

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Date

October 4, 2022

Time

2pm-3:30pm

Location

Zoom

Members Present

Anne Wyatt
Anne Robin
Brenda Mack
Elaine Archer
Kathy McClenathen
Ken Trigueiro
Mark Lamore
Scott Smith
Yael Korin

Members Absent

Marianne Kennedy

Staff and Guests

Abby Lassen
Christy Nichols
George Solis
Ilene Brill
Jeff Al-Mashat
Jeff Eckles
Kyle Bell
Kelsey Nocket

Laurel Weir
Leon Shordon
Merlie Livermore
Molly Kern
Nicole Bennett
Rita Holland
Russ Francis
Scott Peterson
Steve Martin
Tim Siler

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Scott Smith called the meeting to order at 2:05pm. Introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

Yael mentioned that that the oversight and accountability issue she raised on the last meeting was not on the agenda. Scott said that this issue will be taken forward.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes included an update to include Yael's' suggestion to agendize an item that will discuss oversight and accountability of services provided by county and service providers. Yael made the motion to approve the minutes with update. Kathy seconded. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Discussion Item: Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 1-Create Affordable and Appropriately Designed Housing Opportunities and Shelter Options for Underserved Populations

4.1.1 Discussion Item: Working Group to Form Recommendations for Cities in Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

Laurel started the discussion by mentioning that the County passed an updated 5-year plan to address homelessness. This plan is focused on creating affordable housing and shelter options. The committee's task is to figure out how to implement this plan. She also mentioned that during the last meeting, it was discussed how critical it is for cities and the county to meet RHNA (Regional

Housing Needs Allocation) goals. Since the cities are developing their own strategies, it could be good to look into any recommendations that would be helpful toward implementing these goals.

Scott shared that a good start would be to look at the cities' general plans and timeline. He also mentioned looking online since the cities and County submit annual report cards to the state on how they are doing.

Anne Wyatt mentioned that there could be some alternatives that could be set out separately from RHNA requirements.

Molly shared that there is a comprehensive countywide Housing and Infrastructure Plan, aimed at identifying what is needed for areas to be housing ready. The draft report will be ready sometime between April and June.

She also shared a link to the State dashboard:

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/planning-and-community-development/housing-open-data-tools/housing-element-implementation-and-apr-dashboard>

Scott ended this discussion by mentioning that the next agenda will include a presentation by Anne Wyatt.

4.2 Discussion Item: First Response Units

Scott Peterson presented and shared photos/designs of mobile emergency refuge modules as emergency alternatives to help people experiencing homeless, while waiting for more housing resources to become available. Scott mentioned that this project, which is a culmination of a 2-year design effort, is getting close to launching in the Los Angeles area. The first goal for this project is to try to get veterans off the street. Prior to his presentation to the committee, Scott has presented this model to Joe Dzvonik and Derek Johnson at SLO City. After his presentation, Scott answered some questions ranging from the type of materials this model is made of, where to connect utilities, sanitation/waste management, safety, and privacy concerns.

4.3 Discussion Item: 5Cities Homeless Coalition-Pallet Shelters Project

Laurel reported that the pallet shelters are installed, and the site is ready to go once electricity is connected. They are waiting for a part to connect the electricity, so the shelter opening has been pushed back again.

4.4 Discussion Item: Anderson Hotel Update

Scott Smith reported that the once privately owned Anderson Hotel, which is a 5-story residential hotel in downtown SLO, has been purchased by HASLO (Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo) and will undergo renovations and be kept as affordable housing. Prior to the sale, HASLO has rented and managed the Anderson Hotel for years. Per Scott, they have raised all the money they need to do the renovations which will approximately take about 18 months to complete. The current tenants will be required to temporarily relocate while renovations are being done.

4.5 Discussion Item: Federal and State Grants-Update on Opportunities

Laurel reported that HSOC is expecting the state to release a NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) for unsheltered homelessness, and will share information once more details are released. Also, there will be another round of Homekey, hopefully in April. HSOC will be talking more about the HHAP 3 grant, pending approval from the state.

Anne Robin mentioned that Community Care Expansion Grants are still available for the Central Coast area. This is a housing grant available to individuals with disabilities and/or behavioral health needs.

Yael raised the question regarding opportunities for encampments apart from clearing them. Kyle from the City of SLO responded by saying that the city is looking into alternatives, such as safe parking programs to address immediate needs.

4.6 Discussion Item: Housing Developers Roundtable

Scott discussed HASLO's upcoming projects which includes the Toscano Inclusionary Housing in SLO, the construction of 29-35 affordable housing units in Morro Bay, and a low-income housing project for seniors in Pismo Beach.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

- Yael Korin suggested for the City of SLO to give updates and more details regarding safe parking plans, and encampments. She also mentioned that there should be a bigger discussion regarding the oversight committee's role.
- Brenda suggested that since encampment cleanups are happening everywhere, there should be feedback from all cities regarding these.

6. Next Meeting Date: November 1, 2022, at 2pm.

7. Adjournment

Scott adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm.