

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 25, 2020 – 5:00 PM

Special Meeting

Tulare Public Library- Olympic Room
475 North M. Street
Tulare, CA 93274

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Rob Hunt, Christina Jones, Jim Pidgeon & Others Unknown.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chuck Miguel called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jim Pidgeon gave the pledge.

III. INVOCATION

Jim Pidgeon 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 August 11, 2020. Committee members received minutes to review via email prior to the meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as is, Terry Sayre, Second by Dave Clevenger. No abstentions, motion carried.

(2) Traci Myers Update

T. Myers not present. Update given by R. Hunt.

Reported on the status of the two NOFA's that are out at this time.

(3) Chaz Felix- Project Room Key/ Project Home Key Update

C. Felix not present. Update given by Christina Jones.

C. Jones informed the members present that Project Room Key (PRK) was still going strong. With the hotel that was added, PRK are looking for a cleaning service to help with the rooms. Once rooms are up and running, PRK will be continuing the process to move individuals off the wait list.

Questions and comments from members present included PRK criteria. C. Jones inform members that PRK is following state criteria and prioritizing according to needs. In addition, PRK is looking into options to house homeless once the funding stream ends.

(4) Janet LeBaron- Not Present

Update given by C. Miguel by sharing a statement letter and presentation packet. Action item will include C. Miguel sharing letter with clerk to disburse to committee members.

Questions and concerns from members present included R. Hunt explaining that there is a planning process and items will still be controlled by city council. D. Clevenger also iterated that the push for the proposal that was sent to city council was due to a timeline and urgency to file an application for funding.

(5) Pathway Home-Project Discussion

Open discussion to address forward progress on the goals and objectives through the Pathway Home Project. Committee is looking to potentially address, "Strengthen Public Engagement and Community Partners" & "Prevent Homelessness for Those at Risk".

Questions and concerns through members that were present included all addressing the need to reduce requirements for housing vouchers, increasing the number of landlords that are connected to services that work to help house our homeless population.

R. Hunt also iterated that the goal of the committee is to bring recommendations to city council.

(6) Sam Gomez- Clerk Updates & Membership Applications

S. Gomez brought to discussion the location and being able to meet the needs of the committee members as well as the community members that are wanting to participate and add input. S. Gomez will collaborate with city clerk to discuss teleconference options.

Membership attendance was also discussed. Two applications were submitted, candidates for the open vacancy included James Pidgeon & Aaron Gomes. C. Miguel motioned to approve J. Pidgeon for the open vacancy, C. Canfield seconded. Out of the six members present vote carried five to one.

(7) Future Agenda Items for September 8, 2020 will include: Committee Membership Update, Pathway Home- Project Discussion, Tulare HHSA update, 211 presentation by United Way.

(8) Next meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2020 @ 5:00 PM.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Miguel adjourned the meeting @ 6:05 PM.