

MINUTES
MALIBU HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2022
TELECONFERENCED – VARIOUS LOCATIONS
2:00 P.M.

The following meeting was held pursuant to AB 361 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roven called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance via teleconference by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Ian Roven; Vice Chair Bill Winokur; and Task Force Members Deborah Benton, Wayne Cohen, Paul Davis, Terry Davis, Scott Dittrich, Chris Frost, Kelly Pessis, and Bill Sampson

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Manager; Luis Flores, Public Safety Liaison; Parker Davis, Media Technician; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Roven led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Task Force Member Terry Davis moved, and Task Force Member Frost seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Executive Assistant Linden reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on January 13, 2022.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM 2.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2.B. STAFF UPDATES

Public Safety Manager Dueñas announced the County's Homeless Count was postponed to February 23. She stated pallet shelter shelters in Redondo Beach were recently visited.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas discussed the impacts of staff turnover during the past few months at The People Concern. She stated they were in the process of hiring a new outreach worker and housing navigator.

Public Safety Liaison Flores stated The People Concern was working around staffing issues and pandemic impacts. He stated City staff worked closely with them to make sure contracted services were provided. He invited Task Force members to join him and members of the Homelessness Working Group on a visit to see a Baldwin Park pallet shelter site this Thursday.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas discussed lessons learned by observing the pallet shelter sites. Public Safety Liaison Flores stated the cities visited had been very helpful in providing information and offering future assistance.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated she recently met with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and County Supervisor's office. She stated they expressed interest in partnering with the City on any strategy the City chooses.

ITEM 2.C. TASK FORCE MEMBER COMMENTS

Task Force Member Terry Davis encouraged all Task Force members to join one of the upcoming pallet shelter site visits to learn more about various types of housing.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Chair Roven moved, and Task Force Member Dittrich seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Previously Discussed Items
None.
- B. New Items
 - 1. Approval of Minutes – December 21, 2021
Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Homelessness Task Force Regular meeting of December 21, 2021.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Alternative Sleeping Locations (ASL) Recommendations

Recommended Action: 1) Review the ASL Recommended Action Plan prepared by the Emergency and Temporary Services Ad Hoc Committee and provide edits, if appropriate; and 2) Approve the ASL Recommended Action Plan for submittal to the City Council.

Vice Chair Winokur presented the report. He stated the Emergency and Temporary Services Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) recommended the City take steps to provide an ASL, with the priority that it be located outside the City. He stated an ASL in Malibu was only a backup plan if one outside the City was not possible or would not allow the City to enforce its ordinances. He discussed potential services that could be included with an emergency bed. He stated providing services would help reduce the number of homeless. He stated the Committee suggested the City consider either a modular/cellular approach or a single facility.

Task Force Member Pessis provided a presentation summarizing location and management issues she had studied and detailed the modularized housing concept.

Task Force Member Paul Davis commended the members of the Committee for their contributions and open mindedness during this process. He stated presenting two options, single unit or modular would give the Council the opportunity to determine which was more appropriate and easier to establish in or near Malibu. He stated the single-unit approach was implemented in Laguna Beach. He agreed with Vice Chair Winokur about the importance of adding transitional services. He stated having someone who cares, a purpose in life, and whole education, including life skills, personal management skills, and financial skills, were key human needs. He stated the ultimate goal was to place them in more permanent housing as quickly as possible.

Vice Chair Winokur stated the decision to recommend establishing an ASL was based on input from many sources about what was needed to mitigate homelessness and enforce ordinances.

Task Force Member Sampson expressed opposition to establishing an ASL. He stated the City should avoid supposed requirements of Martin v. Boise. He stated it was a substantial commitment to solve a problem the City did not create.

Task Force Member Cohen stated some Task Force Members may be unsure about their support for an ASL without additional information.

Task Force Member Dittrich thanked the Committee for its report. He stated he would not support an ASL located in Malibu.

Vice Chair Winokur reiterated that the primary objective would be to establish the ASL outside the City with a location inside the city limits considered only as a backup if the outside location was deemed impossible.

Task Force Member Sampson stated he would never support an ASL located in Malibu.

Task Force Member Dittrich expressed support for an ASL outside the city limits and adjacent to needed services.

Task Force Member Frost stated the proposed plan was very complete. He stated the options should be presented to law enforcement for input. He stated the 20-mile distance from a Sheriff's station was too far.

