

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023
1430 PACIFIC AVE.
LONG BEACH RESCUE MISSION, 3:30 PM**

Julie Lie, Chair
Desiree Rew, Vice Chair
Sarah Bedy, Member
Sylvia Guerrero, Member
James Howat, Member



S. Jolene Hui, Member
Jeffrey Johnson, Member
Ray Morquecho, Member
Susana Sngiem, Member

**HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
REGULAR MEETING**

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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Homeless Services Advisory Committee of the City of Long Beach convened at 3:35 p.m. at the Long Beach Rescue Mission.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager; Jeffrey Proctor Jr., Homeless Admin and Operations Officer; Stephanie Sosa, Contracts and Grants Associate; Jennifer Santana, Bureau Secretary; Anita Lakhani, Deputy City Attorney

Chair Julie Lie presiding

REGULAR AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [23-017HS](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Homeless Services Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Member James Howat, seconded by Vice-Chair Desiree Rew, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - James Howat, S. Jolene Hui, Ray Morquecho, Desiree Rew and Julie Lie

Abstain: 1 - Susana Sngiem

Absent: 4 - Diego Castaneda, Sarah Bedy, Sylvia Guerrero and Jeffrey Johnson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Emily spoke about the lack of Narcan in the City; she would like it to be more easily accessible to all
- Mary Simmons requested status on the Anaheim Encampment Resolution

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Mayor's Fund Subcommittee Update

- Member James Howat provided an update
 - He was provided an update by staff about the balance of Mayor's Fund for Homeless Action and was shocked of the \$15,000 that was fundraised.
 - He would like to speak more about the Mayor's Fund to the Mayor to see how HSAC could help with the fundraising efforts.

Policy Subcommittee Update

- Vice- Chair Desiree Rew provided an update
 - The Policy Subcommittee is scheduled to met on Monday in March.

Continuum of Care Update

- Member Sylvia Guerrero was absent and Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager, provided the update.
 - The CoC Board did not meet and will also be in person the next month

2. [23-018HS](#) Recommendation to receive and file all subcommittee updates.

A motion was made by Member Jim Howat, seconded by Vice-Chair Desiree Rew, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - James Howat, S. Jolene Hui, Ray Morquecho, Desiree Rew and Julie Lie

Abstain: 1 - Susana Sngiem

Absent: 4 - Diego Castaneda, Sarah Bedy, Sylvia Guerrero and Jeffrey Johnson

BEACON FOR HIM MAYORS FUND APPLICATION

Chair of the Sub- Committee Jim Howat introduced the applicant, Beacon for Him. They were represented by Malissa Christoffersen, Secretary.

- The application was for \$10,000 to help support families throughout the City of Long Beach. Broken up into two categories, \$5,000 is to help provide immediate shelter in hotels for families and \$5,000 for expenses listed in the analysis.
- Vice-Chair Desiree Rew requested to know more about the people they offer services to.
- Malissa replied and gave an example of Beacon for Him providing temporary hotel stay that have now been placed with the Long Beach Rescue Mission.

3. [23-019HS](#) Recommendation from the Mayors Fund Subcommittee to approve the Beacon for Him application for \$10,000 towards family hotel stays and expenses.

A motion was made by Member James Howat, seconded by Vice-Chair Desiree Rew, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - James Howat, S. Jolene Hui, Ray Morquecho, Susana Sngiem, Desiree Rew and Julie Lie

Absent: 4 - Diego Castaneda, Sarah Bedy, Sylvia Guerrero and Jeffrey Johnson

HOMELESS PROCLAMATION UPDATE

Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager, presented.

- Per the request from members in the last HSAC meeting, there was a focus placed on the Mobile Access Center or also known as the MAC.
- The MAC rotates between three different locations throughout the city for three hours a day. Next month it will be extended to five days a week. The MAC is staff by Outreach workers but also temporary reassignments.
- The Multi-Service Center's modular homes are moving forward, a vendor has been selected and the design has been selected. Each home will have access to its own bathrooms and there will be six ADA compliant units
- There will be a donation drive alongside the donation boxes at the library
- There will continue to be many community forums to ensure that there is a broad range of input
- Speaking with both the County and State Partners to discuss the disproportional funding of County and state funds and request additional financial support
- The members had various questions. Some include the chain of command of donated supplies, structure of the health department when it comes to substance abuse and prevention, a quick summary and consensus from discussions that are being held and a request from members to find out how can they be more of service to the Bureau.
- Staff replied to their questions and advised that more is to come when it comes to community engagement
- The public also had questions regarding the presentation.

4. [23-020HS](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Homeless Proclamation Update

A motion was made by Member Susana Sngiem, seconded by Vice-Chair Desiree Rew, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - James Howat, S. Jolene Hui, Ray Morquecho, Susana Sngiem, Desiree Rew and Julie Lie

Absent: 4 - Diego Castaneda, Sarah Bedy, Sylvia Guerrero and Jeffrey Johnson

HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager, presented

- Outreach direct phone number, 562-470-4672(4MSC) is live and taking calls
 - 333 requests for Outreach
 - 215 recorded contacts
 - 26 tidelands/weekend outreach
 - 374 first-time visitors to the MSC
 - 3414 total visits in February
 - 201 average daily visits
 - 635 phone calls answered
 - 414 Mobile Access Center Visits
- For the staffing update
 - 12 reassignments from other City Departments for various positions
- Meeting with City Technology and Innovation Department to develop the bed application for shelters
- A second safe parking site has been announced
- Community Partnership Roundtables are scheduled
- The Data Dashboard will be added to the Homelessness website
- A service provider has been selected for the Luxury Inn
- Winter Shelter Site and future sites were discussed
- Warming Center at the MSC has been implemented
- Second Round of Encampment Resolution Funding will be in the Downtown area with increased focus on increase response, non-congregate shelter support and additional permanent housing resources.
- Emergency Housing Vouchers:
 - Largest increase in leased up units
- Members had questions about the Winter Shelter sites and the proposed site at Silverado.
- Members of the public had questions about the Anaheim Encampment Resolution program.

5. [23-021HS](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Homeless Services Bureau Staff Report.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Desiree Rew, seconded by Member Susana Sngiem, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - James Howat, Ray Morquecho, Susana Sngiem, Desiree Rew and Julie Lie

Abstain: 1 - S. Jolene Hui

Absent: 4 - Diego Castaneda, Sarah Bedy, Sylvia Guerrero and Jeffrey Johnson

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR REPORT

- Chair Julie Lie invited the staff to go the Faith Summit that would happen the following week.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Public comment included request for a report on the accessibility to public bathroom and a request for a warming center during the daytime

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:39 p.m. Chair Julie Lie adjourned the meeting.