

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
HOMELESS SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022
VIA TELECONFERENCE, 3:30 PM**

Susana Sngiem, Chair
S. Jolene Hui, Vice Chair
Diego Castaneda, Member
Sylvia Guerrero, Member



James Howat, Member
Jeffrey Johnson, Member
Julie Lie, Member
Ray Morquecho, Member
Desiree Rew, Member

**HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE
PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361**

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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Homeless Services Advisory Committee of the City of Long Beach convened at 3:33 p.m. via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager; Joel Reynoza, Homeless Resource Coordinator; Stephanie Sosa, Contracts and Grants Associate; Anita Lakhani, Deputy City Attorney

Chair Susana Sngiem presiding

Commissioners Diego Castaneda, Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, Jeffrey

Present: Johnson, Julie Lie, Ray Morquecho, Desiree Rew, S. Jolene Hui
and Susana Sngiem

REGULAR AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 22-070HS Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Homeless Services Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

This HS-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

Yes: 8 - Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, Jeffrey Johnson, Julie Lie, Ray Morquecho, Desiree Rew, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

Absent: 1 - Diego Castaneda

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mary Simmons from AO7 requested that an encampment be cleaned.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Community Capacity Building Subcommittee Update

- Vice-Chair S. Jolene Hui provided an update
 - The CCB Subcommittee did not meet and had no new updates
 - Introduced the idea of combining the Community Capacity Building Subcommittee with the Fundraising Subcommittee

Fundraising Subcommittee Update

- Committee Member Howat provided an update
 - The Fundraising Subcommittee did not meet and had no new updates

Policy Subcommittee Update

- Committee Member Rew provided an update
 - The Policy Subcommittee has not met but will be meeting on Monday, July 11th.

Annual Report Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Update

- Chair Susana Sngiem provided an update
 - There was a discussion with staff about drafting a cover letter instead an annual report since there the staff's is unable to put a full report together.
 - Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager, responded to the question of when this will cover letter be put together and he said to hope to have it done in the next month.

Continuum of Care Update

- Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager, provided an update.
 - The HHAP goals and funding recommendations which was approved by the CoC Board. The application was submitted on June 30th.
 - A presentation from grad-students from the UCLA's School of Social Work focused on the creation of a Lived Experience Board was heard and is expected to have follow up items in the upcoming months.

2. 22-071HS Recommendation to receive and file all subcommittee updates.

A motion was made by Member Howat, seconded by Member Lie, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Diego Castaneda, Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, Jeffrey Johnson, Julie Lie, Ray Morquecho, Desiree Rew, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

- Chair Susana Sngiem thanked Member Sylvia Guerrero for taking an interest and participating in the CoC meeting.
- Member Sylvia Guerrero volunteered to be the Representative.

3. 22-072HS Recommendation to appoint a Homeless Service Advisory Committee representative for the Long Beach Continuum of Care Board.

This HS-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

Yes: 9 - Diego Castaneda, Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, Jeffrey Johnson, Julie Lie, Ray Morquecho, Desiree Rew, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

SETTING HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE VALUES AND PRIORITIES

- Chair Susana Sngiem went through and read the values
 - There was a discussion about where this document would be accessible and to whom would it be provided to when completed.
 - The members gave their thoughts on the changing the wording, additional values, and the best methods to capture what they feel are the values and priorities of the committee.
 - It was decided that an edited version would be put together and provided at the next meeting.

4. 22-073HS Recommendation to receive and file discussion on setting the Homeless Services Advisory Committee values and priorities.

This HS-Agenda Item was received and filed.

Yes: 9 - Diego Castaneda, Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, Jeffrey Johnson, Julie Lie, Ray Morquecho, Desiree Rew, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE ELECTION

- Chair, Susana Sngiem confirmed that we would need to split this agenda item into two.
- Vice-Chair, S. Jolene Hui put forth the nomination for the Chair role for Member Julie Lie.
- Vice-Chair, S. Jolene Hui put forth the nomination for the Vice-Chair role for Desiree Rew.

5. 22-074HS Recommendation to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair on the Homeless Services Advisory Committee election.

This HS-Agenda Item was received and filed.

Yes: 9 - Diego Castaneda, Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, Jeffrey Johnson, Julie Lie, Ray Morquecho, Desiree Rew, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

HOMELESS COUNT PRESENTATION

- Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager, began the presentation. The City of Long Beach does the Count to be aware of how many people, why people, and what are some possible reasons people are experiencing homelessness. The count is required every two years, however, Long Beach does it every year and it uses a mixture of both volunteers and city employees to walk and count the unsheltered homeless early in morning.
 - There was an overall increase in homelessness from the last two years, with last year's numbers being unavailable due to the pandemic having cancelled the count.
 - The City continues to increase its efforts on helping curb homelessness. They have increased spending from the 10 million of a couple years ago to over 80 million this year.
- Member Desiree Rew asked about the questionnaire's correlated factors in homelessness
 - Paul answered that a factor they considered asking individuals was regarding TBIs because it often gets under reported, as it is not a noticeable physical injury.
 - Member Morquecho asked about securing funding for mental health assistance in public schools since there is correlations of chronic homelessness starting at a young age.
- Staff answered various questions about the questionnaires.
- Chair Susana Sngiem encouraged the staff and public to collaborate with the Long Beach Unified School District to see possible homeless programming.

6. 22-075HS Recommendation to receive and file the presentation.

This HS-Agenda Item was received and filed.

Yes: 8 - Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, Jeffrey Johnson, Julie Lie, Ray Morquecho, Desiree Rew, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

Abstain: 1 - Diego Castaneda

HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

- Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Program Officer, provided an update on Operations and staffing.
 - 3 Health Educators to be co-located throughout the city libraries. A Long Beach Recovery Act Coordinator has been hired and on boarded who has a long history of homelessness administrative and programming experience.
 - There was a joint application with the city and the CoC that was successful, awarding the Bureau 8.5 million.
 - Successful demobilization of the winter shelter.
 - Continued assumption of the ABC Shelter by staff
 - Outreach direct phone number, 562-470-4672(4MSC) is live and taking calls
 - Emergency Housing Vouchers:
 - 566 vouchers currently, 582 goal will be met later next week.
 - Currently 425 active and searching, 141 leased up as of 7/5
 - 296 intensive case management
 - The Bureau is actively looking and communicating with the city for spaces that can house the unsheltered homeless that can fit various different shelter options.
- Joel Reynoza, Homeless Resource Coordinator, provided an update on Outreach
 - There is a typo on the number of recorded contacts, 236 is the corrected amount.

7. 22-076HS Recommendation to receive and file the Homeless Services Bureau Staff Report.

This HS-Agenda Item was received and filed.

Yes: 9 - Diego Castaneda, Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, Jeffrey Johnson, Julie Lie, Ray Morquecho, Desiree Rew, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR REPORT

- Newly elected Chair Julie Lie wanted to give thanks to both former Chair Susana Sngiem and Vice Chair S. Jolene Hui.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- AOC7's Mary Simmons extended her congratulations
- Natalie Swift, former HSAC committee member, gave thanks to the Advisory Committee for the Point in Time Count Presentation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:16 p.m. Former Chair Susana Sngiem adjourned the meeting.

I, Stephanie Sosa, Contracts and Grants Associate, certify that the agenda was posted not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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