



**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
October 16, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER (5:03 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	
Jack Major	
Mary Kate Miller	X
Stephanie Murphy	X

Others present: Greg Humora, Assistant City Manager; Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst; Paul Armstrong, Salvation Army

Public: None.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Action: Motioned by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Stephanie Murphy to approve the minutes from the September 18th meeting.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Megan Dunn, Jack Major

Motion passed.

6. BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS FROM SALVATION ARMY

Paul Armstrong from Salvation Army gave a presentation and overview of the homeless services the Salvation Army offers.

Wayne Anderson asked how the Salvation Army identifies vulnerable populations.

Paul stated that most of the referrals come through 211 San Diego and that case managers use a screening process with specific questions.

Wayne Anderson asked if research is being done through San Diego State University.

Paul stated that research is being done and that universities are engaging and becoming more involved in the homelessness issue.

Bonnie Baranoff asked if the Salvation Army receives referrals from the courts.

Paul stated that the Salvation Army does not receive referrals directly from the courts but that they could come in through 211 San Diego.

Wayne Anderson asked why have the Salvation Army had so much success in El Cajon.

Paul stated that it is due to having good leaders that are quality people who care about homelessness.

Stephanie Murphy asked how many homeless in El Cajon have been reunited with family through their unification program.

Paul stated that he didn't know the exact number but it's now in the triple digits.

Bonnie Baranoff asked if the Salvation Army helps track down and locate the family members of the homeless person seeking reunification.

Paul stated that the Salvation Army will help track down family members but does not have access to any information or data that anyone else would have access to.

Wayne Anderson asked if the Salvation Army was involved in the City of Carlsbad's work with the homeless in some of the city's parks.

Paul stated that the City of Carlsbad hired and funded social workers who worked on the issue locally and that the Salvation Army was not involved.

Greg Humora stated that cities are trying to coordinate with other cities and Continuum's of Care on the homelessness issue now that HEAP funding has arrived.

Paul asked if PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) is presenting at any future Task Force meetings.

Wayne Anderson stated that the Navigation Center will be up and running by the end of November and that he wanted to schedule staff from the Navigation Center to present at a future Task Force meeting. He then mentioned that after the presentation a field trip to the Navigation Center could be scheduled.

7. BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS SERVICES FROM 211 SAN DIEGO

211 San Diego is scheduled for the November 20th meeting.

8. DISCUSSION ON TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION PLANNING

Greg Humora stated that this item was put on the agenda to discuss the Task Force timeline and when a report to City Council should be made.

Greg Humora stated that by the first of the year the Task Force could begin work on recommendations.

Wayne Anderson stated that December should be the last month of informational meetings from homelessness service providers and beginning in January the Task Force will start organizing what the mission is.

Bonnie Baranoff stated that she would like to see some people come in that experienced homelessness and share their stories before the Task Force begins organizing the mission.

Bonnie Baranoff asked when is a good time for the Task Force to share information with the public.

Greg Humora stated that one option is for Task Force members to come to a City Council meeting and speak during Public Comment.

Stephanie Murphy stated that she's willing to speak during Public Comment at the next meeting.

9. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonnie Baranoff stated that the next East County Task Force meeting is on Monday, October 23rd at Vista La Mesa Church.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Prepared by:

Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst