



AGENDA

CITIZEN TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS

A Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

City Manager's Conference Room
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

Mission: To make a recommendation to the City Council on what La Mesa and other agencies should do with respect to homelessness

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Task Force on subjects within the jurisdiction of the Task Force. Unless such subjects are contained within this agenda, there can be no discussion or action by the Task Force until a subsequent, publicly noticed meeting.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM December 18, 2019**
2. **BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS FROM ALVARADO PARKWAY INSTITUTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Renee Novo**
3. **DISCUSSION ON PROCESS FOR PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS**
4. **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ADJOURNMENT to a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in City Manager's Conference Room, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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**MEETING OF THE CITY OF LA MESA
CITIZEN TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS
5:00 PM, CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
8130 ALLISON AVENUE, LA MESA, CA 91942**

DRAFT MINUTES
December 18, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER (5:04 p.m.)
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lois Knowlton from La Mesa First United Methodist Church introduced herself to the Task Force.

4. ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Wayne Anderson	X
Bonnie Baranoff	X
Joanne Cattani	X
Megan Dunn	X
Jack Major	
Mary Kate Miller	X
Stephanie Murphy	

Others present: Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst; Matt Nicholass, La Mesa Police Department; Tom Theison, YIGBY; Lois Knowlton, La Mesa First United Methodist Church; Ron Beierle, La Mesa First United Methodist Church; Bob Lewis, Family Health Center of San Diego; Fran Butler-Cohen, Family Health Center of San Diego; Tim Brenzo, homeless resident; Rene Novo, Alvarado Parkway Institute; Joseph Novo, Alvarado Parkway Institute

Public: None.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Action: Motioned by Wayne Anderson and seconded by Joanne Cattani to approve the minutes from the November 20th meeting.

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Wayne Anderson, Bonnie Baranoff, Joanne Cattani, Mary Kate Miller, Megan Dunn

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Jack Major, Stephanie Murphy

Motion passed.

6. COMMENTS FROM INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE

Ron Beierle and Tim Brenzo shared their lived experiences being homeless with the Task Force.

Wayne Anderson asked Ron how he got in touch with services that are offered in the area.

Ron Beierle stated that it was through Crisis House that he got in touch with services.

Bonne Baranoff asked Tim Brenzo what is La Mesa missing in regard to services offered the homeless based on his experiences.

Tim Brenzo stated that there's not enough attention regionally on the housing issue, specifically the difficulty that homeless have with coming up with first and last month's rent, credit history, and rental history.

Fran Butler-Cohen stated that flexible spending assistance to those in jeopardy of becoming homeless but are not yet homeless is a much better approach to solving homelessness than offering services after one becomes homeless.

Ron Beierle stated that when he moved back to San Diego and lived in his van he was constantly told to move the van wherever he parked it.

The Task Force engaged in discussion about the advantages with implementing parking lots for homeless in RV's and vehicles and some of the challenges experienced in City of San Diego.

7. BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS FROM ALVARADO PARKWAY INSTITUTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Alvarado Parkway Institute will attend the January 15, 2020 Task Force meeting to present.

8. BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS FROM YES IN GOD'S BACK YARD (YIGBY)

Tom Theison from YIGBY gave a presentation on the development model YIGBY operates under and the housing services it provides.

Megan Dunn contributed to the presentation. She stated that the parking ratio issues Tom spoke about in his presentation exist in La Mesa as well and need to be worked through similarly to other cities YIGBY has operated in.

Tom Theison stated that support for YIGBY and housing solutions as it relates to homelessness should transcend people's beliefs, agendas, and politics.

9. BRIEFING ON HOMELESSNESS FROM FAMILY HEALTH CENTER OF SAN DIEGO

Wayne Anderson introduced staff from Family Health Center of San Diego to the Task Force members.

Bob Lewis and Fran Butler-Cohen gave a presentation on the services provided by Family Health Center of San Diego.

Wayne Anderson asked how should La Mesa integrate Family Health Center of San Diego's services into the City and East County to serve the areas homeless.

Fran Butler-Cohen stated that the biggest thing to do is to have a funding mechanism for rapid rehousing or an endowment fund established that is used to keep people from becoming homeless who are in jeopardy of becoming homeless.

10. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonnie Baranoff announced that there are volunteer opportunities at the Fresh Start Program at La Mesa First United Methodist Church on the last Saturday of each month. Those who are interested can contact her or email freshstartlamesa@gmail.com.

Bonnie Baranoff announced that the Point In Time count is happening January 22nd from 4:00 pm to 8:00 am starting at the La Mesa First United Methodist Church.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Prepared by:

Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst