



City of Corona

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Minutes - Final

2019 Homelessness Resources Committee

VICE MAYOR JIM STEINER
COUNCIL MEMBER YOLANDA CARRILLO

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

3:00 PM

Council Board Room

** Revised Agenda on May 13, 2019.**

- Item 3C File No.19-0502 was added to agenda
- Item 3D File No.19-0503 was added to agenda

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Jim Steiner at 3:03 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 Dep Officer Jeremy Hartman, Corona Police Dept.
Naomi Ramirez, Management Svcs. Asst. John Higginbotham, Asst. City Attorney
Abigail Schellberg, Asst. Library & Recreation Dir.

Other Present:

Perry Brents, City of Rialto
Sheree Lewis, City of Rialto
Tyler Ahtonen, City Net

2. Public Comments

Mr. Joe Morgan, Resident, inquired about the main objective and goals of the 2019 Homelessness Resources Committee. Vice Mayor Jim Steiner noted the purpose of the Committee was to get the conversation started and address the issue of homelessness in the City of Corona. The objectives are to establish the main issues, gather information on any potential problems that may arise and possible solutions.

3. Agenda Items

- A. [19-0496](#) Discussion and Update from the City of Rialto Homeless Emergency Services Program.
(Action: Information & Discussion)

Attachments: [HESP Presentation - City of Rialto](#)

Ms. Michele Nissen, Assistant City Manager, provided the Committee with a brief introduction of Mr. Perry Brents and Ms. Sheree Lewis from the City

of Rialto. Mr. Brents presented the Committee with the City of Rialto's position on tackling homelessness. He listed the program services being provided which included navigation/ prevention services, case management, housing vouchers, re-housing programs, and education. Mr. Brents noted that the services being provided were possible through grant funding from the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and partnerships with other agencies and non-profit groups. Mr. Brents provided an overview of the City of Rialto's Homeless Advisory Council and the goal to help identify issues of the homelessness and find relevant solutions. Mr. Brents commented on the City of Rialto's proposal to apply for the HEAP grant and commented on the application process.

The committee thanked Mr. Brents and Ms. Lewis for taking the time to come and present.

****ITEM TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.****

- D.** [19-0503](#) Overview and Summary of the 2019 Riverside County Homeless Point in Time Count.
(Action: Information & Discussion)

Attachments: [PIT Count - Report 2019](#)

Ms. Nissen provided the Committee with the final 2019 Riverside County Point in Time (PIT) Count. Ms. Nissen noted there was an increase in the homeless population in the City of Corona as well as County wide. She provided the Committee with the data that was reported for the PIT Count pertaining to the City of Corona. Ms. Nissen noted that the increase in numbers may be due to the new electronic method of recording, as technology has made it easier for volunteers to record the number of homeless interactions. She also noted that a possible increase in numbers may be due to the Army Core of Engineers Alco Dike Project starting construction. There had been an encampment in the construction which was cleared out to begin construction.

- B.** [19-0497](#) City Net Services Update.
(Action: Information & Discussion)

Attachments: [04012019 City Net Corona homeless services dashboard](#)

Ms. Nissen provided the Committee with the monthly City Net update. She noted that the monthly reports are available on the City's website. City Net staff informed the Committee that they have staff performing outreach at different locations through out the City. They also noted that there is City Net staff at the Corona Public Library during their office hours available to assist.

Ms. Abigail Schellberg, Assistant Library and Recreation Director, provided a brief update on the "Vets Connect" and the services that are available for veterans at the Corona Public Library. She noted that along with City Net staff, there are volunteers available to help during the library's operating hours.

The Committee thanked staff and City Net for their efforts.

- C. [19-0502](#) Update of City Owned Land/Properties and Parcels Owned by Other Agencies.
(Action: Information & Discussion)

Attachments: [City of Corona - Map](#)
[RCTC - Excess Land Sale](#)
[Riverside County Parcel Report](#)
[Industrial - for Lease 5-13-19](#)

Vice Mayor Steiner introduced the results provided by staff regarding potential shelter locations. Ms. Nissen presented the available land in the City of Corona that was City or agency owned. Ms. Nissen noted that much of the available space is not recommended for shelter use and provided the Committee with a few location recommendations.

Residents inquired about the potential services that the shelter would offer and the requirements for housing. Residents noted that they would like for the homeless shelter to be a low barrier shelter that provides full wrap around services. Residents inquired about using a vacant lot to temporary house the current population that has gathered at City Park. Residents asked about the lot purchased by the Redevelopment Agency as potential location for a homeless shelter. The Committee noted they are moving to find a permanent location for shelter as this is a step forward in addressing the homelessness issue.

The Committee stated that they will be having a Study Session to address the issue of homelessness and a potential shelter location on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, in the Council Chambers. The Committee and staff will present recommendations and will be requesting discussion and direction from the Council.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m