

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021
VIA TELECONFERENCE, 3:30 PM**

Susana Sngiem, Chair
S. Jolene Hui, Vice Chair
Jeanette Barrera, Member
James Howat, Member
Jeffrey Johnson, Member
Linda Wilson, Member



Allison Kripp, Member
Julie Lie, Member
Eboney Pearson, Member
Desiree Rew, Member
Janine Solano, Member

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Homeless Services Advisory Committee of the City of Long Beach convened at 3:34 p.m. via teleconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Jeanette Barrera, James Howat, Jeffrey Johnson, Allison Kripp,
Present: Julie Lie, Eboney Pearson, Desiree Rew, Linda Wilson, Janine Solano and Susana Sngiem

Commissioners S. Jolene Hui
Excused:

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Natalie Swit, National Council of Jewish Women

4. OLD BUSINESS

- Continuation of Council District and Community Concerns on Encampments and Visibility of Homelessness Discussion
 - Chair Sngiem, Committee Member Kripp, and Committee Member Pearson introduced the item.
- District 1, Committee Member Kripp
 - Discussed public education on homelessness.
 - Discussed utilizing past public education proposals.
 - Meets with district staff on a weekly basis.
- District 2, Committee Member Pearson

- Property value and businesses are impacted by increased homelessness.
 - Residents are getting priced out of their homes.
 - Affordable housing units are limited.
- District 3, Committee Member Rew
 - Focus on offering services to people experiencing homelessness near beach and encampments.
 - Project Homekey site for permanent supportive housing.
 - Provide quarterly updates to district representatives.
- District 4, Chair Sngiem
 - Visibility and encampments were reported in Los Coyotes, near freeways, joint jurisdiction areas, parks, and business districts.
 - District held community information sessions.
- District 5, Committee Member Johnson
 - Supports interdepartmental coordination with Quality of Life and HEART.
 - Visibility and encampments were reported in riverbeds, freeway under pass. Some criminal activity was reported in hot spots.
- District 6, Committee Member Solano
 - Spoke with staff from homeless shelter and discussed process of finding housing or utilizing Section 8.
 - Recommended creating policies and programs that help people experiencing homelessness rent homes.
- District 7, Vice Chair Hui (not present)
- District 8, Committee Member Howat
 - Discussed tiny village approach moving from encampment to community.
 - Recommended reaching out to local development entities to locate or build more affordable housing.
- District 9, Committee Member Wilson
 - District advocates and dispels misinformation regarding homelessness.
 - Visibility and encampments were reported in riverbeds and near freeways.
 - Address problems with code enforcement issuing notices and citations to owners of properties with encampments.
- At large, Committee Member Barrera
 - Spoke with council members and mayor in the past about housing and family programs to address homelessness.
 - Reported on successes and failures of projects and approaches.
 - Recommended working on policy changes and reviewing program funding.
 - Requested more information on current and potential programs.
- Chair Sngiem retires at 4:31 p.m.
- Committee Member Kripp presiding.
- At large, Committee Member Lie
 - Requested a summary of current and past city solutions to address homelessness. Inform new committee members of projects.
 - Focus on converting buildings to housing instead of building new housing.

- Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Officer, provided an overview of current and future city efforts to address homelessness
 - Homeless Services has been consistently adding programs, beds, and permanent supportive housing projects.
 - City officials and departments reported increasing visibility of homelessness
 - Recommended offering outreach services instead of issuing citations.
 - Regular cleaning of public spaces is required to address health issues.
 - Discussing development of micro units and tiny home communities.
 - Observed more people living in cars and RV's. Need more safe parking.
 - Adding two public health nurses and mental health clinicians for outreach.
 - Discussing holding community forums with districts.

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5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Natalie Swit, National Council of Jewish Women
Hoyt Hochman, Community Member

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Committee Member Kripp announced the following:
 - Requested staff assistance with sharing resources from HSAC and staff.
 - HSAC requested staff follow up on scheduling a future meeting.

ADJOURMENT

At 5:23 p.m. Committee Member Kripp adjourned the meeting.

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