

SUMMARY MINUTES



STRATEGIC ACTION COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

- Increase Access to Permanent Housing
- Increase Access to Services to Support Exits from Homelessness
 - Expand Services for Subpopulations with Special Needs
 - Prevent Homelessness for Those at Risk
- Strengthen Public Engagement and Community Partnerships

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 – 5:00 PM

Special- ZOOM Meeting

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Meeting ID: 901 775 8969

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Public Call-In Number: 559-972-4124

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Clevenger, Samantha Gomez, Susan Henard, Chuck Miguel, Terry Sayre, Carolyn Wong

OTHERS PRESENT: Aaron Gomes, Wes Hensley, Trish Hitlin, Rob Hunt, Patrick Isherwood, Janet LeBaron, Dennis Medeiros, David Renard, Matt Sherman, Mayor Jose Sigala., Matt Weaver, Roni Wilbur. Other unknown: Torie, Denyse & two unknown call-ins.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chuck Miguel called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Wes Hensley gave the pledge.

III. INVOCATION

Carolyn Wong gave the invocation.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS – Comments from the public are limited to items listed on the agenda (GC 54954.3a). Speakers will be allowed 3 minutes. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (1) Approval of the minutes of July 28, 2020. Committee members received minutes to review via email prior to the meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as is, T. Sayre, Second by S. Henard. No abstentions, motion carried.
- (2) Mayor Jose Sigala present additional non-Pathway Home ideas to help address homelessness.
- (3) Josh McDonald Update.

J. McDonald provided an update on property locations, specifically the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Property is still available, however current infrastructure will be costly and a challenge.

Questions and concerns include the following:
S. Henard- Ground toxicity.

R. Hunt also stated that there were airborne concerns and complications to human habitation.

- (4) Traci Myers NOFA Update (Not on call- No Updates Provided)
- (5) Wes Hensley Update.

W. Hensley opened the discussion by providing an update to the railroad clean up. Recent clean-up included Centennial Park. Currently there is a large encampment on Blackstone. W. Hensley also mentioned that at least 30% of call received are complaints. W. Hensley also assured that the police department is doing what they can to address community concerns.

Questions and concerns included the following:
Standing concerns about Prop 47 and the release of prisoners.
W. Hensley stated that prisoners are released on an assessment factor (AB 109).

Multiple committee members and concerned citizens voiced opinions on the homeless proposal that was sent to City Council on August 4, 2020 and potential crime that would be brought to the downtown area. In addition, S. Henard acknowledged the value of an emergency shelter. D. Clevenger also highlighted how the project would work to reduce crime and unwanted loitering around the surrounding area. In addition, D. Clevenger also mentioned that the emergency shelter would allow W. Hensley to take action and move homeless out of public areas and would give an individual the option to either seek help, go to jail, or move outside of the city parameters.

(6) Pathway Home- Project Discussion (Tabled to 08-25-20)

(7) Lighthouse & RPM Discussion

D. Clevenger informed the committee that the NOFA application has begun, and site location is an ongoing process.

Comments and concerns included the following:

T. Sayre voiced her passion for the homeless and the need for an emergency shelter. In addition, T. Sayre also addressed the community negativity and expressed the exigency between the City of Tulare and its community members.

S. Henard also voiced the need to work together to come of up with a plan.

J. LeBaron voiced the need to bring unity and understanding.

(8) Samantha Gomez- Bylaws & Membership Discussion

S. Gomez provided an update on members who have been absent from past meetings. In addition, due to a committee member stepping down the action committee now has one vacancy. It was decided that an application period will be held between August 12 to August 19, 2020. Applications are to be submitted to the City Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday August 19, 2020.

(9) Future Agenda Items for August 25, 2020 will include: T. Myers Update, J. LeBaron Presentation, Pathway Home Project Discussion, S. Gomez- Clerk Updates & Membership Applications.

(10) Next meeting Tuesday, August 25, 2020 @ 5:00 PM.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Miguel adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.