

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Date

December 6, 2022

Time

2pm-3:30pm

Location

Zoom

Members Present

Anne Robin
Anne Wyatt
Brenda Mack
Elaine Archer
Kathy McClenathen
Mark Lamore
Scott Smith
Yael Korin

Members Absent

Ken Trigueiro
Marianne Kennedy

Staff and Guests

Abby Lassen
Christy Nichols
George Solis
Jeff Al-Mashat
Jeff Eckles
Joe Dzvonic
Kelsey Nocket

Kristin Ventresca
Kyle Bell
Merlie Livermore
Rita Holland
Russ Francis
Skylar Caldwell
Wendy Lewis

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Scott Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. Introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

Yael reported that residents on the Oklahoma site have unionized and formed committees focusing on site security, wellness, site cleaning and maintenance, and also the management of the food pantry. Yael shared yesterday was the first day the committees started working.

Kelsey from SLO City shared that she is leaving her position to take on a new role in another office. She mentioned that the strategic plan is still on track with the timeline in place to continue on with the work already done.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Anne Wyatt made the motion to approve the minutes and Kathy seconded. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Discussion Item: Alternative Housing Models-Smart Share Housing Solutions

Anne Wyatt shared a Smart Share presentation which was first put together for a Housing Options committee in 2017. According to Anne, HomeShare SLO has now placed 141 clients since it started. Anne also shared other housing options programs such as Tiny House Villages, Tiny House on Wheels and ADUs. Anne also mentioned the changing demographics which affect the need for more housing options.

4.2 Discussion Item: Structuring future discussions regarding encampment cleanup policies and practices countywide

Scott shared that Yael and Brenda asked if we could have discussion on encampments in SLO City at last meeting. The committee received feedback from City of SLO about the sensitivity regarding encampment issue.

Brenda shared that San Luis Obispo County does not have enough warming shelters to meet demand. There are people dying in the cold on streets due to this. She also added there are some misconceptions about how the shelters work.

Yael said that she can send out document that they proposed when an encampment subcommittee was formed two years ago. First proposal was to sanction the encampments that exist. Yael further stated that encampment cleanup is not a positive thing as it costs money as well as displacing people. This money could instead be used for amenities for the encampments if they are sanctioned.

4.3 Discussion Item: Federal and State Grants – Update on Opportunities

George had no updates to report. Brenda asked about the \$11.5 million received for the purchase of the Anderson Hotel. Scott shared that HASLO (Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo) are completing the purchase.

4.4 Discussion Item: Housing Developers Roundtable

Scott reported that HASLO's purchase of the Anderson Hotel is to close no later than February, there will be renovations which are expected to last about 18 months. HASLO was also approved by SLO City to redevelop the Maxine Lewis homeless shelter site.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

Continued discussion on encampment cleanup policies.

6. Next Meeting Date: January 3, 2023, at 2pm.

7. Adjournment

Scott adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm.