

1. 24-55082 Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Homeless Services Advisory Committee meeting of Wednesday, September 4th, 2024.

Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.

Julie Lie, Chair
Desiree Rew, Vice Chair
Sarah Bedy, Member
Pam Chotiswatdi, Member



James Howat, Member
Doug Killion, Member
Kimberly Lewis, Member

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 3:31 p.m., chair Julie Lie called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Lie, Rew, Bedy, Chotiswatdi, Howat, Lewis, Hilliard, Killion

Commissioners Absent: Johnson, Simmons, Sngiem

Also present: Stephanie Sosa, Community Program Specialist, Jennifer Santana, Secretary, Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 24-54729 Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Homeless Services Advisory Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 5th 2024.

A motion was made by Voting Member Hilliard, seconded by Member Howat, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Lie, Rew, Bedy, Chotiswatdi, Howat, Lewis, Hilliard, Killion

No: 0 None

Recused: 0 None

Abstain: 0 None

Absent: 3 Johnson, Simmons, Sngiem

2. 24-54730 Recommendation to approve the Mayor's Fund Application for Urban Social Services and Advocacy for \$5,000.

- During the last Mayor's Fund Subcommittee meeting members had additional questions for Tatiana. Tatiana from Urban Social Services and Advocacy attended the meeting and addressed the requested questions.
- Tatiana provided an overview of partnerships that her organization collaborates with.
- The committee voted to approve the application for \$5000 with \$2500 in advance payment.

- No public comment.

A motion was made by Member Chotiswatdi, seconded by Member Howat, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Rew, Bedy, Chotiswatdi, Howat, Lewis, Hilliard, Killion
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 1 Lie
Absent: 3 Johnson, Simmons, Sngiem

3. 24-54731 Recommendation to approve the Mayor's Fund Application for Prep ED Programs Inc. for \$10,000.

- Bureau Manager Paul Duncan explained the advanced payment amount that can be given to an organization when applying.
- Claude from Prep ED Programs INC was present at the last subcommittee meeting and answered additional questions that members had.
- The committee moved to approve the application in the amount of \$10000 with \$5000 in advance.
- No public comment.

A motion was made by Member Howat, seconded by Voting Member Killion, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Rew, Bedy, Chotiswatdi, Howat, Lewis, Hilliard, Killion
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 1 Lie
Absent: 3 Johnson, Simmons, Sngiem

4. 24-54732 Recommendation to receive and file the Encampment Cleanup Protocols and Practices presentation by Jose Bedolla from the Public Works Department.

- Jose Bedolla from Public Services Bureau provides a presentation on encampment cleanups.
- The clean team is responsible for removing litter and debris in public rights-of-way, the crew consists of 15 maintenance assistance and have a contract with CCLB (Conservation Corps of Long Beach) providing an additional 12 crew members.
- The clean team issues a 48-hour notice before any cleanup scheduled on Mondays and Fridays. Cleanups take place from Monday to Thursday.
- Care closet is a nonprofit organization contractor that goes out allover the city to pickup everything and anything including human feces.

- Member of the public suggested trash cans be provided at larger encampments to help make it easier on the clean team.
- Committee members engage in conversation around minimum definition of an encampment, are sweeps done on demand or scheduled, are there other departments that go out with the clean team? Mr. Bedolla responds to the question.

A motion was made by Member Howat, seconded by Voting Member Killion, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Lie, Rew, Bedy, Chotiswatdi, Howat, Lewis, Hilliard, Killion
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 3 Johnson, Simmons, Sngiem

5. 24-54733 Recommendation to receive and file updates from the Mayor's Fund and Policy Subcommittee and the Continuum of Care (CoC) HSAC representative.

Mayor's Fund Subcommittee Update

- Commissioner Jim Howat provided the update.
- Commissioner Jim addressed concerns regarding the Mayor's Fund advance payment. The committee will discuss this further at the next meeting.
- Chair Julie Lie provided an overview of the Mayor's Fund for the new committee members.
- Members of the committee discussed putting a document in writing for the subcommittee members to use as a guide when reviewing the Mayor's Fund applications.
- The Subcommittee is working on possible fundraising options and will share once they have more details.
- No public comment.

