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Annotated Agenda **Homeless Strategic Plan** **Working Group**

Monday
October 23, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Concord Senior Center
2727 Parkside Dr.
Concord, CA 9451
Garden Room

This meeting will be held in-person

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Regular 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- Introduction of Working Group members.

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Laura Nakamura; Kelly McKinley was absent, Bob Pickett served as alternate; Brendi Velasquez left at 9:28 p.m.

Staff Present: Justin Ezell, Leng Power, Jen Chesterman

Consultant Present: Isaiah Rich-Wimmer

Advisor Present: Christy Saxton

2. **Spotlight-**

- a. **DignityMoves:** DignityMoves will present on their approach to building interim supportive housing, establishing funding partnerships, implementing effective program models and serving various target populations.

Action: Joanne Price, Co-Founder of DignityMoves, shared a presentation on DignityMoves' approach to building interim supportive housing. Specific examples were highlighted, such as communities in San Francisco, Santa Barbara County, Rohnert Park, and Alameda.

Action: Working Group asked Joanne Price questions regarding DignityMoves' approach, atmosphere, service providers, budget, operating costs, inclusivity, etc.

- b. **Hope Solutions Rapid Rehousing Program:** Hope Solutions will present on Rapid Rehousing Concord and discuss their experience as a Rapid Rehousing Provider in Contra Costa County.

Action: Deanne Pearn, Chief Executive Officer of Hope Solutions, shared a presentation on the Rapid Rehousing program and Hope Solution's role in maintaining permanent housing.

Action: Marina Williams, Case Manager at Hope Solutions, shared a Rapid Rehousing client success story with the Working Group.

Action: Working Group asked questions and discussed Rapid Rehousing with Deanne Pearn, and the role Hope Solutions could potentially play in Concord's Homeless Strategic Plan.

Public Comment By: Dena Acosta-Beere; Joleen Lafayette of Loaves and Fishes; man in orange shirt; Loga, Director of Homematch; and Cal State East Bay Nursing student.

3. **Goals and Strategies Report-** The Thurmond team will review the draft goals and strategies report that is being developed for presentation to the Concord City Council at the November 7, 2023 meeting. This report includes the strategies presented to the Homeless Strategic Plan Working Group.

Action: Isaiah Rich-Wimmer presented the Goals and Strategy Report to the Working Group, to ensure consensus with the Working Group on the material that will be presented to Council on Nov. 7, 2023.

Action: Each Working Group member was able to weigh in on any changes they would like to make to the report that will be presented to Council. Isaiah Rich-Wimmer let the Working Group know that data will be added pertaining to number and cost of people served for each of the strategies.

Public Comment By: woman in black shirt.

4. Draft Homeless Strategic Plan- The Working Group will receive an overview of the Homeless Strategic Plan currently in draft form.

Action: The full draft of the Homeless Strategic Plan was not covered at the meeting due to time constraints. Isaiah Rich-Wimmer presented the Homeless Strategic Plan Outline. The Working Group and Consultant discussed the outline and specific information that will be presented to City Council on Nov. 7, 2023.

Action: The Working Group recommends some form of a continuing advisory body during the implementation of the Goals.

Action: Community Meetings will be held on Nov. 15 (Virtual) and Nov. 16 (In-Person). The Working Group will meet again on November 27, 2023 and at that meeting will decide if a Special Meeting in December is necessary. Council will discuss proposed adoption of Homeless Strategic Plan at the Council Meeting on January 23, 2024.

5. Public Comment Period

This Public Comment Period is 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.

General Public Comment by: man in purple shirt.

6.. Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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