Vice Chair Winokur stated the plan included a recommendation of vetting the details with the Sheriff's Department.

Task Force Member Pessis confirmed the distance recommended was 20 miles from either the Lost Hills Station or the new Sheriff's Substation in Malibu.

Task Force Member Paul Davis stated services offered would be addressed in cooperation with service providers.

Vice Chair Winokur explained transitional services would require individuals to follow established rules and participate in what was necessary to move toward more permanent housing.

Task Force Member Pessis stated the ASL would provide a location where it was easier for outreach workers to provide services currently offered in the field.

Task Force Member Dittrich stated the main safety goal was to allow enforcement of the City's no camping ordinances. He suggested starting with a three-day maximum stay.

Vice Chair Winokur stated transitional services would be provided with emergency beds or transitional beds.

Task Force Member Terry Davis stated LASD Captain Becerra advised that he could begin enforcement if he had beds. She stated the outreach workers told her there were 25 individuals ready to begin transitioning if they had somewhere to stay. She stated outreach workers were better able to do their work if they knew where people would be.

In response to Vice Chair Winokur, no Task Force Members expressed opposition to providing transitional services along with the emergency beds.

In response to Task Force Member Frost, Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated there was no formula used by all agencies in determining the best number of beds for homeless populations.

Task Force Member Paul Davis stated the Committee considered input that indicated how many of Malibu's homeless population would be willing to work with the workers as opposed to those who would not.

Task Force Member Pessis discussed the County of Los Angeles budget and number of beds it provided.

In response to Task Force Member Dittrich, Task Force Member Paul Davis discussed staffing in Laguna Beach for its 40-person ASL. Task Force Member Pessis added that there were two staff onsite at all times in Laguna Beach.

In response to Task Force Member Frost, Task Force Member Pessis discussed zoning requirements for an ASL, including a duplex or property with an accessory dwelling unit (ADU).

In response to Task Force Member Cohen, Task Force Member Pessis stated an ASL would not be a short-term rental. Task Force Member Cohen suggested the housed individuals would be establishing tenancy.

Task Force Member Paul Davis stated tenancy was discussed by the Committee but would be left to the City counsel to review when considering which option the City may implement.

Task Force Member Cohen suggested the tenancy issue be reviewed by this Task Force before submitting the recommendation to the City Council.

Chair Roven and Vice Chair Winokur agreed with Task Force Member Cohen that the issue should be vetted prior to making a recommendation to the Council.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated any legal issues had to be vetted by the City Attorney.

Task Force Member Dittrich stated an ASL would fall under disability regulations, not short-term rental regulations.

Task Force Member Terry Davis agreed with Task Force Member Dittrich. She stated she and Task Force Member Pessis were going to meet with someone who had experience related to those regulations.

MOTION Task Force Member Paul Davis moved, and Task Force Member Terry Davis seconded a motion to approve the ASL Recommended Action Plan prepared by the Emergency and Temporary Services Ad Hoc Committee for submittal to the City Council.

Task Force Member Cohen suggested not voting on the plan until the outstanding issues were discussed.

Task Force Member Dittrich requested the recommendation to Council include that there were objections within the Task Force to an ASL within the city limits.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas suggested the City Attorney be asked to review the recommendation before it was approved for presentation to the City Council.

Vice Chair Winokur suggested the motion be withdrawn, so the Plan could be reviewed by the City Attorney and brought back to the Task Force at a Special meeting to be held prior to the next Regular meeting date.

Task Force Member Pessis stated she would want to work on the language related to the backup option of an ASL in Malibu.

Task Force Member Cohen suggested the Legal Analysis Ad Hoc Committee review the document in addition to or with the City Attorney.

Task Force Member Paul Davis withdrew the motion.

MOTION Task Force Member Pessis moved, and Task Force Member Dittrich seconded a motion to refer review of the item to the Legal Analysis Ad Committee. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Roven suggested a Special meeting be scheduled on February 1.

B. Future Agenda Items

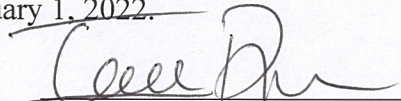
Recommended Action: Review items tentatively scheduled for upcoming meeting agendas and provide feedback to staff.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas presented the report.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 4:02 p.m., Chair Roven adjourned the meeting.

Approved and adopted by the Homelessness Task Force of the City
of Malibu on February 1, 2022.



IAN ROVEN, Chair

ATTEST:



MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant