

MEMBERS

Laura Nakamura – Chair
Edi Birsan – Vice Chair
Brandi Martinez
Kelley McKinley
Linda Jacob
Cora Mitchell
Lance Goree
Eric Rehn
Leonard Ramirez



Concord Civic Center
1950 Parkside Drive
Concord, CA 94519
www.cityofconcord.org

ANNOTATED AGENDA **Homeless Strategic Plan** **Working Group**

Monday
May 22, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Concord Senior Center
2727 Parkside Circle
Concord, CA 94519
Garden Room
Wisteria Room

This meeting will be held in-person

How to Submit Public Comments:

Written: All comments received **before 3:00 pm the day of the meeting** will be posted on the City's website as "Correspondence" under the relevant agenda item and provided to the Committee members at the meeting. Please email your comments to leng.power@cityofconcord.org.

Meeting of the Homeless Strategic Plan Working Group

AGENDIZED ITEMS – The public is entitled to address the Working Group on items appearing on the agenda during the Working Group's consideration of that item. Each public comment will be limited to approximately three minutes.

1. Opening Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Laura Nakamura; all members present. Cora Mitchell arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Staff Present: Valerie Barone, Justin Ezell, Leng Power, Jen Chesterman
Consultants Present: Scott Thurmond, Amy Wyatt
Advisor Present: Christy Saxton

2. Spotlights:

- a. County Homeless Response System** – The Working Group will receive a presentation on Contra Costa Health Housing and Homeless (H3) Services and their role in coordination of homeless response. The presentation will include an overview of the proposed “At Home” Plan to address homelessness that was developed by the California State Association of Counties, and CalAIM, the State of California medi-cal program.

Action: The Contra Costa Health Housing and Homeless (H3) program presented information.

- b. City Services** – The Community Services Manager will provide information on programs initiated or supported by the City in response to homelessness.
 - i. Rapid Rehousing Concord
 - ii. Community Grants Programs
 - iii. Coordinated Outreach and Referral, Engagement (CORE) Program

Action: The Community Services Manager presented information.

Public comment by: Natalie Pitts; Wendy Hershey; Dana Johnson (Rainbow Community Center); Leanne; Ady Olvera (Concord Communities Alliance); Speaker with dog

3. Review draft materials:

- a. Survey Questions** – Working Group to review and provide feedback on three draft surveys. Thurmond Consulting will provide information on distribution methodology of each survey and timeline for analysis to share with Working Group.

Action: Following a review of the information, the Working Group and Consulting Team decided to roll out the Homeless Services Agency Survey and the Lived Experience of Homelessness Survey as planned, but wait to administer the Community Survey Regarding Homelessness after learning about trends from the first two surveys. Thus, the Consulting Team will not be able to provide the Community Survey to attendees during the two community meetings. The Consulting Team will make the edits suggested by the Working Group to the surveys.

- b. Background Report** – Working Group to review and provide feedback on draft Background Report outline and planned content.

Brandi Martinez left the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Action: The Consulting Team presented information from the draft Background Report. Staff will send the Consulting Team names of organizations to add to the list for focus groups.

Public comment by: Ady Olvera (Concord Communities Alliance);
Natalie Pitts

- 4. Update on activities** – Thurmond Consulting will provide a discussion on work completed to date, and review the upcoming activities and planned milestones.

The Consulting Team discussed upcoming meetings and activities.

- 5. Public Comment Period**

This is a 15-minute Public Comment Period for items within the Working Group’s subject matter jurisdiction that are not on this agenda. Each speaker will be limited to approximately three minutes. State law prohibits the Working Group from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the Public Comment Period.

Chair Nakamura opened a general public comment period.

Public comment by: Ady Olvera (Concord Communities Alliance);
Speaker; Natalie Pitts

- 6. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

There is a 90-day limit for the filing of a challenge in the Superior Court to certain City administrative decisions and orders which require a hearing by law, the receipt of evidence, and the exercise of discretion. The 90-day limit begins on the date the decision is final (Code of Civil Procedure §1094.6). Further, if you challenge an action taken by the City Council in court, you may be limited by California law to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in the hearing or in a written correspondence delivered to the City Council prior to or at the hearing.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and California Law, it is the policy of the City of Concord to offer its public programs, services and meetings in a manner that is readily accessible to everyone, including those with disabilities. If you are disabled and require a copy of a public hearing notice, or an agenda and/or agenda packet in an appropriate alternative format; or if you require other accommodation, please contact the ADA Coordinator Tianjun Cao at (925) 671-3243 or Tianjun.cao@cityofconcord.org, at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Advance notification within this guideline will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.