS ON CAMPING ORDINANCE

Will be scheduled on the July 18th City Council agenda.

UPDATE ON SAFE PARKING PROGRAM

That Homeless Commission give the church \$10,000 for infrastructure improvements. Moved from County to Seaside. Program will be funded by the County.

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Murray: helping homeless, feeding homeless, appreciates Commission. Mancini: Has been working with Gathering For Women and teaching how to knit. Allen: attended new Homeless Platform for Monterey Peninsula, to reach homeless, youth. Cunningham: PetSmart every Saturday helping homeless cats. Hare: attended City Council last week. City Council is grateful for what the commission is doing. Safe parking presentation recommendation was successfully passed.

11. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chief Dempsey: reported that the budget was presented to City Council and there was an increase to the Homeless Commission budget of \$20,000 for a total of \$50,000.

12. ADJOURNMENT

8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Brian Dempsey, Committee Clerk


Jessica Hare, Chair