

Homeless Committee

2019-2020
WORK PLAN



SEASIDE
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Homelss Committee

Members Appointed When Adopted

- Jessica Hare, Chair
- Natalia Molina, Vice Chair
- Kenneth Murray
- Molly Fittro
- Latoya Allen
- Merrilyn Mancini
- Lynda Cunningham

Staff Liaison

- Brian Dempsey, Fire Chief

Mission Statement

To plan, advocate, support and collaborate with those affected by homelessness.

Historical Background

The Homeless Committee was created by the City Council In November 2, 2017. The Committee completed its first full year as of April 25, 2019.

General Duties

The Commission on the Status of Homelessness shall have the power, and it shall be the duty of the commission to make recommendations to the City Council and to advise the Council in the following matters:

- Review and comment on City ordinances, programs and policies and state mandates related to housing, CDBG grants and programs, and other poverty mitigation programs;
- Monitor and assist the City's progress in implementing needed homeless services and facilities;
- Develop policy recommendations and processes to measure the effectiveness of new and existing policies in ending and preventing homelessness and coordinate with the CDAC for their required reporting in the HUD mandated Annual Action Report;
- Identify strategic goals for the City and estimate resources needed to accomplish these goals; investigate funding to implement programs to benefit the homeless community.
- Identify partnerships with County, City and other community programs that can be leveraged to achieve the goals of ending or preventing homelessness in the City of Seaside.

Responsibilities:

The commission on the status of homelessness shall:

- Hold public meetings on matters related to homelessness;
- Investigate best and contemporary practices with regard to eliminating and preventing homelessness;
- Serve in advisory capacity to the City Council, commissions, committees, and boards on related issues;
- Prepare an annual report to the City Council on progress and effectiveness of various programs and policies.

Fiscal 2019-2020 Work Plan

Work towards cultivating a Housing First culture including bold and innovative ideas and activities

- Identify additional parcels of land to utilize as transitional housing
- Have discussion with Planning Commission on zoning actions
- Scale any plan to include transitional housing
- A rental assistance program
- Rapid rehousing services Consider asking council to adopt a housing first policy to include in the shelter ordinance
- Consider asking council to adopt a barrier elimination policy and prohibit using public funds to support groups that have discriminatory or non-secular rules, policies, or disqualifying criteria

Engage, amplify and collaborate with organizations that work with our neighbors who are un-housed

- Work with Salinas Foodbank and faith-based foodbanks
- Search for and identify appropriate lots of safe parking programs
- Hold a joint meeting with CDAC re: CDBG funding
- Consider asking council for permission to spend up to \$5k of \$30k annual homeless fund without council consent, as approved by the city manager, for emergent needs and unplanned situations, all other expenditures recommended to city council
- Consider asking council to adopt a policy of no fees for recreation department activities if receiving public benefits, i.e., SNAP, WIC, free/reduced-priced lunch, unemployment insurance
- Consider finding opportunities to partner with MPUSD homeless liaison to serve Seaside youth
- Consider asking council to amend planning and zoning codes to allow for small neighborhood food pantries similar to library branchlets
- Lockers for storage
- Food Kitchen

Invite all voices to the table and in our conversations; especially our neighbors who are un-housed

- Homeless shelter monthly reports
- A safe parking program
- Supportive services for young children
- Services for unaccompanied youth