

MINUTES
MALIBU HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2022
TELECONFERENCED – VARIOUS LOCATIONS
2:00 P.M.

The following meeting was held pursuant to AB 361 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roven called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance via teleconference by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Ian Roven; Vice Chair Bill Winokur; and Task Force Members Deborah Benton, Paul Davis, Terry Davis, Scott Dittrich, Chris Frost, Kelly Pessis, and Bill Sampson

ABSENT: Task Force Member Wayne Cohen

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Manager; Luis Flores, Public Safety Liaison; Parker Davis, Media Technician; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Task Force Member Terry Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Task Force Member Terry Davis moved and Task Force Member Dittrich seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried 9-0, Task Force Member Cohen absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Executive Assistant Linden reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on February 10, 2022.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM 2.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2.B. STAFF UPDATES

Public Safety Manager Dueñas discussed staff activity in coordination with the Sheriff's Department in response to reports of encampments. She commended Public Safety Liaison Flores for his work to address issues.

ITEM 2.C. TASK FORCE MEMBER COMMENTS

Task Force Member Pessis stated she, Task Force Member Terry Davis, Public Safety Manager Dueñas, and Public Safety Liaison Flores met with The People Concern (TPC) representatives regarding funding issues and residential properties being used for homeless beds. She stated they also met with Justin Day, Dayco, consultants for conversion of properties into use for homeless shelters. She discussed timing required for making those conversions.

Task Force Member Dittrich discussed Caltrans presentation at last night's Council meeting regarding installing an underpass near the old Beau Rivage restaurant. He expressed concern that could become a site for homeless encampments because it would be on non-City property. He stated Vintage Church representatives expressed interest in helping the homeless. He suggested integrating the faith community's interest in helping with any City plans. He discussed ____, a program that provides services to the homeless.

Chair Frost agreed with Task Force Member Dittrich about concerns with Caltrans' plans for an underpass. He stated the proposed underpass by Malibu Seafood was a greater concern.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Item No. 3.B.1. was pulled by the Task Force.

Task Force Member Paul Davis noted that the January minutes were attached to the agenda report in error.

Executive Assistant Linden apologized for the error. She suggested the Task Force continue the item, and the minutes for both the February 1, 2022 Special meeting and today's Regular meeting would be brought to the Task Force for approval at the March meeting.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items
None.

B. New Items

1. Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2022

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes for the Homelessness Task Force Special meeting of February 1, 2022.

The item was continued to the March 15, 2022 Regular meeting.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. (LAHSA) Presentation

Recommended Action: Receive and file a presentation from representatives of the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) regarding financial and technical assistance that is available.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated it was important to introduce the City's primary partners in homelessness to the Task Force. She introduced Maggie Turner, Jaclyn Grant, and Samantha Vethafanam from LAHSA, and Ashlee Oh from the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative (LACHI). She briefly explained the roles of both organizations.

Ms. Oh thanked Public Safety Manager Dueñas for the invitation to address the Task Force. She provided a presentation on LACHI, including information on its engagement with partner agencies, funding, types of homeless housing, and new efforts.

Ms. Grant, LAHSA Interim Housing Associate Director, stated LAHSA was continuum of care lead in the County. She provided a presentation about LAHSA's interim housing programs.

Task Force Member Paul Davis requested statistics on outcomes for employment and subsidized or unsubsidized housing. He asked if there was follow-up. Ms. Oh stated she could provide statistics, but information was only carried for three years.

Tiffany Stewart, The People Concern (TPC), asked how people were referred to Project Homekey and Project Roomkey. Ms. Oh stated Project Homekey was being destabilized. She explained the referral process for Project Roomkey. Ms. Grant stated she would provide the requested information to TPC.

Task Force Member Dittrich asked if winter shelters could be open during red flag days when the City and County removed homeless from public space due to fire danger. Ms. Oh discussed winter shelter schedules. She stated they remained open all year during the pandemic. She stated Supervisor Sheila Kuehl was proposing opening shelters during fire season for high fire severity zones. In response to Task Force Member Dittrich, Ms. Grant stated interim housing programs did not require sobriety for entering the housing. Task Force Member Dittrich stated not requiring sober living made it a harder sell in the community.

In response to Task Force Member Pessis, Ms. Oh stated funding for interim housing was provided by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Department of Public Health (DPH), and LHASA. She stated the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors supported low barrier, trauma-informed care services to allow clients to enter shelters and receive services they needed.

Task Force Member Pessis asked if funding was restricted for use only in the requestor's city. Ms. Oh stated the County did not traditionally provide funding to cities only providing services to homeless within their city. She stated cities were advised to develop a list of local homeless interested in accepting a bed four weeks prior to opening. In response to Task Force Member Pessis, Ms. Oh explained funding was usually provided to Service Planning Areas (SPAs).

Task Force Member Terry Davis asked if the low barrier to entry prevented a shelter provider from prohibiting the use of drugs or alcohol onsite. Ms. Grant confirmed the shelters could restrict behaviors on program properties, as well as what was brought into the properties. In response to Task Force Member Terry Davis, Ms. Grant stated interim housing beds available across the County were usually occupied. Task Force Member Terry Davis stated 11,000 beds could never serve over 100,000 homeless.

Vice Chair Winokur left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

B. The People Concern

Recommended Action: Receive and file a presentation from The People Concern (TPC) and provide feedback regarding services it provides to individuals experiencing homelessness in Malibu.

Jason Flores, TPC Outreach Supervisor, introduced Tiffany Stewart and Richard Song, TPC outreach workers assigned to Malibu. He provided a presentation on TPC's outreach services. Ms. Stewart continued the presentation with information about success stories of individuals served in Malibu. She stated many homeless single women come to Malibu for safety reasons.

Task Force Member Sampson left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Task Force Member Paul Davis asked if subsidized employment and supporting social enterprise program funding offered by LAHSA could be used in Malibu. Ms. Oh stated there were opportunities for Malibu individuals or organizations to be a social enterprise partner.

Task Force Member Pessis thanked the presenters. In response to Task Force Member Pessis, Ms. Oh discussed plans for stage two of Project Homekey. She stated funding was still available to participate. Task Force Member Pessis requested details of funding previously provided to the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (COG). Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated she would provide that information. She explained that funding paid for the COG's outreach worker and was allocated for emergency funds.

Task Force Member Dittrich discussed the lack of potential shelter locations in Malibu. Ms. Oh stated many cities had similar issues. She agreed Malibu's commercial areas were different. Task Force Member Dittrich asked about demographics of Malibu's homeless population. Ms. Stewart stated approximately 25% were over age 65 and approximately 10% were female. She stated TPC helped approximately one to two people get off the streets each month. In response to Task Force Member Dittrich, Ms. Stewart stated a 25-bed facility in Malibu would fill up immediately with Malibu homeless individuals. In response to Task Force Member Dittrich, she stated they would probably accept nighttime housing outside the city limits but would return to Malibu during the day.

Task Force Member Benton left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

In response to Task Force Member Paul Davis, Ms. Stewart stated TPC could help individuals become self-sufficient more easily if an ASL with services was available. Ms. Oh discussed the differences between congregate and non-congregate housing.

Task Force Member Terry Davis discussed the impact of service provider costs in facilities with more than 25 beds. Ms. Oh stated it was important to focus on how quickly people could be transitioned into more permanent housing.

C. Future Agenda Items

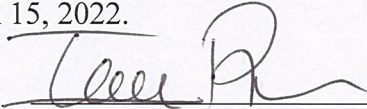
Recommended Action: Review items tentatively scheduled for upcoming meeting agendas and provide feedback to staff.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas thanked the presenters. She presented the report. Task Force Member Paul Davis confirmed the Strategic Plan Review Ad Hoc Committee report was ready for the March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

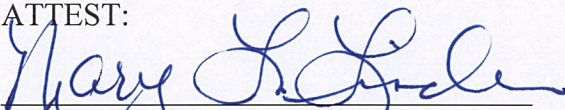
MOTION At 4:30 p.m., Chair Roven adjourned the meeting.

Approved and adopted by the Homelessness Task Force of the City
of Malibu on March 15, 2022.



IAN ROVEN, Chair

ATTEST:



MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant