



## Unhoused Residents Committee Meeting

### Minutes

March 17, 2021, 7:00 pm

Via zoom

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

##### LOCAC Members

Yael Korin – Chairperson -1<sup>st</sup> district

Sandra Sarrouf – Co Chairperson – 3<sup>rd</sup> district

Jim Stanfill –

##### Public Committee Members:

Caroline Hall

Linde Owen

Leanna Erickson

Community members: Tom Cantwell, Mark Woelfle, Pat West, Connie Weldon, Paul Hershfield, Vic, Lisa Denker

- Chairperson Announcements: This afternoon the County Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) approved the Ad Hoc Encampment Committee's Alternative to Encampment Recommendations Document. These recommendations were put together by the Ad Hoc working group in response to Supervisor Gibson's proposal to come up with alternative to encampments throughout the County. The document was reviewed by both the Encampment Committee and the full HSOC before being presented to the Board of Supervisors.

While we don't know how the recommendations will be implemented, I feel hopeful that the County now has got some very good menu of options to move forward towards solving Homelessness in the County.

Here is a link to the document of the recommendations:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:c3520dca-2f90-4a8c-9f0e-43e58529f34f>

Here is a link to the Tiny House & Villages supplement document:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eUBYscSzw6ZMU6g480kQIA-qjnvpfkPS/view?usp=sharing>

- \* Approval of 2/17/21/meeting minutes - postponed to next meeting
- Members announcements: Becky McFarland has resigned.
- Proposing additional members for the committee (3 openings available): was tabled for a future agenda.

- Report back from Gibson/ short range Palisades needs meeting: Committee request for provision of a portapotti, dumpster, and weekly shower mobile unit. Formal request sent and meeting with him March 23 to further discuss. Jim Stanfill spoke with Gibson's assistant Blake Fixler and they will be looking into the option of 'blue bag' program for trash collection and pick-up.
- Preparing for community and surrounding Catholic church/neighbors meeting to announce the proposal and address concerns:

Lanie suggested Palisades signage to explain proposed 6 mo plan from County to provide 3 temporary requests-

Tom Cantwell introduced himself and would like to help, prior experience as County mental health case worker.

Mark Woelfle has a close relative with mental health problems and wants to learn more.

The Outreach is meant to cover church/community concerns to explain what's being set up for temporary services which includes oversight volunteers to work with campers to meet basic safety and self-management standards during the 6 months.

- Subcommittee on long term land location for transitional housing: Connie Weldon has launched a realtor review of possible sites and presented several. Yael researched and presented couple of sites: Los Olivos and 10<sup>th</sup> Street, is 0.33 acre, and asking cost of \$241,000, and 1188 LOVR, is 1.5 acres and asking cost of \$1.5M.

This brought up realities such as undeveloped land not having water or electrical services vs property with services. And questions about how to ask the County for help with purchasing and emergency zoning it for sanctioned homeless accommodations needed. The long range group will begin meeting to further consider needs criteria, challenges, and potential sites. Linde suggested to develop criteria for what's needed, site that has water /sewer and electricity, chemical or composting toilets, Sean from SLO Cog is able to help w/mapping program, how much space do we need, what are the needs we are designing for, can a site accommodate the overnight vehicles parking and unsheltered, post videos of successful projects addressing sanctioned encampments that provide services and basic shelter, the chronic homeless w/mental illness and addiction behavior are reluctant to accept shelter because of structured micro-management (must be considered in design). L. Owen will work up draft criteria on a needs assessment, review of current potential site locations, and rough initial vision for addressing current residents at Palisades after the 6 months. Request a volunteer zoom or outdoor meeting in early April.

- Discussion of development for principles/values: was tabled for future meeting.
- Public Comments - Lisa Denker suggested to look at grant opportunities, many new funding opportunities are becoming available. Caro Hall pointed out that funding come through the County and are very competitive. John has been putting ideas together and will present them soon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Link to the zoom video of the meeting:

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