

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 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 regular meeting of the Homeless Services Advisory Committee of the City of Long Beach convened at 3:30 p.m. via teleconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Jeanette Barrera, James Howat, Allison Kripp, Julie Lie, Eboney
Present: Pearson, Desiree Rew, Linda Wilson, Janine Solano and S.
Jolene Hui

Commissioners Jeffrey Johnson and Susana Sngiem
Excused:

Also present: Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Officer; Alvin Teng, Special Projects Coordinator; Joel Reynoza, Homeless Resource Coordinator; Michelle Lim, Community Program Technician; Chris Kau, HMIS Data and Performance Specialist; Sarah Green, Deputy City Attorney; Kristian Castro, Community Program Specialist

Vice-Chair Hui presiding.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-007HS](#)

Recommendation to approve minutes for April 7, 2021

Attachments: [HSAC Meeting - HSD Staff Update 04-07-2021.pdf](#)
[HSAC Minutes 4-7-21.pdf](#)

Committee Member Howat moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Committee Member Rew.

Yes: 8 - Jeanette Barrera, James Howat, Julie Lie, Eboney Pearson, Desiree Rew, Linda Wilson, Janine Solano and S. Jolene Hui

Abstain: 1 - Allison Kripp

Excused: 2 - Jeffrey Johnson and Susana Sngiem

Vice-Chair Hui moved to strike agenda item on Migrant Center at the Long Beach Convention Center and request that contact information for those interested be provided during staff updates, seconded by Committee Member Howat. Motion Passes.

Vice-Chair Hui moved up the Introduction to Quality of Life Team for scheduling considerations.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Introduction to Quality of Life Team
 - Sgt. Kenneth Green provided an introduction and update on Quality of Life Team of LBPD.
 - Committee Member Solano asked about whether issues with homelessness have increased over the past few years
 - Homelessness has increased, but City response and collaboration between city departments has improved
 - Committee Member Solano asked about resources Quality of Life utilizes the most
 - Homeless Outreach Team and Clean Team both partner with Quality of Life Team
 - Committee Member Pearson asked about how receptive people experiencing homelessness are to offers of temporary housing and shelter
 - Quality of Life Team does encounter people that are hesitant to accept services, for some it can take a long time to accept services for a variety of

reasons

- Committee Member Pearson asked about whether it is common for people experiencing homelessness to receive citations
 - Citations are uncommon from the Quality of Life team, since focus is on alternatives to enforcement
- Committee Member Pearson asked about what happens when a resident calls about a person experiencing homelessness
 - Quality of Life is generally not dispatched to calls for service. Patrol officers will call if needed.
- Committee Member Pearson asked how the public is involved with the department's performance
 - Monthly statistics are reported out
- Committee Member Kripp asked about whether there is legal basis for Police Foundation taking donations towards the Quality of Life Team
 - Yes, the Police Foundation is a mechanism for donations
- Committee Member Barrera asked about the success rate of getting people into short-term or bridge housing and percentage of people who are resistant to services
 - It's difficult to give a percentage on resistance to services, since there is a wide range of factors that lead to refusing services
- Committee Member Barrera asked about statistics on connection to longer term housing of more than six months
 - Typically Outreach and Quality of Life are connecting people with temporary housing

5. OLD BUSINESS

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

- Community Capacity Building
 - Vice-Chair Hui provided an update
 - Documents and the Mayor's Fund website are being updated
 - Committee members should continue soliciting applications for funding as much as possible
 - Committee will reconvene in a few weeks
- Fundraising for the Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness
 - Committee Member Howat provided an update
 - There was no committee meeting this month
 - Committee Member Howat requested feedback from HSAC about the MOU before the next meeting.
- Policy Subcommittee
 - Committee Member Pearson provided an update, including a brief overview of AB 71 and SB 679
 - Policy Subcommittee voted in support of each of these bills and to encourage

Long Beach City Council to support

- Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Officer, noted other related bills in Governor's budget and State Senate, all of which would provide large funding allocations to address homelessness
- Discussion ensued among the committee members
- Policy Subcommittee will draft a letter of support for the next HSAC meeting
- Committee Member Kripp asked how legislation is selected to discuss in Policy Subcommittee
 - The Policy Subcommittee is an open forum for legislation.
 - Policy Subcommittee members will also follow upcoming City Council agendas. Recommendations for each member to keep in touch with council member's priorities
 - Committee members should send any suggestions for legislation to the Policy Subcommittee members
- Staff Support for Subcommittees
 - Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Officer provided an update.
 - Within Subcommittees, City staff can provide information and help advise impactful conversations.
 - However, due to limited staff resources, Subcommittee members will need to facilitate meetings.
 - Staff will be providing guidance on how to standardize meeting facilitation

Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness

- Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Officer, provided an update
- A few applications for funding that were submitted after the meeting agenda was posted will be brought forward at the next meeting

Continuum of Care Update

- Committee Member Kripp provided an update
- The Long Beach Continuum of Care has released two Requests for Proposals - Homeless Employment Program and Safe Parking. Any potential organizations that should be sent that information should be referred to City staff. Information is available on the Homeless Services Website.
- The Continuum of Care Board still has one vacant seat for a person with lived experience.
- The Continuum of Care Board received a presentation from The Salvation Army about shallow subsidies program
- The Continuum of Care Board is also requesting participation in COC Subcommittees
- Committee Member Lie asked whether the Safe Parking RFP is for the existing safe parking site or for new site
 - RFP is soliciting applications for the existing site. The existing operator is welcome to reapply
- Committee Member Barrera asked for clarification about the different Continuum of Care Meetings

- Continuum of Care General Membership meets quarterly, Continuum of Care Board meets bimonthly

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Introduction to Quality of Life Team
 - Item moved to earlier in the meeting
- Migrant Center at LB Convention Center
 - Item removed from the agenda

7. HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

- Outreach Update
 - Report by Joel Reynoza, Homeless Resource Coordinator.
- Homeless Services Division Operations Update
 - Report by Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Officer.
 - Regarding the Migrant Center, the only Homeless Services Division connection was to provide recommendations on youth services. Long Beach Humanitarian Shelter website will provide further information on how to volunteer, donate, and submit further questions.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

- Information on Homeless Court
- Update on Biweekly Outreach Meetings
- For future Outreach updates, Staff will provide further information on what services are accepted by individuals, including emergency shelter and interim housing

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Member Pearson thanked Paul Duncan for all the work and support

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:13 p.m. Vice-Chair Hui adjourned the meeting.

at: ml