



**MEETING OF THE CITY OF LA MESA
CITIZEN TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS
5:00 PM, CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
8130 ALLISON AVENUE, LA MESA, CA 91942**

MINUTES
August 21, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER (5:04 p.m.)
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Wayne Anderson	X
Bonnie Baranoff	X
Joanne Cattani	X
Megan Dunn	Excused
Jack Major	X
Mary Kate Miller	X
Stephanie Murphy	X

Others present: Greg Humora, Assistant City Manager; Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst; Tamera Kohler, Regional Task Force on the Homeless; Anna Marie Piconi Snyder, East County Homeless Task Force; Kelsey Martinez, Interfaith Shelter.

Public: No members of the public present.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Bonnie Baranoff mentioned a potential inaccuracy with the minutes from the July 17 meeting pertaining to a comment made by Wayne Anderson regarding the opening of the El Cajon Family Health Services mental health facility in El Cajon. Wayne Anderson clarified his comment and stated that the minutes were ok.

Action: Motioned by Bonnie Baranoff and seconded by Wayne Anderson to approve the minutes from the July 17th meeting.

Vote: 6-0

Yes: Wayne Anderson, Bonnie Baranoff, Joanne Cattani, Jack Major, Mary Kate Miller, and Stephanie Murphy

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Megan Dunn

Motion passed.

6. BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS FROM REGIONAL TASK FORCE ON THE HOMELESS

Tamera Kohler gave a presentation on the role of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless in the region.

Jack Major asked Tamera to clarify why bridge facilities were not ideal.

Wayne Anderson asked if specific grant funding (\$26 mil) is based on HUD Point in Time Count (PITC) numbers. Tamera responded that funding is not directly related to PITC numbers.

Mary Kate Miller asked if the funding is available to the Citizen Task Force on Homelessness. Tamera stated that as soon as the Regional Task Force on Homelessness knows the rules and regulations for the grant funding that they will let the group know what can be funded.

7. BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS AND THE ROLE OF THE EAST COUNTY HOMELESS TASK FORCE

Anna Marie Piconi Synder gave a presentation on the role of the East County Homeless Task Force.

Stephanie Murphy asked how the task force avoids “silo’ing” in regard to the application process for grant funding. Anna Marie stated that the East County Homeless Task Force is a volunteer organization that does not apply for funding but rather brings providers together to apply for funding.

Greg Humora stated that East County cities are coordinating efforts because most cities like La Mesa do not have providers in their cities and a regional approach is desirable.

8. BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS FROM INTERFAITH SHELTER

Kelsey Martinez from Interfaith Shelter gave a presentation on the programs offered and activities Interfaith Shelter is involved in.

Jack Major asked how large the shelters are.

Kelsey stated that they are a maximum of twelve persons per shelter to allow for focusing on self-sufficiency and personal needs. He also stated that the maximum length of stay is ten to twelve weeks.

Stephane Murphy asked what the meaning of a 92% success rate was.

Kelsey stated that it means that after two years, 92% of the people were still housed.

Greg Humora stated that Crisis House is scheduled to come to the next CTFH meeting on September 18th and that he is looking into scheduling Home Start, The Salvation Army, and Alvarado Parkway Institute.

9. SELECTION OF TASK FORCE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Action: Motioned by Bonne Baranoff and seconded by Wayne Anderson to nominate Bonnie Baranoff as Task Force Chair.

Vote: 6-0

Yes: Wayne Anderson, Bonnie Baranoff, Joanne Cattani, Jack Major, Mary Kate Miller, and Stephanie Murphy

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Megan Dunn

Motion passed.



Action: Motioned by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Bonnie Baranoff to nominate Wayne Anderson as Task Force Vice Chair.

Vote: 6-0

Yes: Wayne Anderson, Bonnie Baranoff, Joanne Cattani, Jack Major, Mary Kate Miller, and Stephanie Murphy

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Megan Dunn

Motion passed.

10. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonnie Baranoff handed out East County Task Force resource guides to the group.

Bonnie Baranoff stated that Vista Hill, a non-profit organization that helps connect people experiencing homelessness with services and resources, is having a meeting on Wednesday, September 4th at 1:00 pm at the La Mesa Library.

Greg Humora mentioned that the next CTFH meeting is Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Prepared by:

Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst