



## **SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Approved Minutes**

Date: September 4, 2019

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: West Covina Council Chambers Meeting Room; 1444 W. Garvey Avenue  
South, West Covina, California 91790

### **PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 8:31 AM
2. Roll Call

#### **Homeless Committee Members Present**

Y. Ruizesparza, Baldwin Park  
K. Davis, Glendora  
F. Briones, LA County District 1  
B. Shevlin, Monrovia  
B. DeFrank, Pomona  
L. Johnson, West Covina

#### **Homeless Committee Members Absent**

Claremont  
Duarte  
Irwindale  
Rosemead  
West Covina

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

J. Lyons, SGV Consortium on Homelessness  
W. Huang, Pasadena

#### **Guests**

Victoria Rocha, Duarte  
Armando Hegdahl, Irwindale  
Janet Stone, Glendora  
Taylor Valmores, Assm. Blanca Rubio  
Ann Garcia, San Dimas  
Danika Mendoza, Sen. Susan Rubio  
Devon Baker, Claremont  
Elizabeth Ben-Ishai, LA County CEO

Sandra Maravilla, Supervisor K. Barger  
Debbie Lopez, Glendora  
Daniella Alcedo, LAHSA  
David Kim, Senator Anthony Portantino  
Ray Findley, Baldwin Park PD  
Lee Kane, SGV Consortium  
Gerardo Rodriguez, Claremont

#### **SGVCOG Staff**

J. Cicco  
C. Sims

M. Creter

3. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
4. Changes to Agenda Order: There were no changes to the agenda order.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

3. Homelessness Meeting Minutes  
**There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5 (M/S: K. Davis/L. Johnson)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Glendora, Monrovia, Pomona, West Covina
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Baldwin Park, Claremont, Duarte, Irwindale, Rosemead, LA County District 1

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **6. Hope for Home**

City of Pomona Neighborhood Services Director, Benita DeFrank, provided a presentation on the City's Hope for Home Service Center. The Center provides crisis beds for single adults and, upon completion, will provide an Access Center with many additional social and supportive services. The Center is being developed in two phases. The first phase Phase 1 includes restroom facilities, a storage facility for unsheltered homeless persons, a mobile medical docking station, luncheon area, year-round crisis and bridge housing beds, a pet kennel and bike racks. Phase 2 will include a dog park, a community kitchen, health clinic, paved parking, a Pomona Police Department Office, housing and outreach services office, charging stations and solar canopies. A number of onsite partners – including Volunteers of America, East Valley Community Health Center, TriCity Mental Health Center, Prototypes and Goodwill – will provide these services. The Access Center will open in the Fall of 2019 and a grand opening for completion of the entire campus is anticipated in the Fall of 2020.

Ms. DeFrank provided an overview of best practices and lessons learned. She recommended a number of items, including 1) using a fabric structure that can be built quickly and modified to meet changing needs; 2) considering what your city is already providing and building upon this strength; 3) providing services to people where they are; 4) considering the size and characteristics of a city's homeless population; 5) committing to affordable housing; and 6) starting from an agreed-upon Mission Statement. Ms. DeFrank credits the opening of the Center with an 11% decrease in homelessness in the 2019 Homeless County.

### **7. San Gabriel Valley Winter Shelter**

Raquel Ziegler, Interim Housing Director from the Los Angeles Housing Services Authority (LAHSA) presented information about the 2019-2020 Winter Shelter program and requested identification of possible replacement sites for the Armory in Pomona. The Winter Shelter is a short-term, site-based 14-hour overnight emergency shelter operating from December 1 – March 31. It serves adults and transition-aged youth who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. On-site services include intake, assessment, case management, diversion and problem-solving, residential supervision and security, restrooms, showers and meals, crisis intervention and transportation. Volunteers of America of Greater Los Angeles is the awarded site operator. Ms. Ziegler provided contact information for those who may be aware of potential sites.

Committee Member Lyons suggested that LAHSA contract with local agencies in the host cities to help build regional capacity. Committee Member Huang stated that Pasadena has its own funding to care for those who are homeless locally due to the difficulties of using

LAHSA funding. Committee Member Davis suggested that the rotating church model enhances local involvement.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

**8. Regional Housing Trust Fund**

Staff provided an information on the next steps to be taken on the creation of a San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Fund. SB 751 has passed both the Assembly and the Senate without opposition and is before the Governor for signature. Staff provided an overview of the joint powers agreement negotiation process and the proposed stakeholder outreach. The meetings for potential members will start with a Kick-off meeting on September 25 at 10:00 a.m. at the SGVCOG ACE office in Irwindale.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

**9. Solicitation of presentation topics**

The Chair solicited presentation topics and any other comments by members. Member Lyons suggested that city program materials be displayed at the Homelessness Committee meetings and requested an analysis of AB 1482. Speaking on behalf of Committee Member Leano, Gerardo Rodriguez asked when the tenant protections presentation would come before the Committee. Committee Member Davis stated that cities should focus of quality of life, not on housing status, when fighting the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Decision and asked if other cities are planning on building housing. Committee Member Lyons stated that the Regional Housing Trust Fund will be a clearing house for projects, focusing on win-win partnerships. Committee Member Shevlin stated that funding issues are connected with LAHSA, and there are so many funding pots that are too difficult to navigate. Committee Member Huang reported that AB 302, safe parking is moving forward with a 1-year delay.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM