



CITY OF MILPITAS HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE

MINUTES

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Virtual Meeting/Teleconference

1. **Welcome/Call to Order** – Chair William Lam called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair William Lam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Roll Call**

Task Force Members Present: Chair William Lam, Vice Chair Sanae Alexander, Ferdie Centeno, Jeremy Bevington, Ricky Davis, Norma Morales, Barbara Jo Navarro, Tingna Xu

Task Force Members Absent: Martha Lamdin, Lisa Moreno

Staff Present: Building Safety and Housing Director Sharon Goei, Housing Manager Adam Marcus, Housing Planner Sara Court

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve May 13, 2021 agenda

Motion/Second: Ricky Davis / Norma Morales

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve April 8, 2021 minutes as corrected

Motion/Second: Tingna Xu / Jeremy Bevington

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

6. **Public Forum**

None.

7. **Business Items**

a. **Presentation by County Office of Supportive Housing and question and answer for County and City staff (Kathryn Kaminski and Hilary Barroga)**

Representatives from the County's Office of Supportive Housing provided information about the County's Plan to End Homelessness, including background, strategies, and types of housing programs. The County also discussed the City's contract with the County Homeless Engagement and Access Team (HEAT) for homeless outreach and the County's unhoused task force.

County representatives clarified several questions from Task Force members regarding the HEAT team's referral process, Milpitas housing preferences, County shelters, and affordable housing programs.

b. Discuss goals/objectives for the Task Force (Chair Lam)

Chair William Lam reviewed possible goals and objectives for the Task Force to focus on, including:

- **Process for outreach referrals** (email and MyMilpitas App)
- **Webpage** – Improve Milpitas website with contacts and resources
- **Homeless Help Center** - Assist all issues related to homelessness, multi-language support, food, clothing, substance abuse support, social/emotional services, etc. Could also offer a hotline.
- **Work program** – Encourage self-reliance with gift-cards, food vouchers, temporary shelter, cash, etc. for clean-up of own area and other areas like parks, roadside, freeway entrance/exit, graffiti (Elk Grove). Partner with local businesses to provide job training, internships, jobs in exchange for tax credit or award.
- **Temporary housing** - Warehouse conversion, tiny homes, prefabricated units, safe parking, sanctioned encampments, etc.
- **Community Safety**
- **Prevention Program** - Identify and assist residents before they become homeless and assist at-risk youth and McKinney-Vento students.
- **Check & Balance system** - Ensure tax dollars are spent efficiently on homelessness programs. Oversight committee for County subsidized housing in Milpitas.

c. Business items for next meeting on June 10, 2021 @ 5 PM (Chair Lam)

Task Force members to finalize goals/objectives into the table format provided by City Staff prior to the next meeting. Task Force to discuss the formation of subgroups at the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23PM.