Policy Subcommittee Update

- Commissioner Sarah Bedy provided the update.
- The committee discussed the HSAC 2024-2025 policy recommendation, Bureau Manager Paul Duncan advised the committee that the memo has been sent out as a TFF memo to the mayor and council.
- The subcommittee discussed the Encampment cleanup protocols presentation in depth.
- Member Sarah suggested that the committee be involved with the strategic planning process.
- No public comment.

Member Pam Chotiswatdi provided an update.

- Chair Julie Lie informed the committee that Pam is stepping down from her role as the Continuum of Care HSAC representative. We will vote to approve

a new member at the next meeting.

- Bureau Manager Paul provided an update on the last CoC meeting, topics discussed at the last CoC meeting included preparing for the NOFO release and reallocation of programs based on performance.
- No Public comment.

A motion was made by Member Howat, seconded by Member Lewis, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Lie, Rew, Bedy, Chotiswatdi, Howat, Lewis, Hilliard, Killion

No: 0 None

Recused: 0 None

Abstain: 0 None

Absent: 3 Johnson, Simmons, Sngiem

6. 24-54734 Recommendation to receive and file the Homeless Services Bureau Staff Operations and Updates Report by Paul Duncan from the Health Department.

- Paul provided the quarterly detailed report on service numbers, the data provided was for the months of April, May, and June.
- Information regarding the Queue was provided along with a timeline of the process.
- Members have concerns around bridge housing and mental health bridge housing. What is the timeframe for those that are waiting in the queue for shelter. In comparison, to other communities how many people are actively looking for shelter vs availability. Paul responded to the questions asked by members of the committee.
- Staff promotions, and ongoing recruitment for various positions was discussed.
- Three grant applications have been submitted in the month of June; ERF 3 project is focused on the LA Riverbed.
- A proposal was submitted to LAHSA around inclement weather shelter the funding would help with pop shelters during cold, wet seasons.
- The team is looking into partners around Prop 1 to help create additional treatment spaces.
- \$1 billion was added to HHAP round 6 for the FY 25 budget.
- HUD released NOFO and closes at the end of October, first year that this includes a two-yr application.
- The MSC will be hosting the annual overdose awareness day.
- On July 12th the partnership with Project Street Vet and Kismet Pets launched a pet food pantry.
- Long Beach community care campus is now operational with recuperative

care beds.

- The MSC is working on updating the kids' corner to help make families feel more comfortable.
- Members of the committee and staff exchange conversation around encampment resolution questions.
- No public comment.

A motion was made by Voting Member Killion, seconded by Member Howat, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Lie, Rew, Bedy, Chotiswatdi, Howat, Lewis, Hilliard, Killion
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 3 Johnson, Simmons, Sngiem

7. 24-54735 Recommendation to discuss the Memorandum dated August 12, 2024, titled City Response to Grants Pass V. Johnson Decision.

- Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager, presented on the city memo. On June 28th, 2024, the supreme court reversed the U.S. 9TH Circuit Court of Appeals decision in the case of Jonson V. Grants.
- The memo provides a summary of this ruling, the additional enforcement capacity will be implemented, and how it will be incorporated into the City of Long Beach's current homelessness response.
- The hot spots that have been identified include Lincoln Park, Billie Jean King Library, Jenni Rivera and veteran's park.
- Public comment regarding what are the top impacted areas in Long Beach and what to expect in terms of citations.
- Staff and public members discussed whether safe camping or an interim safe place has been considered for those that do not wish to go to a shelter.

A motion was made by Member Howat, seconded by Member Lewis, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Lie, Rew, Bedy, Chotiswatdi, Howat, Lewis, Hilliard, Killion
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 3 Johnson, Simmons, Sngiem

8. 24-54736 Recommendation to receive and file the Chair and Vice Chair Report.

- No report from Chair and Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Chair Lie, seconded by Vice Chair Rew, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Lie, Rew, Bedy, Chotiswatdi, Howat, Lewis, Hilliard, Killion
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 3 Johnson, Simmons, Sngiem

9. 24-54737 Recommendation to receive and file future HSAC agenda items.

- Invite ABLE Co-Chairs to present at the next meeting.
- No public comment.

A motion was made by Member Howat, seconded by Member Bedy, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Lie, Rew, Bedy, Chotiswatdi, Howat, Lewis, Hilliard, Killion
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 3 Johnson, Simmons, Sngiem

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Julie Lie declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.