



City of Corona

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Minutes - Final

2019 Homelessness Resources Committee

VICE MAYOR JIM STEINER
COUNCIL MEMBER YOLANDA CARRILLO

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

3:00 PM

Council Board Room

** Revised Agenda on April 15, 2019.

- Item 3B File 19-0407 was added**

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Jim Steiner at 3:02 p.m. In addition to the Committee Members, the following individuals were in attendance:

Mitch Lansdell, Acting City Manager
Michele Nissen, Asst. City Manager
Officer Brandon Walker, Corona Police Dept.
Naomi Ramirez, Management Svcs. Asst.

Other Present:

Brad Fieldhouse, City Net

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Agenda Items

- A. [19-0403](#) Discussion on declaring a shelter crisis.
(Action: Information & Discussion)

Ms. Michele Nissen, Assistant City Manager, presented the item to the Committee, she provided details on the requirements and regulations for declaring a shelter crisis and potential funding sources. Ms. Nissen noted that to receive any Homelessness Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Funds they are required to declare a shelter crisis. Ms. Nissen commented that she has been working with surrounding jurisdictions and noted that for Corona to receive any future distribution of funds, they will need approval from Council to declare a shelter crisis. Ms. Nissen discussed a potential partnership with the City of Riverside for a regional approach to receive any future funds from HEAP or Governor Newsom's Office. Ms. Nissen noted that there are no current HEAP funds, as funds have been distributed through the Continuum of Care for 2018. Declaring a shelter crisis is one part of preparation and would potentially enable Corona to be a part of the

distribution of future funds.

Vice Mayor Jim Steiner inquired about the verbiage for the resolution on declaring a shelter crisis that may lead to any potential problems. Staff has spoken with surrounding agencies regarding any concerns for declaring a shelter crisis. Ms. Nissen stated that there were no major red flags. Ms. Nissen provided a brief update on Senate Bill 2 and noted that the bill will allow to reevaluate the general plan to include homeless prevention.

Council Member Yolanda Carrillo was in favor of potentially partnering with the City of Riverside, as this will allow more funds to be made available through the region. Council Member Carrillo noted that she would like for a strategic plan to be established as they move forward in addressing the issues of homelessness.

Residents commented on the need for a shelter in Corona and inquired about unincorporated areas as potential partners. Council Member Carrillo stated that in a regional approach it would be beneficial to partner with cities with higher Point in Time counts numbers to receive the most funds as possible and work collaboratively to ensure all areas are covered.

The Committee was in favor of moving forward with the process on declaring a shelter crisis.

B. [19-0407](#)

Discussion regarding community asset assessment mapping.
(Action: Information & Discussion)

Ms. Nissen started off by thanking all those who participated and submitted the community asset assessment questionnaire. The purpose of the questionnaire was to establish the services and resources that are currently being provided to the homeless population in Corona. She provided the Committee with a brief overview of the services and resources and noted that this information will soon be available on the City's website on the new Homelessness Resources dashboard page. Ms. Nissen explained that most of the organizations that participated had listed they had a desire to expand existing services. The majority of the responses stated that there is a need for a shelter as well as case management services. Ms. Nissen continued to provide the Committee with an update on the questionnaire and noted that the city has contracted City Net to provide case management services and street outreach. Ms. Nissen stated that a goal will also be to follow up with those who submitted a questionnaire and find potential land that may be used to mimic the City of Riverside's Housing First Model. Staff will continue to monitor, and update services being provided.

Residents commented on surrounding cities and areas and potential partnerships. The Committee stated that the new representative for Riverside County is focusing on renovating/ updating Continuum of Care, HMIS System, etc. Staff will continue to work with Riverside County as they begin to take a regional approach.

Mr. Brad Fieldhouse, President/Executive Director of City Net, provided the Committee and attendees with definitions of commonly used terms in their monthly updates. Mr. Fieldhouse noted City Net provides office hours at the Corona Public Library and provides outreach throughout the week. Staff indicated that all the information being provided will be available on the City's website Homeless Resources dashboard page.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.