

MINUTES  
MALIBU HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 17, 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 Wayne Cohen, Paul Davis, Terry Davis, Scott Dittrich, Chris Frost, Kelly Pessis, and Bill Sampson

ABSENT: Task Force Member Deborah Benton

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 Frost led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Executive Assistant Linden reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on May 11, 2022.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM 2.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Baca, Meals on Wheels West, discussed the Food and Shelter program to provide meals to the homeless placed in non-shelter housing. He stated housed individuals in their service area could receive meals at no cost. He discussed other programs providing meals to residents in need.

In response to Task Force Member Terry Davis, Mr. Baca confirmed the contact information for Meals on Wheels West.

Task Force Member Sampson thanked Mr. Baca for his work.

In response to Task Force Member Cohen, Mr. Baca stated each Meals on Wheels was an independent 501(c)3 organization.

ITEM 2.B. STAFF UPDATES

Public Safety Manager Dueñas discussed meetings with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) regarding possible increased coordination within Service Planning Areas (SPA). She announced the item regarding reserved beds would go to the City Council on June 27, 2022.

In response to Task Force Member Dittrich, Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated there were no discussions with LAHSA about using the old courthouse. Public Safety Liaison Flores stated discussions were primarily around outreach, particularly as summer months and fire season approach. He stated The People Concern reported it had placed four individuals in permanent housing, two in interim housing, and had 100 new engagements. He stated the homeless outreach services request for proposals would close this week.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas announced the appointment of Jennifer Seetoo as the new Captain at the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station.

In response to Task Force Member Pessis, Public Safety Liaison Flores confirmed The People Concern was reporting total contacts of 137. He stated some contacts were duplicates. He stated the homeless count report was expected in mid- to late summer.

Task Force Member Cohen discussed the number of recreational vehicles (RV) near Broad Beach. Public Safety Liaison Flores discussed criteria used to distinguish between homeless and non-homeless RVs. He stated it was estimated there were currently 13 to 15 homeless RVs.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated Captain Seetoo was working to coordinate the Sheriff's Department with Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) and State Parks to clear the canyons.

ITEM 2.C. TASK FORCE MEMBER COMMENTS

Task Force Member Pessis recommended other Task Force Members volunteer to participate in next year's homeless count.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Chair Roven moved and Task Force Member Terry Davis seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 9-0, Task Force Member Benton absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Previously Discussed Items  
None.
- B. New Items
  - 1. Approval of Minutes – April 19, 2022  
Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Homelessness Task Force Regular meeting of April 19, 2022.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

- A. Fire, Health, and Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee Initial Report (continued from November 16, 2021)  
Recommended Action: 1) Review the revised Fire, Health, and Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee's initial report and provide edits, if appropriate; and 2) Approve the report for submittal to the City Council.

Task Force Member Pessis provided a presentation for the report. She stated the Fire, Health, and Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) focused on the first three assignments.

Task Force Member Frost discussed the role of Volunteers on Patrol (VOP). He stated they only observed and shared information about the homeless population. He stated there were many new homeless who were just passing through Malibu. He stated safety meant being able to enforce the City's laws.

Task Force Member Pessis stated she expected Captain Seetoo's work to be very helpful. Task Force Member Frost agreed that Captain Seetoo would work to improve safety in Malibu.

Task Force Member Terry Davis commended the Committee for an excellent report. In response to Task Force Member Terry Davis, Task Force Member Pessis stated the Committee recommended to continue to clear encampments and prevent new encampments. She suggested monitoring online posting about good locations for dry camping in Malibu.

Task Force Member Terry Davis discussed LAHSA's efforts and interagency efforts.

Task Force Member Pessis discussed the impact of recently incarcerated individuals entering the homeless population. She suggested connecting with organizations such as Homeboy Industries to work with those individuals.

Task Force Member Cohen stated it was critical that underlying data was reliable. In response to Task Force Member Cohen, Task Force Member Pessis discussed resources used for statistics provided in the report.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas asked about the context of the crime statistics. She stated much recommended in the report was already being done. She suggested providing a future report to discuss what was not yet being done.

Task Force Member Cohen stated it was important that data was heavily vetted and brought current. He commended the Committee for its detailed report.

Task Force Member Dittrich stated he thought Core Logic's data was skewed. He discussed a Los Angeles Times article today about rising rental costs. He discussed difficulties for even working individuals to find housing.

B. Proposed Revision of Homelessness Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives (continued from April 19, 2022)

Recommended Action: 1) Review the two proposed preambles to the revised Homelessness Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives; and 2) Consider whether or not to add a preamble to the Homelessness Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives approved on April 19, 2022 for submittal to the City Council.

Task Force Member Paul Davis presented the report. He asked if it was the will of the Task Force to add a preamble.

MOTION

Task Force Member Paul Davis moved, and Commissioner Dittrich seconded a motion to add a preamble to the Homelessness Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives approved on April 19, 2022 for submittal to the City Council. The question was called, and the motion failed 2-7, Chair Roven, Vice Chair Winokur, and Task

Force Members Cohen, Paul Davis, Terry Davis, Frost, and Sampson dissenting, Task Force Member Benton absent.

Task Force Member Pessis and Task Force Member Dittrich discussed their reasoning for wanting a preamble.

Task Force Member Terry Davis stated she appreciated Task Force Member Dittrich's and Task Force Member Pessis' concerns. She suggested Task Force Member Dittrich could submit the statement separately from the Strategic Plan. She stated it was included in what was previously presented to the Council.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated the guiding principles of the original Strategic Plan included what was proposed for a preface. She stated what was being discussed today was only the updated Goals and Objectives.

Task Force Member Paul Davis agreed the revised Goals and Objectives should be presented to the City Council as soon as possible.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Items

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

Task Force Member Cohen suggested inviting Meals on Wheels West to discuss its funding at a future meeting.

Task Force Member Dittrich suggested an update on efforts to find a location with a partner for a shelter be included on an upcoming agenda. Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated it would be best to wait until after the Council received the report on June 27, 2022 and see if the Council provides further direction.

In response to Task Force Member Terry Davis, Public Safety Manager Dueñas explained the recommendation going to Council on June 27 was to direct staff to pursue guaranteed beds outside the City with City funds. Task Force Member Terry Davis stated she just wanted to keep moving toward identifying shelter options.

Task Force Member Pessis suggested inviting Captain Seetoo to a future meeting.

Chair Roven suggested adding an item to the next agenda to consider adding Task Force Member Terry Davis to the Fire, Health, and Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 3:59 p.m., Chair Roven adjourned the meeting.

Approved and adopted by the Homelessness Task Force of the City of Malibu on June 21, 2022.

  
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IAN ROVEN, Chair

ATTEST:  
  
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MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant