



**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  
September 18, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER (5:02 p.m.)
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donald Christiansen stated that he was looking for information on where homeless encampments were in the city.

4. ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

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

Others present: Greg Humora, Assistant City Manager; Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst; Captain Matt Nicholass, La Mesa Police Department; Lori Saldate, Crisis House; Mary Case, Crisis House; Joe Villanueva, Crisis House; Bernie Jordan, Crisis House; Karina Hernandez, Crisis House; Laura Tancredi-Baese, Home Start; Chris Shilling, Home Start

Public: Donald Christiansen

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Action: Motioned by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Stephanie Murphy to approve the minutes from the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Vote: 7-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

6. BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS SERVICES FROM CRISIS HOUSE

Lori Saldate introduced the Crisis House staff and gave a presentation on services offered by the Crisis House.

Lori's staff handed out information on the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) to the Task Force.

Stephanie Murphy asked how much funding Crisis House asked for from HEAP.

Lori stated they received \$300,000 but asked for \$1,000,000.

Jack Major asked how people are being housed in the program.

Lori stated they are doing a housing assessment to determine if they can meet client needs but are housing people for 12 to 24 months through rapid rehousing.

Jack Major asked if clients need to have an income.

Lori's staff stated that it helps if clients do have an income but they are not required to.

Stephanie Murphy asked how people refer potential clients to Crisis House.

Lori handed out information on how to refer clients to Crisis House.

Megan Dunn stated that she can present to the group information about "Yes In God's Back Yard" (Yigby.org) if desired.

#### 7. BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS SERVICES FROM HOME START

Laura Tancredi-Baese gave a presentation on the services offered by Home Start.

Chris Shilling from Home Start presented information about specific programs Home Start offers using HEAP funds and the partnerships they are involved in.

Greg Humora asked Chris to talk about the coordination that occurs between Home Start and Crisis House.

Wayne Anderson asked what is Home Start's funding based on.

Laura stated that HUD looks at Point In Time (PIT) counts and other data to determine funding.

Wayne Anderson stated that it would be great to have a "clearinghouse database" to better help during homeless contacts between different organizations.

Captain Matt Nicholas talked about the challenges of data sharing between organizations.

#### 8. BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS SERVICES FROM THE SALVATION ARMY

Greg Humora stated that the Salvation Army could not attend and asked the Task Force if they wanted to reschedule the Salvation Army.

The Task Force stated that they wanted to reschedule the Salvation Army.

Greg Humora introduced Captain Matt Nicholass to the Task Force.

Captain Nicholass gave a brief presentation on his role in the department with homelessness, the current challenges with offering services, and the police department's partnerships with local organizations.

#### 9. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonnie Baranoff announced the next meeting for Vista La Mesa is Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Fresh Start Saturday Breakfast is on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at the La Mesa First Methodist Church in La Mesa.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Prepared by:

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